

# JESSE'S HOUSE



August 2007



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## DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS BRING SUMMER FUN TO JESSE'S HOUSE...

Summer at Jesse's House would not be possible without help from our many dedicated volunteers, civic groups and local businesses. The summer offers experiences some of our girls have never had and are sure to never forget.

The Friday's Friends group kicked off the summer with a pool and pizza party. Oak Grove Baptist WMU sponsored a trip to Six Flags.

A Sunday afternoon Braves game was a highlight and a first for most of the girls who attended. The City Pool, Slapshots Skating and Movies 400 provided free passes for weekly entertainment.

Summer meals included several picnics, meals hosted by Lisa O'Saben, Glynell Ellis and Marsha Tremonti, trips to CiCi's pizza sponsored by Pat Spence and Laurel Springs Community provided home cooked meals for the girls.

The girls participated in several camps, including BEATS and Dream Power Equine Therapy Horse Camp. Staff member, Kendall Wammock, along with camp owner Bethany Nugent and Stacy Edwards arranged for the girls to participate in the two week camp that also provides this experience for disabled children. To learn more about BEATS or Dream Power call (404) 644-3917



**Jesse's House girls participate at Dream Power Horse Camp— Summer '07  
\*community youth pictured**

## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It's so great to see the girls having carefree fun and being children. And we could not achieve that without your dedication! Thank you for bringing smiles to the girls we serve.

Due to several changes, Jesse's House is excited to announce the following updates:

Effective July 1, 2007, Jesse's House will operate to provide emergency care to crisis situations and to maintain our original mission and service. Effective at this same time, Jesse's House will be offering

transitional living programs and long-term care to girls who can be served by this need. For many of our girls, turning 18 while in care brings tremendous anxiety.

This is a critical time for providing a stable foundation so these young adults have high school completion, job skills, budgeting, acquiring a place to live, and safety factors in place. Children turning this age in the foster care system risk high school drop out, involvement with criminal justice or violent

relationships and homelessness. Setting this foundation is critical for the future care of these young adults. Our aim is to provide this need in the form of transitional living services.

Jesse's House aims to provide crisis care and stabilization, long-term care and transitional living care to best serve the various needs of children and young adults. Again, we could not do this without the many dedicated community individuals, groups and businesses who help us achieve this mission. Thank you for bringing smiles to the many girls we serve!

- Julie Barry, Executive Director

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## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

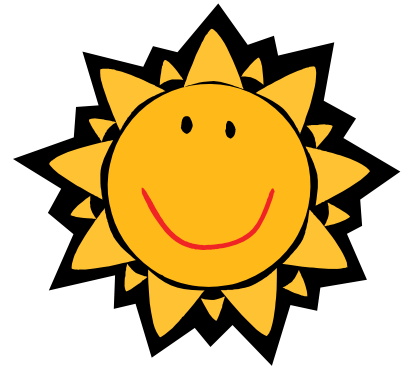
During Spring Semester, one of the girls received an *Honors Night Award* at Central High School for her 100% average in Algebra. She became a popular tutor in the house as well!

Four girls received summer jobs and learned important skills such as work ethic, budgeting, responsibility and the excitement of making a contribution. They are learning a lot and excited about future jobs and careers.

The girls assisted the *Girl Scout Camp* by providing supervision and guidance to the young girls at the camp. Soon after, one decided she wanted to get more involved and looks forward to doing so.

Two girls began preparations for a permanent home! Both were long-term girls and very involved with our volunteers and school. The families, who had gotten to know them, expressed interest in becoming their foster parents. With the assistance of Forsyth County IMPACT training, the process moved forward. A thrilling outcome and success to see! To learn more information about Foster Parent Training contact Lynn Stewart with Forsyth County Department of Family and Children's Services (770) 781-6750.

The on-site tutoring program provided a science tutor specifically for girls taking the ECOT exam. An area where some of our girls struggle, this helped to provide more confidence and skills in passing this test critical to high school graduation.



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### IN HONOR OF

**Mr and Mrs Joel Webb**

by

Mr and Mrs Pete Amos

Mr and Mrs Bennie Cowdrey

\*Our sincere apologies to all deserving persons inadvertently not listed.



**Rotary of Johns Creek** members Sonja Bramer, Kelli Buchwald and Lisa Hoxie gather at their first annual golf tournament benefiting children's charities



**DREAM POWER  
HORSE CAMP '07**

\* community youth pictured above

**COMMUNITY GROUPS SUPPORT JESSE'S HOUSE**

On May 22nd, **Rotary of John's Creek** (pictured above) held their first annual golf tournament. The tournament was held at Laurel Springs Golf and Country Club. The event was a great success and included the presenting sponsorship of Northside Forsyth Hospital.

For the charity recipients, Johns Creek Rotary selected three child caring programs. These programs include **Bald Ridge Lodge, CASA, and Jesse's House.**

We appreciate being a recipient along with these other groups. And are grateful for the hard work put in by Rotary members and tournament chairman, DeWitt Weaver III, in creating their first tournament.

**Polo Ladies Niner Club** held a golf tournament and silent auction on June 26th. It was a beautiful day and each member brought along a guest to play in the tournament. A lunch was held at the Polo Club

along with the auction. The amount raised was donated to Jesse's House. Longtime supporters of Jesse's House, we are very grateful to the **Niner's Group** for all that they do for the girls we serve.

**Patsy and William Wolff** sponsored several summer events, including two birthday parties. One birthday party was held as a cook-out at Lake Lanier and the other was bowling at Stars and Strikes. Along with these, were trips to the IMAX, tubing, movies and lunch. The birthday parties helped celebrate a 15 year birthday and a 17 year birthday. All of the girls enjoyed celebrating and experiencing a variety of activity.

The ladies of **Friday's Friends Emmaus Reunion Group at CFUMC** (pictured to the right) hold an annual pool party for the girls at the Windward Community pool. Pizza, cookies and beverages were on hand along with the amazing



water slide! At the end of the day, each girl was given a gift certificate to Steak and Shake. It is a fun event that helps kick off the summer for Jesse's House girls. Thank you for everything!

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Jesse's House Wish List

School supplies, grades 8 –12; backpacks;

Kitchen items—commercial grade can opener,  
large slow cooker, casserole dishes

Cleaning supplies

Paper goods including paper towels, toilet paper

Canned goods



*Contributions for Jesse's House*

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