



Discover Jesse's House



February 2004

Providing Emergency Care and Shelter for Children in North Georgia

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Seasons pass and we are a world away from where we were last February. Just a short year ago we were talking about the enormous task that lay ahead - that of transforming our "new" 1950's building into a house, then a home. During this long/ short year you have heard about - and many of us have watched - this magical transformation that has occurred. Old plaster and lath has come down and new wood and sheetrock and paint has gone up. Donations of money, materials, and volunteers have flooded in. And far too many man hours to count have poured into the construction making this the premier facility in the state. And now we are there.

We have a new Jesse's House. We stand on the verge of being able to make a difference in the lives of many more girls than ever before - to help to repair many more torn lives. Yes, my friends, we have built a house and, through your love and kindness, we will make it a warm, loving home for some very scared and lonely young girls. Thank you.

As I write this we are in process of compiling the massive list of people that contributed to this project and soon we will print a special thank you edition of the newsletter. Knowing the number of people involved let me say way in advance that I apologize to anyone that is omitted. Please know that it is not intentional. Our eternal gratitude goes out to everyone who has had anything to do with this project. We are trying to check and double check all of the names but we are talking hundreds of names working with dozens of different people during the course of almost a year and I fear that someone will be omitted. Again, I apologize in advance.

Thank you all.

My space is tight but I want to briefly mention that we are still collecting matching funds for the overall building project. There is a second half of the matching grant - an additional \$50,000 - available between now and August 2004. We want to use this to finish up any loose ends - landscaping, fencing, etc. and hope to have some monies left to seed an endowment fund.

Secondly, WE HAVE COOKBOOKS. They are \$12 each (plus shipping if you order them) and jam-packed with recipes. Please see the details elsewhere in this newsletter and buy a few dozen. We also are actively looking for stores that would like to help us by selling cookbooks in their area so if you have a business or know someone who might sell them for us pass it along to us.

And lastly, as always I must ask for your continued help. Expenses are ever increasing, and now with a new, larger facility, it means more utilities, more staff, more overhead in all areas. We need your help to continue to evolve and grow and we have to have your support to continue to make a difference in girls' lives. Anything you can contribute is a major help to us in meeting these expenses.

Again, Thank you.

God bless.
Steven Morgan



FROM THE DIRECTOR

I have read incredible stories of communities working together to support a sick child, replace a neighbor's house lost to fire, or to extend some other act of kindness. Like most things in life, however, it has entirely new meaning when experienced firsthand.

With Jesse's House new shelter, we have experienced that type of community firsthand. Our new shelter is a direct result of this community working together. Many organizations, individuals and businesses came together to create this amazing place. To see it come to fruition is awe inspiring.

Words can never adequately express the gratitude and appreciation we feel for all of those individuals, nor can they adequately describe a story of community help. We feel very fortunate to have witnessed this effort firsthand.

Sincerely,

Julie Barry
Director

4th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes!

We would like to extend our gratitude to everyone who made our 4th Annual Tour of Homes a huge success

Thank you to: **Michelle Morris, Linda Ray and Jennie Akoubian** for the organization! Thank you to the families that graciously opened their homes: **Cynthia & Louis Pellegrino, Sherry & David Abney, Judy & Roy Labesky, Fran & Rich House, Molly & Henry Lins and Wanda & Ted Lamb.** We are grateful. And finally, to the individuals and businesses that generously donated raffle and craft items, we appreciate all of your support.

JESSE'S HOUSE NEEDS

- Frozen meats (to fill freezers at the new shelter)
- Canned goods for pantry
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper goods (towels, toilet, plates, napkins, etc.)

Gift Certificates (Wal-Mart, Target, grocery stores, office supplies stores) are always helpful for unexpected needs throughout the year.

NEW SHELTER CONTRIBUTORS

A & S Lock Safe
 Abercrombie Landscape, Inc.
 Ace Hardware (Canton Hwy)
 Allsouth Drywall Supply
 Alex Fraser Masonry, Inc.
 All Out Fire Safety, Inc.
 Andean Chevrolet
 Arthur & Barbara Alderson
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 Charlene Richardson
 Charles Grindle
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 Dixie Electric
 Donna Mincey Collins
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 Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
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 Forsyth County News
 Frank & Pam Felker
 Fred & Missy Rosenkampff
 Georgia Foam
 Georgia Power
 Georgia Mountain Components
 Georgia Professional Sprinklers
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 Grogan's Sani-Service
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 Kenneth & Teri Shugart
 Kenneth Green
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 Landscape Specialty & Production
 Leon Boling
 Linda & Wesley Walraven
 Lisa Eskenazi
 Lois Spain & Gail Harris
 Mactec Engineering and Consulting
 Mark & Merle Myers
 Martha Lappe
 Mary Henderson
 Mary Len Mansell
 Matthew Butler, Architect
 Mayor Ford Gravitt
 McArthur Electric
 Michael & Patsy Bennett
 Michael Proctor
 Mike & Michelle Schlesinger
 Mincey Marble Mfg., Inc.
 Mingledorff Heating and Air Mfg.
 Murphy Electric
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 Nancy Kiley
 Nancy McBrayer
 Piecemaker's Quilt Guild
 Pinewood Products
 Pleasant View Baptist WMU
 Precision Millwork
 ProAir Heating and Air—Allen Mintz
 Ramey's Apparel
 Robert McGuinn
 Rusty & Carol Whitlow
 Sandra & Len Campbell
 Sawnee Women's Club
 Scott & Katherine Huger
 Section 10
 Snare Lumber
 Steven & Terry Morgan
 The Carpet Store
 The Posner Wallace Foundation
 The Tom Barrow Company
 Thermal Gas Systems
 Thomas Concrete of Georgia
 Thomas Lumber
 Tom Pelky
 Tommy Bagwell
 Travel Inc.
 Tyson's
 United Way of Forsyth County
 Upscale Resale
 W. Bailey & Jean Bowline
 Ward Plumbing
 Wildcat Striping
 William & Marilyn McBride
 Wilson Insulation
 Windward Women's Group
 Witherington Landscape

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 American Association of University Women
 American Honda Power Equipment Division
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 307
 American Protein
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 Cumming Baptist Church
 Cumming United Methodist Mission Committee
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 Earl & Georgia Hinton
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 Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit
 First Baptist Church
 Forsyth County Fire Station #4
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 Georgia Mountains Community Services
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 Golden Circle Sunday School Class
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 Inspirations Sunday School Class, Bethlehem Baptist Church
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 Lanier Ladies Golf Club
 Lanier United Methodist Church
 Laurie Mathews
 Marian Rosswaag
 Marie Fenstermaker
 Mark Shaw - Kroger #473
 Martha Lappe
 Mike & Michelle Schlesinger
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 Olde Atlanta Club Children's Social Committee
 Parents of Kids Korner
 Pauline Holloway
 Piecemakers Quilt Guild
 Pleasant View Baptist WMU
 Roswell Brunswick Bowling
 Sandra Hamilton
 Settles Bridge 4th Grade
 Smith, Curry & Hancock
 South Forsyth National Honor Society
 The Heritage Youth Foundation
 Tommy Bagwell
 Tyson Foods
 United Way of Forsyth County
 Wal-Mart
 William & Marilyn McBride
 Windward Women's Club

IN MEMORY OF

Mary Ann Howard *By William Thorpe*

Mary Ann Howard *By Lynn Howard*

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

To all deserving persons out there who were inadvertently not listed. We continue in our goal to improve our efficiency.

COOKBOOK UPDATE! GET YOURS SOON!

Helping Hands in the Kitchen (A Cookbook to Benefit Jesse's House)

...is still available for purchase. This is a fundraiser for Jesse's House, and the people who purchased a book at Christmas are saying really great things. The cost of the book is \$12 and all proceeds go toward operating expenses for the shelter.

This book contains 480 of the best home cooking recipes you will find anywhere. Our recipes came from all over the U.S. and they are personal family favorites. So when you cook something from the book, you know that it's a staple in someone's household.

Currently, the cookbooks are available through the following local merchants: **Kroger Supermarket at Exit 17, A Team Sports, Heavenly Dove Bookstore, Lanierland Florist, Old Town Country Restaurant, Southern Creations, Nancy Vaughn's Beauty Salon and The Cumming Antiques and Flea Market.** We will be adding places along and along during the year, so just keep looking and asking about them. If you have a business and would like to sell our cookbook or know someone who might, then pass the information along to us. And for the many, many people who have asked, no, Parson's has elected not to sell them for the shelter.

If you are unable to locate the cookbooks at local stores and need one, please email Terry Morgan at tmorgan@minceymarble.com and she will ship one to you.

Remember, Mother's Day is coming up. This book will make the perfect gift!

IN HONOR OF

James & Jerri Harrington,
Emory & Jeanne Lipscomb,
Hugh & Julianne Boling,
And
Murray & Ginger Lazarus,
By Nancy & Bobby Gilbert

Tan Systems
and
Dana Augustine, Inc
By Brandexx

Jim Otwell,
Janet Otwell,
and
Deanie Creamer
By Andean Chevrolet

Robert Chambers *By Professional Education Systems*

Lori Chiara *By Betty Wilson*

Joyce Sholos *By Regions Mortgage*

*Kenneth and JoAnn Mincey, Donna and Charles Collins
and Kevin Mincey
By DeLaine Quinn, Melanie Gibbs, Donna Redfern,
Donna Cagle, Terry Morgan and Woody Dobbs*

DID YOU KNOW?....

Jesse's House served 47 girls from 22 counties in 2003? 21% (10) were from Forsyth County and 13% (6) from Hall County. Others were from Cobb, Cherokee, Floyd, Whitfield, Pickens, Douglas, Caltoosa, Clarke, Clayton, Dawson, Dekalb, Elbert, Fulton, Jackson, Murray, Newton, Oglethorpe, Stephens, Walton and White Counties.

16 of our girls were here because of abuse or neglect, 11 for unruliness, 8 for violation of probation, 5 were runaways, 4 were at Jesse's House as an alternative to a detention center, and 3 were here because of a disruption of their previous placement.

IN HONOR OF YOUR MOTHER

Here is a really neat way to honor the mother who has everything.

Remember that special Wife, Mother, Aunt, Grandmother, Godmother etc., in your life, with our special Mother's Day Card.

When we receive the form below, we will send your "Mother" a lovely card, honoring her and relating to her that you have made a donation to Jesse's House in her name. You will receive an acknowledgement that your donation was received, the amount, and notice that a card has been sent as you directed. All cards will be mailed the week of Mother's Day.

Mother's Day Gift

In Honor of _____ In Memory of _____

Jesse's House
PO Box 66
Cumming, GA 30028

\$ _____ Matching Funds \$ _____ Operating Expenses

Please send a Mother's Day Card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please send acknowledgement notice to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

This gift is made by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Fx: 678.947.6106

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Memorial/Honorary Gift

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PO Box 66
Cumming, GA 30028

\$ _____ Matching Funds \$ _____ Operating Expenses

Is in memory of / honor of (circle one):

Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please send honorary/in memory card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

This gift is made by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship: _____

Contribution

Jesse's House
PO Box 66
Cumming, GA 30028

Please earmark my gift for:

\$ _____ Matching Funds

\$ _____ Operating Expenses

This gift is made by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____