

JESSE'S HOUSE



February 2008



United Way of
Forsyth County

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

In March 2008, Jesse's House celebrates **10 years** of serving at-risk female youth. Jesse's House started in 1995 as a grassroots effort by many dedicated and hardworking volunteers and opened the shelter in March 1998. The original shelter opened, to serve 7 girls, in a home loaned by the Larry Morris Family. The home was named in honor of his father, Jesse Morris.

In 2004, with the HARD WORK and contributions of MANY volunteers, Jesse's House moved to a larger facility donated by a local family. The larger home serves 12 youth and provides individual bedrooms, a library, computer lab, game room and recreation areas.

Since inception, Jesse's House has served over 400 of

Georgia's youth in need. The primary mission of providing emergency care has maintained, with the larger goal of providing healing from trauma experienced.

We are proud to see many of the youth we have served return home, placed with families, graduate high school, gain employment and become responsible young women.

These accomplishments could not have happened without the **MANY** dedicated individuals in the community.

On behalf of the girls served, the staff and board of directors, we are very grateful to celebrate 10 years of service with you.

- Julie Puckett

*"Children are our
greatest natural
resource"*

- Herbert Hoover



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Forsyth County School System

Imagine arriving at a new home, being removed from your family and having to start a new school! Quite simply, we could not make a smooth transition and make these girls feel special without the dedication of all **Forsyth County School Personnel**.

From the **registration center, school counselors, teachers, administrators**

and support staff, the school personnel go above and beyond to help the girls we serve. They give them understanding smiles and support, lend an ear, encourage them to reach for higher grades and celebrate their successes.

As a result, the girls look forward to school, showing off their hard work and taking part in academic activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to say **'thank you'** to all of these hard working individuals. We are truly grateful to serve these children in the finest school system. We believe education is the key for the youth we serve and we could not accomplish this success without the Forsyth County School System.

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Gold Creek Mens Golf Assoc.	Patterson Barclary Memorial Foundation	Windward Women's Club	

JCHA Gala benefiting Jesse's House

On December 4th, the **Johns Creek Healthcare Association** held a gala event with the proceeds benefiting Jesse's House. The association is comprised of healthcare professionals including doctors, nurses, pharmaceutical and hospital representatives from the Johns Creek area.

The event, held at the Standard Club, was a magical night. The 'star' of the night, a former Jesse's House resident, courageously shared her story and her current success as a result of Jesse's House services and programs.

Thank you to Kelley Bishop and Charles Benson, Chairs of the Gala committee and thank you to Maryann McGrail, Executive Director of the Association, for all of their hard work.



Jesse's House staff participated in the JCHA Gala. Pictured from left are Julie Puckett, Mary Catherine Tompkins, Lindsay Rust and Carly Cross.

2007 Demographics

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Youth Served</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Number of Youth Served</u>
Forsyth	16	8	1
Hall	6	11	1
Gwinnett	4	12	2
Cherokee	3	13	6
Stephens	3	14	5
Walker	6	15	9
Barrow	2	16	9
Floyd	2	17	14
Banks	1		
Franklin	1		
Habersham	1		
Merriweather	1		
Pickens	1		
Total served	47		
		<u>Services Received</u>	
		Basic needs (shelter, food, clothes)	47
		Life Skills	47
		Girls Circle Curriculum	17
		Medical/Dental Care	47
		Individual and Group Counseling	47
		Academic Tutoring	47
		Recreational Therapy	47
		Mentoring	31
		GED Prep	3
<u>Race</u>	<u>Number of Youth Served</u>		
Caucasian	30		
African American	9		
Hispanic	8		

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