



Discover Jesse's House



November 2004

Providing Emergency Care and Shelter for Children in North Georgia

FISHING AT THE RAINBOW RANCH

On a recent summer day, the girls and staff sought out a day of activity outside of the shelter. One child recommended a fishing trip! The girls were extremely excited. This was a new experience for many and they welcomed the chance to try something different. The Rainbow Ranch in Cumming learned of the girl's excitement and they provided each girl with the chance to catch 2 trout each. After a couple of hours and a lot of patience, 16 fish were caught. The girls had a great time while learning a good lesson. Thank you to **Robert Hice**, owner of **Rainbow Ranch**, for providing our Jesse's House girls with this truly memorable experience.

United Way Day of Caring

On September 10th, United Way kicked off their annual campaign with the Day of Caring. The Day of Caring matches community businesses, civic groups and other organizations with United Way agencies. **The Forsyth Rotary** contributed to Jesse's House by landscaping, pressure washing and cleaning the grounds surrounding the shelter. Employees from **UPS** worked on organizing clothing donations and maintenance inside the shelter. Both groups worked very hard and we are grateful for their time and energy.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Windward Women's Club is an organization of women from the Windward area who are committed to community service. Throughout the year they conduct fundraisers and community outreach toward their mission of helping organizations in their community. Jesse's House was among 10 organizations recently honored with a \$1,000 award. We sincerely appreciate this support.

5TH ANNUAL—CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES—POLO FIELDS December 11, 2004

Please mark your calendars for December 11, 2004, so you'll be sure not to miss this wonderful holiday event. Six beautiful homes will be open for touring on that day from 10:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at **UpScale ReSale** (next to Regions Bank on Highway 9 in Cumming) or at the Polo Fields Clubhouse on the day of the tour.

In addition to enjoying the festively decorated homes, visitors will also be treated to live musical performances throughout the day by talented local musicians.

We are very grateful to following families for graciously sharing their homes with us: **Inge & Tony Gonzalez, Maggie & David Kessler, Dorothy Owens, Teresa & Marvin Jenkins, Dodi & Steve Mace and Ann & David VanHorn.**

The hard working, generous and loving members of the Tour Committee make this event possible: **Marietta Burgess, Barbara Fogle, Pat Groman, Wanda Lamb, Michelle Morris and Linda Ray.** These ladies have our deepest appreciation. Thanks are also due to **Pat Litchfield of UpScale ReSale**, the many volunteers from the **Polo Fields Women's Guild** and the **musicians.** Jesse's House Hugs to all of you for sharing the spirit of Christmas with us.

The Polo Fields Christmas Tour of Homes is a major fundraiser for Jesse's House and one we count on to not only provide financial support, but also to spread the word about our shelter. It's a great way to spend a few hours and contribute to a good cause. We hope to see you there!

POEM FROM A JESSE'S HOUSE GIRL

Lost without you....
I sometimes wish you were here,
Just when I think about all my fear.
I loved it to hear you say it will be alright, But sometimes it just will never be right.
In my life I've been through so much pain, But you just act like it's another phase.
Sometimes I wish she could just see
How much she really means to me.
As I lay in bed thinking,
Everything is different, nothing is the same.
Everything and everyone will once change, But as I said before,
I just wish you were here.

FALL 2004 CONTRIBUTORS/IN KIND DONATIONS

American Legion Auxiliary # 307
 Amos Plumbing
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 Cindy Sandoval
 Country Club of the South Charity Guild
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 United Way of Forsyth County
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 Windward Women's Club

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

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

TRANSPORTATION NEED

Jesse's House needs to upgrade our transportation. We currently own a large, 15 passenger van, which is aging and requires some major work. Furthermore, when an employee needs to take only one or two girls some place, such as to a doctor's appointment, employees have been using their personal cars rather than the big van.

Instead of putting money into upgrading an older vehicle with high mileage, we'd like to receive or purchase two vehicles: a 7-passenger mini-van and a 6 passenger sedan. With two vehicles, we can transport all the girls and two staff members to outings and can use the smaller car to transport just a girl or two to appointments. Employees would not have to use their own cars, which would reduce liability issues for all involved.

What we need is a **van/car angel**. If you can help us receive or purchase at a substantially reduced rate either of these vehicles, please contact Barbara B. Barnett at 770-887-1000. If you'd like to earmark your donations to the "Transportation Fund", please do so.

IN MEMORY OF

Mr. Jesse Morris

by Mrs. Jesse Morris

Mr. Cy Timmons

by Mr. and Mrs. Cy Timmons, Jr.

Ms. JoAnn Bloom

by Ms. Joyce Tisovec

Ms. Burnice Healan

by Mincey Marble Employees

Mr. Fred Hires

by Kenneth and JoAnn Mincey

IN HONOR OF

40th Wedding Anniversary of

Mr. And Mrs. David Van Horn

Mr. Rick Elder

By Ms. Cindy Elder

FROM THE DIRECTOR

The holiday season at Jesse's House is always a special time. While the girls served at Jesse's House have suffered traumas that no children should experience, the holiday season reminds us of the capacity for renewal and healing. The house fills with volunteers donating their time, people generously donating gifts and an overall spirit of giving. The mood is always contagious and helps all of us to be reminded of people's good nature.

During the holiday season, as well, we have our annual tour of homes. Several individuals in the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club contribute and open their homes to make this a successful and eventful fundraiser for Jesse's House. It is also a great way to experience the spirit of the season.

We wish you and your families a joyful holiday season. And wish you blessings for a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely,
Julie Barry

Adopt Jesse's House for Christmas

The holiday season is rapidly approaching. In our effort to create a home for these girls who are separated from family and friends, we are seeking individuals, civic groups or businesses to adopt Jesse's House for the holidays. We are looking for volunteers to donate 'wish list' gifts for the girls, decorate the house and cook holiday meals. Please contact our Volunteer/Activity Coordinator, Keyana Brown at (678)947-6217 or e-mail JHvolunteer@adelphia.net for more information.

Volunteer Focus

On September 19th and October 10th, members of **Perimeter Church** came and fellowshiped with the girls at Jesse's House. The women helped the girls prepare various dishes for dinner. And the girls got their first chance to make caramel apples. This was a perfect way to start the fall season and the girls had a great time.

From the President

I have a passion for quotes - excerpts from speeches, passages and sayings that really inspire my outlook on the world that we live in. One of my favorite quotes was by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he said *"Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve...you only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*

As we near the close of 2004, I want to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who has supported Jesse's House throughout the year. Whether you have donated food, clothing, or made a monetary gift, we are enormously appreciative. In addition to the tangible donations, I want to express my gratitude to all of the volunteers, service providers and mentors that have given their time and commitment to enrich the lives of our residents.

As we move into 2005, I ask for your continued support. The Board of Directors will be making a conscious effort to keep our "Needs List" updated as well as our website. We are planning several fundraising events in the upcoming months including the 2nd (not-so-annual) Spring Gala. We are currently in the planning process and will have more detailed information in the days to come. If you are interested in participating on the Gala committee, please contact Mary Henderson at marydlynnh@yahoo.com.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a wonderful and peaceful holiday season. As we embrace our family and friends, please remember those who need our prayers and hope that they too experience a season of joy and caring.

My best to you all,

Jason Dudley, President



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CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES – December 11th. Tickets will be on sale at the Polo Golf and Country Club.

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Please send honorary/in memory card to:

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Santa Gift/Contribution

Jesse's House
PO Box 66
Cumming, GA 30028

Please earmark my gift for:

\$ _____ Endowment
\$ _____ Operating Expenses

This gift is made by:

Name: _____
Address: _____
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