



Discover Jesse's House



February 2007

Providing Emergency Care and Shelter for Children in North Georgia

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! 2007 GALA!!!

Mark your calendars for the 2007 Jesses House Wine Auction & Gala. It will be on **April 21st, at 6:30pm, in the Polo Golf & Country Club, 6300 Polo Drive, in Cumming.** There will be exciting live and silent auctions along with dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$45.00. Hor d'oeuvres, buffet, and (2) drink vouchers are included. Seating is limited, so reserve your space no later than April 7, 2007. If you are interested in donating items for our auction or need more information on tickets, please call Mary Henderson at 770-887-1450. Remember, all sponsorships are tax deductible!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With 2007 now upon us, I reflect back on all the numerous changes that have taken place at Jesse's House over the past few years. While change is arguably good for an organization, I feel that we have been highly successful in navigating our way through the constant struggles that are presented.

Each month, our Board of Directors holds a meeting to discuss current issues at Jesse's House. These issues range from financials and fundraising to human resources and employee satisfaction. Our Board members are all volunteers who graciously give their time to make sure this organization is upholding the fiduciary trust that is bestowed upon us by our donors. While we are a not-for-profit entity, make no mistake about it, we are a business; and while most businesses change their mission as it evolves, we are firmly committed to keeping ours constant – ***"To serve at-risk girls between the ages of 7 – 17"***.

I want to thank the Board of Directors along with Julie Barry and her staff for their tireless hours in keeping this mission critical. In addition, I want to assure our donors and volunteers that your contributions are being used to the best of our abilities to make Jesse's House an entity that will continue to serve its mission for a long time.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, April 21st at Polo Country Club for our 4th Bi-Annual Jesse's House Gala and Wine Auction. This event has become our largest fundraiser and is a great opportunity to beef up the cellar, bid on wine themed baskets or simply mingle with our supporters and friends.

Thank you all for what you do!

Jason Dudley
President, Board of Directors



NEW SERVICES—2006

In 2006, Jesse's House implemented several new services to provide the best care possible to the youth we serve. Some of these new programs have been implemented as we continue to strengthen our long-term program and to modify and improve opportunities to keep up with the changing needs of Foster Care. The new programs include GED Studies, implementing the Girls Circle Curriculum and extracurricular activities.

Amanda Wolfe, a former Jesse's House Intern, has started a weekly group. The group includes learning conflict resolution and emotions management. Due to their life experiences, individual skills in these areas is critical to the girls future success.

Jesse's House implemented the Girls Circle Curriculum. The curriculum is a research based, nationally recognized curriculum for teaching girls, ages 8-17, skills to use in their daily lives while addressing struggles such as body image, peer pressure and healthy relationships.

Lastly, we have incorporated extracurricular school activities, work experience, and volunteering to our regular programs. This allows the girls to learn about money, valuable work skills, and being a part of the community.

As always, these services and programs could not happen without the continued support of individuals, civic organizations and businesses whose contributions help us serve girls in need. We are grateful for your contributions and look forward to exciting new opportunities in 2007.



American Honda employees donate gifts to the girls at Jesse's House.

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OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

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

IN MEMORY OF

Norma Dunn
by *Martha & Chris Lappe*

Bobby Gene Gilbert
by *Martha & Chris Lappe*

Norma Dunn
by *Myralyn & Don Hartsfield*

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by *the Berry Family*

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by *the Berry Family*

ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS

Ms. Karen Lowe

2006 DEMOGRAPHICS

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>NUMBER OF YOUTH SERVED</u>
Hall	14
Forsyth	12
Floyd	8
Cherokee	7
Gwinnett	6
White	4
Barrow	3
Douglas, Lumpkin, Stephens, Walker	8 total (2 each)
Banks, Catoosa, Clarke, Dawson, Dekalb, Union, Whitfield	

7 total (1 each)
69 total

<u>AGE</u>	
8	1
11	3
12	3
13	4
14	8
15	18
16	24
17	8

<u>RACE</u>	
Caucasian	46
African-American	16
Hispanic	7

<u>AGENCIES SERVED</u>	
DFCS	45
DJJ	21

<u>SERVICES RECEIVED</u>	
Emergency Shelter	69
Life Skills	69
Medical Care (dental check-ups, medical exams and individual medical needs)	69
Individual and Group Counseling	69
Psychiatric Assessment	51
Academic Tutoring	69
Recreational Therapy	69
Mentoring	33
GED at Lanier Tech	2
Trauma Counseling (9 week individual)	4

The Holidays at Jesse's House

Thank you to the many people who contributed generously to create holiday memories for the girls we serve. Many groups, families, and individuals brought joy to Jesse's House during the holidays! The activities included tree trimming, decorating stockings, baking cookies, holiday dinners, and gifts. The smiles and laughter were endless and a direct result of our dedicated volunteers.



Merry Christmas from the Jenkins Family. Teresa, Ansley and Marvin Jenkins present a generous donation to Julie Barry, Executive Director of Jesse's House. Thank you all.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Keyana Brown is Jesse's House Volunteer and Activity Coordinator. Her job includes recruiting volunteers and mentors, in addition to creating weekly activities for the girls to provide a variety of experiences.

Keyana was raised in Decatur and graduated from Southwest Dekalb High School in 1996. Keyana went on to attend Fort Valley State University and graduated with a degree in Psychology, then she began work coordinating activities with Metro Atlanta YMCA. In 2004, Keyana joined Jesse's House staff.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, movies, sporting events and traveling with friends. She is also very involved with her church, serving as the head of Young Adult Ministry and in the choir.

Keyana knew a career helping others would be the right fit for her. When people ask if she has kids, she informs them that she has 10, all of which live at Jesse's House!

JESSE'S HOUSE NEEDS

- Hair Care products (Conditioner and Ethnic Hair Care)
- Greeting cards
- Iron/Ironing Board
- Clock radios
- Frozen meats
- 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.



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Jesse's House receives Grant from Kawneer, an Alcoa Company



Jesse's House received a \$2046.66 grant from **Kawneer**, an **Alcoa** Company. Pictured are **Patsy Walls**, Kawneer Representative, and Julie Barry, Executive Director, Jesse's House.