

JESSE'S HOUSE



September 2008

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

After several years of serving youth, faces and names always cross my mind. One of the girls I think of often, called the other day to let us know how she was doing.

This child had come to Jesse's House at 11 years old, severely hurt and abused. Her anger presented a true challenge and jeopardized our ability to care for her due to safety concerns.

Very slowly, she made progress and a smile emerged. This beautiful smile will always stick with me and the

others with whom she had contact.. It was an infectious smile, to say the least.

She left Jesse's House when she was able to be placed safely in a therapeutic foster home.

She sounded so happy when she called. When I asked how she was doing, she replied "life is good".

I can tell you she did not always feel that way. But I do believe she means it now and she will continue living a good life.

-Julie Puckett
Executive Director



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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER.....

"Fairy Godmother" was created by **Jennifer Troncalli and Margot Griffin**. Several women of the Laurel Springs Community contributed to the project. The Fairy Godmothers set out to collect dresses, jewelry, handbags and shoes to outfit Jesse's House girls attending the 8th grade Fancy Dance at OMS. The group came the night of the dance and completed hair and make-up as well. Each girl was provided a camera to take pictures of this magical night. Every detail was thought of and as a result, the girls had a great experience.

Due to the large outpouring, Jesse's House was able to provide the extra dresses to Children's Restoration Net-

work (CRN). CRN dispersed the dresses to other children in the foster care system who were attending dances at their local schools.

On behalf of all the children who benefited from their efforts, thank you for making a difference.



Pictured from left are, Margot Griffin and Jesse's House staff, Carly Cross displaying dresses donated from the project.

Jesse's House Staff Highlight

Nicole Adderley is a Direct Care Staff and Shift Leader. Her job duties include supervising residents, assisting with transporting residents to medical and therapeutic appointments, life-skills instruction and serving as a positive role model.

Nicole was born in Louisville, Kentucky and moved to New Orleans, Louisiana when she was 5 years old. After graduating from high school, she attended Dillard University, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Education.

Nicole relocated to Georgia after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans in 2005. With the desire to be a positive role-model for youth, Nicole began

working as a Direct Care staff at Jesse's House in 2005.

During her time at Jesse's House, Nicole has been an exemplary staff member. One Jesse's House resident describes Nicole as "an uplifting spirit" who according to another resident, "helps us follow our dreams and doesn't let us quit."

Nicole can often be seen giving a reassuring hug and smile. Her calming presence is always a bright spot for all of those at Jesse's House.

In her spare time, Nicole enjoys reading and shopping. She is also the proud mother of Buddy Love, her Yorkshire Terrier.



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Thank you **Liberty Automotive** and owner, **Mark Morris**. Mark donates maintenance of Jesse's House vans including oil changes and regular inspections. Thanks to Mark we are able to ensure safe and reliable transportation for the girls we serve.

Jesse's House Board of Directors Update

For over four years, **Ashley Sasher** (pictured below), has worked as Community Relations and Events Manager with AppleCreek Management Co. She has worked to keep the forty Applebee's and two Up The Creek greater Atlanta restaurant locations in the public eye.

Mrs. Sasher is heavily involved in community outreach projects which include offering turnkey fundraising programs



for local non-profit groups, title sponsorships for organizations such as Georgia Transplant Association and Mercy Flight Southeast Muscular Dystrophy Association and Hemophilia of Georgia.

Ashley is an active member of eleven county Chamber of Commerce Associations, a board member of the Johns Creek Business Association and a past Ambassador of the Cumming-Forsyth Chamber of Commerce.

Ashley graduated Cum Laude with a BA in Speech Communication from Northern Kentucky University. Ashley and her husband, Keith, currently reside in Suwanee.

Marion Turner (above right), has lived in Forsyth County for 14 years. Marion and her husband have two daughters.

Marion came to Forsyth County as a Kolbe™ Consultant with Applied Wisdom. She then started working with Southern Staircase.

Marion serves as the Corporate Recruiter for Southern Staircase. She has 20 years of Human Resources experience.

Asked why she became involved, Marion said, "having raised two girls and coming from a big family, I think it is important that children have a stable environment and strong support even if they cannot find this with their immediate family".

We welcome both to the board and appreciate their contributions to Jesse's House mission and the youth we serve.



Having served on Jesse's House board since inception, **Joyce Tisovec** is resigning from the board. Joyce has been instrumental in the mission of Jesse's House.

Joyce has been a dedicated advocate. We wish her well in her move to Florida and extend our gratitude for her years of service.

Summer Events

Coffee Club, hosted by Jay Bird, takes place on the second Tuesday of every month. **Coffee Club**, located in the Ingles Shopping Center, provides a fun and safe outlet for teens. The night includes comedian act **Two-By-Two**, live music and pizza. It is a night the girls always enjoy and we are so grateful to have this program. Thanks **Jay Bird** and **Connie Bolt** for your dedication to local youth and the girls served at Jesse's House.

Movies 400 recently held a food drive for local charities. The theatre provided a free popcorn for the donation of a canned good during the summer months. The results were enormous and Jesse's House was one of the many recipients of their efforts. We are so grateful to **Movies 400** and the customers who participated.

In May, the girls attended opening night of the **WNBA, Atlanta Dream**.

This was especially exciting because we have several good basketball players in the house. The girls enjoyed watching this talented team and being a part of their debut in Atlanta.

What is summer without a trip to the water park? On June 26th, the girls attended **Lanier Beach and Water Park**. The outing, sponsored by **Patsy Wolff**, provided a full day of fun for the girls. Due to several rain showers, the date changed frequently. The girls anxiously awaited and looked forward to this sunny day outing.

On July 29th, **Leslie Dinkins** held a workshop with the girls at Jesse's House. Leslie is the Outreach Coordinator and Victim Counselor with the **Forsyth County Domestic Violence Task Force**. Leslie met with the girls to discuss dating violence and warning signs of abusive relationships. Thank you to Leslie for dedicating her time and knowledge.

Wish List

Hygiene basics—shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant

**Please no items that reach out of the reach of children

Electric razors—Women's Dry/Wet electric razor

**Please no disposable razors

Cleaning supplies—409, Lysol, Pine Sol, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent

Paper Products— Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Napkins

Office Products—Copy paper, black ink pens, legal pads, envelopes, manila folders

Gift Certificates—Walmart, Target, Kroger

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