



# Discover Jesse's House



November 2006

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

## United Way Day of Caring



The **United Way Day of Caring** was a great success. Thank you to **Forsyth Rotary** (pictured above left to right—**Ken Shugart, Gabe Arango, Lauren Twiner, Pete Amos, Eric Duncan, Burton Blackmar & Mike Gravitt**) for donating pine straw and completing our landscaping needs. Thank you to **Mountain State** (photo page 3) for completing painting and deep cleaning. Your dedication of time and energy helped complete major tasks and keep Jesse's House looking like a home

## What I Know...

As part of Jesse's House efforts to bring healing and comfort to the youth served, girls receive weekly assignments that encourage healing. On occasion, an essay is written that bears sharing. The below was written by an 11 year old.

**Self-esteem** - I have learned how important it is to keep a girl's self-esteem high. And that's pretty funny because I am a girl!

**Attitude** is everything! I will model appropriate attitude but still express my feelings by not bottling them up and expressing them calmly.

**Acceptance** – Accepting changes in life can be very hard, that's why we need a good role model in life. Even though I am the youngest, I can show what action should and can be taken.

**Determination** – One speed bump in the road doesn't mean you can't go over it! We have to be strong; we have to have hope and faith.

**Positivism** – To bring something positive is one of the most important things you have to offer.

**Love** – The most important thing you can give. There are so many ways to show it!



## Fundraiser for Jesse's House



**Betty Ansley**, a long-time supporter of Jesse's House, was inspired to do something special for her 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. After days of consideration, she decided to combine two passions, golf and Jesse's House. Starting on Tuesday August 22<sup>nd</sup> and completing on Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>, Betty played **77 holes** of golf at Polo Golf and Country Club! To encourage her efforts and in her honor, several friends made donations to Jesse's House for a grand total of \$4,406.00. What an inspiration for the young ladies we serve!

Pictured, Left to Right: Julie Barry, Betty Ansley

For a complete list of donations made in honor of Betty Ansley, please see page 2.

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### BETTY ANSLEY

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## JESSE'S HOUSE ANGEL

**Progressive Landscape** has provided an invaluable service to Jesse's House original shelter and continued with our move to this new facility. Through the years, they have provided complimentary lawn maintenance monthly, to meet the exterior needs of Jesse's House and help us keep our home in good shape! We are very grateful to the owners, **Gregory Anthony, Gary Sekulo and Bill Woods** for this generous contribution to the shelter. **Progressive Landscape** serves North Georgia as a full service landscape company, including installation and maintenance with a fully insured staff. We appreciate their commitment to community and for any landscape needs, **Progressive Landscape** can be reached at (678) 406-0750

## TREATS FOR THE TROOPS

After reading an article in the Forsyth County News about the efforts of **Debbie Canoli** and her 'treats for the troops', Jesse's House girls were excited about taking part in this project. 'Treats for the troops' includes making homemade cookies, hand written notes and packaging for the men and women serving overseas. The girls made several batches of chocolate chip cookies and colorful notes that they hope will bring a smile to the face of those serving far from home and benefit this project.

## OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

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

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**Thank you so much to Mountain State Bank  
For helping on the United Way Day of Caring**



**Pictured above from Mountain State Bank—Alesia Ackerman (BOD), Stacy Jones, Myra Whitfield and Spenser Strickland.**

## WELCOME ALEZIA MILLS ACKERMAN

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of Alesia Mills Ackerman to the Jesse's House Board of Directors.

She is the daughter of Bernice Martin Mills and the late Hoyt Mills and is a lifetime resident of Forsyth County. Alesia and her husband, Chad, have three children, Rachel, Paul and Jess. They attend Oak Grove Baptist Church where Alesia serves as the President of the Women's Missionary Union and plays the piano. She is very involved in the outreach ministry of her church. In April 2005, she attended a mission trip to Mexico and says that God blessed her beyond measure to see the children and to help with some of their needs while there. After that trip, Alesia says she realized that there were needs within her own reach in our community which lead her to Jesse's House.

Alesia is a graduate of North Georgia College with a Business Administration Degree.

She worked for a local CPA firm while attending college and a number of years after graduating. For the past seven years, she has worked in the banking industry. Currently, she is the Vice President of Construction Lending for Mountain State Bank in Cumming.

Alesia is a graduate of the 2005 Leadership Forsyth class.

The Board of Directors is excited that Alesia is joining us and we look forward to the benefits of her time and talent.

## ANY EXTRA LUGGAGE? SEND IT ON!

Donate your old luggage, suitcases and duffle bags to Jesse's House. With the addition of our new shed, we have greater storage space for these necessary items. Unfortunately, the youth we serve are often carrying their belongings from one place to the next in trash bags.

We need your luggage, gently used or new, to provide a suitable alternative to meet this need. It is our aim at Jesse's House, to outfit every child who arrives with their very own luggage. Just one more way, to help restore dignity and let them know they matter. We appreciate your help!

## GED Training Now Offered at Lanier Tech - A Needed Service for the Girls at Jesse's House

Many of our older residents, ages 15 to 17, come to us far behind in school. It is very common for youth in this situation to drop out of school thereby limiting their future opportunities. One option to a high school diploma is to pursue a GED and Lanier Tech has come to the rescue. We now have two girls enrolled in the GED program at Lanier Tech and they hope to complete their GED requirements and successfully pass the GED test before they leave Jesse's House. Thanks Lanier Tech!



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**SAVE THE DATE!!!**  
**The Jesse's House Gala is scheduled for**  
**March 17, 2007!!**

## Contributions for Jesse's House

Jesse's House PO Box 66 Cumming, GA 30028

\_\_\_\_\_ Endowment Fund \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Expenses

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

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## Christmas Wish List

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.

**Our Wish List for this year:**

**Gift Certificates** (Walmart, Target, Kroger)

**Game Room Needs**—Game Cube games (rated E), Board Games, DVD Movies

**Library**—Art Supplies, jewelry making kits, other crafts

**Kitchen**—pots and pans, heavy duty blender, casserole dishes, mixing bowls, silverware, glasses (plastic) and plates

**Recreation**—Basketball, basketball pump, jump rope

**Individual Residents**—For more information on adopting wish lists of individual residents or shelter needs, please contact **Julie Barry or Keyana Brown (678) 947-6217**.

## Now Available:

Jesse's House is able to accept **VISA** and **MasterCard** donations online at [jesseshouse.org](http://jesseshouse.org)