



# Discover Jesse's House



November 2003

**Providing Emergency Care and Shelter for Children in North Georgia**

## From the President

## FROM A JESSE'S HOUSE GIRL

Jesse's House is moving. Yes, really! It seems like just yesterday that I asked for your prayers – that we were about to undertake a project to completely transform an office into a home – with little money and a fixed deadline far too short to accomplish the task. But, I am proud to announce, less than six months later, we are almost through the renovation process, and, prayerfully, Julie will be moving the girls into a new house early in December. They will then begin to make it a new home.

This has been an absolutely amazing process, and on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Building Committee, I would like to thank the hundreds of residents, business owners, students, news media and government officials of Forsyth County for your help and support of this project. We will never be able to fully express our appreciation to everyone who has contributed tirelessly, volunteered work hours and personal time, and donated money and materials to make this happen. On many days, work crews started as early as 6:30 am and worked long into the night. They would come back on weekends for additional full workdays. Others came after working a full day at their regular jobs to work until after midnight at the building. Inspectors volunteered to come by on days off to check things out. All so we could stay on our timeline. And, thanks to you all, we have.

And— donations continually poured in to help us pay for it all. Manufacturers and suppliers stopped production on products for their primary customers to provide agreed upon materials to the building. Private residents volunteered their time, furnishings and hard earned money. Some privately owned companies went above and beyond the call, to donate major electrical and mechanical supplies outright, allowing us to save huge costs. In other areas, we were able to purchase needed supplies at cost. Heating and air, doors, windows, paint, appliances and fixtures, to begin the list, were donated and brought to the site, saving us time and expense. We could go on and on with this list, and we will when all of the dust has settled, the girls are moved, the holidays are behind us and we find a few minutes to breath. Our February newsletter will attempt to publish the names of everyone who contributed to the project. If you know anyone mentioned on our list, please look at him or her in a new way. If we leave a name out, please let us know. These people have a heart of gold. They are the ones who are helping in our community. They are your friends, neighbors and local businesses associates and probably you, too.

We know that we live in a community filled with God's people - people who are quietly working every day for Him. Would you like to see proof? We have it for you at Jesse's House.

Steven Morgan, *President*

What Jesse's House taught me:

1. To always be respectful of all people.
2. Not everyone is going to like or dislike me.
3. Think positive even though bad things have occurred.
4. Do my best no matter what.
5. I am smart and deserve to live a happy and healthy life.
6. Trust myself to make the right decision.
7. No one can harm me if I don't let them.
8. I am a strong person with good morals.
9. I am loved.

17 year old resident

## A GREAT GIFT IDEA

We look forward to the day when we will not have to include this plea in our newsletter. Until that day arrives, the girls continue to need your support. With the new building, we will also be receiving larger utility bills. With more girls to serve, we will need more food, clothing, etc.

Our gift idea? Perhaps you have someone on your gift list that 'has everything'. How about giving a donation to Jesse's House in their name? We would, of course, send them a card to notify them of your gift.



Also, Christmas is a lovely time to give a Memorial gift in the name of those family members who are no longer with us, but sadly and deeply missed.

If either of these ideas, or even a straight Christmas donation for the children at Jesse's House, is something you would like to do, we extend our most sincere appreciation and thanks. We also ask, at the risk of offending, that you sit down and do it upon receipt of this newsletter.

We don't mean to be rude or arrogant, but the reality we deal with in this busy holiday season, is that there is a great deal of competition for your donations from many worthy causes. It is so very easy to put aside the newsletter with the kind, caring and entirely sincere thought of doing it 'later', only to run across it again after Christmas. Many persons have related this experience to us.

Please. Don't forget the children at Jesse's House.

Thank you. So very much. And Merry Christmas to you and yours.

**FALL 2003 CONTRIBUTORS/IN KIND DONATIONS**

Alan and Donna Cagle  
 Alpharetta Taekwando  
 American Honda Financial Services  
 Ann and Lee Burger  
 Barbara Alderson  
 Amos Plumbing  
 Benet Toon  
 Brownie Troop 3746  
 Bud Arnett, State Farm Insurance  
 Charles and Donna Corpening  
 Charlie Fiveash  
 Clear Springs Baptist Church  
 Connie Carr  
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 Elizabeth Johnson  
 Empire Beauty School—Gwinnett Campus  
 Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit  
 George and Michele Morgan  
 Girl Scout Troop 3732  
 Girl Scouts—South Forsyth Unit  
 Glynnell Ellis  
 Gregory and Nancy Humphrey  
 Janice Sullivan  
 Jerome and Margaret Anderson  
 Jerry Bowden  
 Joseph and Janice Williams  
 June and Bud Hodge  
 Kathy Moreland  
 Ladies at Longlake  
 Leah Hess Suber's Daughters and Friends—Tori, Tricia, Samantha  
 and Rachel  
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 McDonald's Breakfast Club  
 Midway United Methodist Church  
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 Sandra Petersen  
 Scott and Katherine Huges—Specialty Appliances  
 Stephen and Beverly Barclay  
 The Posner Wallace Foundation  
 Thermal Gas Systems  
 Tommy Bagwell  
 Windward Women's Group  
 and Rachel

**JESSE'S HOUSE CHRISTMAS NEEDS**

Coats, sizes S-L  
 Scarves and gloves  
 Non-perishable food items  
 Cleaning supplies  
 Paper products  
 Gift certificates—Kroger, Target, Wal-Mart

**SPECIAL THANKS!**

**Country City Gourmet**, located in Cumming, offered a Ladies Tea to the girls at Jesse's House. The girls were treated to a sit down dinner and tea. Staff used this opportunity to teach etiquette and manners to the girls as part of our work to teach living skills. Thank you for a memorable evening.

**Target Stores** recently awarded a \$2,000 community grant to aid Jesse's House mission. Target Corporation has a strong tradition of giving back to the communities where they do business, and this year that giving will amount to \$2 million a week. "At Target Corporation, we feel it is not only our responsibility to give back to the community, we feel it is our privilege", said Laysha Ward, Vice President of Community Relations. We are grateful to Target Stores for their contribution.

**FROM THE DIRECTOR**

What an exciting year it has been at Jesse's House! We celebrated our five-year anniversary of helping abused and neglected children, over 300 girls to date. So far this year, we provided emergency shelter for over sixty young girls in need. And we added additional services, such as academic tutoring, to further help the children we serve.

And finally, we set out to raise matching funds for our new shelter. A shelter that will allow us to help over 100 abused and neglected young girls annually. Excitedly, we met the first half of our fundraising goal! And we move into the beginning of next year with the same opportunity to have all donations matched.

Thank you for your contribution to these past endeavors and to the future mission of Jesse's House. I wish you and your families a very blessed holiday season and wishes for a peaceful new year.

Julie Barry, *Director*

**IN MEMORY OF**

**Ray Stanford**

By  
 Dan & Myrdyn Hartsfield

**Judge Stan Gault**

By  
 Joyce Tisovec

**Mae White**

By  
 Richard & Joyce Tisovec

**IN HONOR OF**

**Hoy Williams**

By  
 James & Barbara Phillips

**OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES**

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

## IDEAS FOR YEAR-END GIVING

A gift to Jesse's House at this time of year not only demonstrates your belief in our mission, but also reinforces your commitment to making a difference in the world. Many types of gifts allow you to fulfill your charitable intentions and may result in immediate and possible future benefits for you and your family. Here are a few examples:

### GIFTS OF CASH

Cash contributions are deductible as an itemized deduction in the year you make the donation, up to a total of 50% of your adjusted gross income. Excess charitable deductions can be carried forward for up to an additional five years.

### GIFTS OF SECURITIES

The best stocks to donate are those that have increased greatly in value, particularly those producing a low yield. In order to preserve tax advantages, it is critical that you transfer the physical securities to Jesse's House rather than the proceeds from a sale.

- *Appreciated Securities* – If you donate stock that has risen in value and that you've held for more than one year, you pay no capital gains on the transaction and are entitled to a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock. (Your income tax deduction is limited to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income. Any excess can be carried forward for five additional years.) If you wish to keep a certain stock in your portfolio, you could donate the stock and then use the cash to buy the same stock, thus increasing your cost basis to current fair market value.
- *Depreciated securities* – If you have stock losses, generally you should not contribute the stock but rather sell the stock yourself to realize the loss for tax purposes. You can then contribute the cash and take a charitable deduction.
- *Mutual Funds* – A charitable contribution of mutual fund shares can provide the same tax advantages as a gift of appreciated stock. Due to the complexities involved in the transfer of mutual fund shares, we encourage you to begin the transfer process well before December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### GIFTS OF LIFE INSURANCE

You can contribute a life insurance policy to Jesse's House by naming us either the owner of the policy or simply the beneficiary. If you name Jesse's House as owner and beneficiary, you will be entitled to an income tax deduction limited to the lower of the value of the policy or your costs basis in the contract. In addition, if you continue to pay premiums on a policy that we own, you can deduct the premium payments.

### LIFE INCOME GIFTS

Life income gifts allow you to receive an income as a result of making a charitable gift. Depending upon the type of plan you choose, the income can be fixed or variable and can be for you or other beneficiaries you choose. For example, you might create a charitable remainder trust to pay income to you for life and contribute money, stock or other property to it. Once placed in the trust, the assets can be sold (avoiding capital gains tax) and the proceeds reinvested to produce higher yield. Life income gifts entitle you to an immediate income tax deduction, which is based upon the present value of your future gift to Jesse's House.

### GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

If you own property that is not subject to a mortgage and has appreciated in value, a charitable gift may be an attractive option. You can claim an income tax deduction based upon the fair market value of the property, avoid all capital gains taxes and remove the asset from your taxable estate. Due to the complexities involved, we encourage you to contact us to discuss any gift of real estate.

If you have any questions on these strategies or would like more information, call Jason Dudley, Vice President of the Jesse's House Board of Directors and employed by Merrill Lynch at 678-513-7901.

*The information provided by Jason Dudley is not intended to serve as legal advice. For legal advice, please consult your tax attorney. The examples are current at the time of printing, but are subject to change based on tax legislation.*

## 4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES December 13, 2003

Celebrate the spirit of the season at **POLO FIELDS TOUR OF HOMES** benefiting Jesse's House! This annual event will be held on Saturday, December 13th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come and see how these beautiful homes have been decorated for the holidays. There will be musical performers, baked goods, holiday craft sales and raffle prizes. Tickets are \$12.00, available at the Polo Fields Country Club. A shuttle bus donated by **Billy Howell** will transport from there to the individual homes. Hope to see you there!

For more information please contact Julie Barry at 678-947-6217.

## 2003 JESSE'S HOUSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*"Helping Hands in the Kitchen" ...is almost here.*

Our cookbook is coming and should arrive just in time for Christmas. They will be available at local stores all around Forsyth County. This is one of the best cookbooks we have seen in a long time, so if you know someone who collects cookbooks, you will want to get them one of these. There are 815 recipes and they have come from cooks all over the United States and there is even one in there from England! The cost of the book is \$12 and 100% of the profits go directly back to Jesse's House to help with operational expenses of the new facility. Many thanks to Diane West, Paula Kennedy, Pat Bradley, Cherene Popp, Penny Waters, Michelle Morgan, Sue Hornsby and Terry Morgan of the Estelle Holbrook Circle of Cumming First UMC for doing this book for us.



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**CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES** — Saturday, December 13th. Tickets will be on sale at the Polo Golf and Country Club.  
**COOKBOOKS!** Are ready — a terrific Christmas present for almost everyone.

## Memorial/Honorary Gift

Jesse's House  
PO Box 66  
Cumming, GA 30028

The enclosed gift of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send memorial/honorary card to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is made by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## Santa Gift/Contribution

Jesse's House  
PO Box 66  
Cumming, GA 30028

I enclose a gift in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please send Santa card to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is made by:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_