



Discover Jesse's House



November 2005

Providing Emergency Care and Shelter for Children in North Georgia

President's Letter

I recently had the pleasure of watching four senior citizens get up in front of a crowd, pick up their instruments and proceed to dance and sing for the next three hours. It was quite amazing. You may be imagining a Fall Pageant at an assisted living facility or AARP day at the local community center – nope, I saw the *Rolling Stones* in concert.

For five decades they have been providing their fans with #1 hits and sold out concerts around the globe. Now, you may or may not be a fan of the *Stones*, but I guarantee you that there are few people alive today with their drive and determination. It is these characteristics that make people do special things.

Over the recent weeks, we have witnessed natural disasters like no other - Hurricane Katrina, the earthquake in Pakistan & an outburst of wildfires and mudslides in California to reference a few. While all of these events have produced death and destruction, they have also yielded a common theme – the human spirit is resilient. It is with drive and determination that we will overcome these disasters; it is with drive and determination that we will build back the homes lost in New Orleans and Mississippi; it is with drive and determination that special people do special things.

So, the next time you hear *Start Me Up* or *Jumpin' Jack Flash*, ask yourself if you have a certain drive or determination, and if you do, I would ask that you continue to do something special for those with special needs.

Thank you for the special things you do for Jesse's House.

Jason Dudley
President, Board of Directors



JOHN MIZE—Landscape Specialty & Production—A Jesse's House Angel



John Mize has been in the landscape/design business over 30 years. In 1994 he started his current business, Landscape Specialty & Production, a company specializing in landscape renovation, design & hardscapes. Landscape Specialty & Production is a family oriented business, counting among its employees John's daughter, Aimee Mize-Slovisky, and his son-in-law, Steve Slovisky. Mize, a Forsyth County native, credits hard work, goals, dreams and the desire to be in control of his own destiny as the reasons for his successful business.

In 1999, Mize designed and installed an outdoor walking/teaching garden at Coal Mountain Elementary School to give students an opportunity to experience a hands-on approach to identifying various species of shrubbery, herbs, fruits, trees and groundcovers. A butterfly garden was also designed and installed as part of this endeavor. Mize also designed and installed a courtyard walking garden for the Alzheimer patients at Cumming Nursing Center in 2002. Landscape Specialty & Production are particularly proud of their unique water features, ponds and waterfalls they design and install, along with stacked rock walls, walkways and rock crops.

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VOLUNTEER FOCUS

The following is an except from an interview with **Cheryl Fleming**, one of our exceptional and very appreciated volunteers.

1. What made you want to volunteer at Jesse's House?

"From some life experiences of my own, I feel a connection with the girls served at Jesse's House. I thought Jesse's House would be a good way to give back and to help young girls in need"

2. What have you received from this experience?

"I have gotten a huge fulfillment in my life knowing that I can and have made a difference in someone's life, even if it is just a small difference"

3. What advice would you have for others interested in volunteering?

"You will be amazed what a difference it will make in your own life. You can spend a little amount of time or a greater amount, either way it makes a difference for you and the girls"

4. What keeps you volunteering at Jesse's House?

"The girls are what keep me coming back. The girls are so open and friendly that when I come I feel like an old friend of their extended family. I always hope that something I do or say will make even the smallest difference."

5. If there was one thing you would say about Jesse's House, what would it be?

"I love the way the staff interacts with the girls. They really care about their well-being and it shows."

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Keyana Brown at 678-947-6217

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

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

Sawnee EMC Grant



Representatives of Community Organizations receive combined grant award from Sawnee EMC representative Cindy King

Sawnee EMC has long believed in commitment to community. It is through this commitment that **Sawnee EMC** adopted the program, Operation Round Up. The program was adopted in April 2003 by **Sawnee EMC** and has since served several community needs.

In August, Jesse's House became a recipient of the Operation Round Up program. The grant will fund a Trauma Intervention Program for the female youth we serve. Specifically, it will provide resources to reduce the effects of trauma from abuse, neglect and/or domestic violence. In our effort to provide lasting changes, we are very excited about providing this program and grateful to **Sawnee EMC** Operation Round Up.

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Mize is a member of the Georgia Green Industry Association, Southern Nursery Association, the National Association for the Self-Employed, past member of the Tree Ordinance Committee of Forsyth County, past chairman of the Landscape Committee at Cumming First United Methodist Church and was inducted into the International Who's Who of Entrepreneurs in 2000.

The Jesse's House Board of Directors extends its heart felt gratitude to John Mize and his company, Landscape Specialty and Production for their extraordinary contributions of material and labor to our facility. It is Mr. Mize and many others who help make Jesse's House such a wonderful haven for our children.



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The outpouring, from individuals and businesses, makes the holidays special for Jesse's House girls. Gifts to the shelter aid Jesse's House long after the holiday ends. For more information on adopting wish lists or shelter needs, please contact **Julie Barry or Keyana Brown (678) 947-6217**.

Coming Soon:

Jesse's House will be able to accept VISA and Mastercard donations online at jesseshouse.org