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FORSYTH COMMUNITY RAISES FUNDS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED

Cumming, Georgia– September 4, 2008 – On August 23, 2008, the Lake Forest residential community located in Cumming, GA hosted a Round Robin Tennis Tournament raising \$3,235 to benefit Jesse's House Emergency Children's Shelter also located in Cumming. The shelter provides a safe environment and services for the needs of abused and neglected female youth. This was the first tournament of its kind Lake Forest residents coordinated and more than 50 tennis players and enthusiasts participated. The tournament was held from 10:00am-7:00pm and concluded with an awards ceremony and silent auction.

Robin Mitchell and Amera Wild, along with several residents of the Lake Forest community, coordinated the tournament to benefit Jesse's House. Mitchell became involved after speaking with a volunteer of Jesse's House and touring the shelter. Mitchell wanted to contribute to current efforts of building a recreation and outdoor area for the youth served at the shelter. "Play is the work of childhood and I can't think of children who need it more," said Robin Mitchell.

Julie Barry-Puckett, Jesse's House Executive Director said, "We hope to provide a brighter future for youth who experienced the worst. We could not do this without the help of many dedicated people such as the Lake Forest community".



Keyana Brown (left), Jesse's House Volunteer Coordinator, accepts a \$3,235 donation from Robin Mitchell of Lake Forest Community.

Each day adolescent women from across the greater Atlanta-area are brought together at Jesse's House to find something they are missing; understanding and support through a loving environment. Working with a number of young ladies, with a variety of different backgrounds, Jesse's House is a non-profit organization that grew out of the recognized need for a children's emergency shelter in the North Georgia area. The shelter has three main goals that they strive for on a daily basis: to serve high risk girls between the age of 7 and 17, to reunify the residents with their families whenever possible, and to provide a safe house until appropriate placement is found.

Since 2004, Jesse's House has taken in more than 69 young women from 18 counties across greater Atlanta-area, including: Forsyth, Hall, Floyd, Cherokee, Gwinnett, White, Barrow, Douglas, Lumpkin, Stephens, Walker, Banks, Catoosa, Clarke, Dawson, DeKalb, Union and Whitefield. For more information about Jesse's House, please visit www.jesseshouse.org.

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