



Discover Jesse's House



February 2005

Providing Emergency Care and Shelter for Children in North Georgia

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Change. From the time we are born to the day we leave this world, we all experience changes. Some good changes, some bad changes, and some changes that are so insignificant we don't even realize it. Unfortunately the changes that affect us the most are the ones that alter the way we live. In the wake of the recent Tsunami disaster that devastated Southeast Asia, I find myself in disbelief of how many people lost homes, businesses, and most importantly, loved ones. Life, however good or bad it can be, can change without warning in a split second.

John F. Kennedy said, "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." I reference this statement because since the devastation, humanity has begun to prevail. We now hear tales of heroism and compassion as opposed to death and destruction. People from around the world are contributing to help the less fortunate. Rebuilding this region will be slow and arduous, but as good triumphs hopefully its residents will embellish the relief and sustain a brighter outlook for the years to come.

As Jesse's House opens its doors to new residents, our staff witnesses life altering changes first hand. It is our job to make sure that their change is handled with the same affection that drives the human spirit and that they feel loved and comforted. If we can consistently achieve this goal, then our only hope is for them is to focus on the good things and incorporate them into their future.

Thanks for all you do,

Jason Dudley,
President of the Board of Directors

Girls Bill of Rights

Girls have the right:

1. To be themselves and to resist gender stereotypes
2. To express themselves with originality and enthusiasm
3. To take risks, to strive freely, and to take pride in success
4. To accept and appreciate their bodies
5. To have confidence in themselves and to be safe in the world
6. To prepare for interesting work and economic independence

- Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta



2005 Gala Benefit for Jesse's House

The Board of Directors is hosting a Gala Benefit on March 12th at the Polo Fields Golf and Country Club. The evening will include dinner with fine wines, a silent auction, musical entertainment and conclude with an exciting live auction. Those of you who were with us in 2003 will remember how much fun we had and how much money we raised for our new shelter. This year's evening promises to be even more fun and (we hope!) more profitable! Please be watching the mail for your invitation and R.S.V.P. as soon as possible since seating is limited. If you have any questions, interest in being a sponsor, items to donate for the auctions or miss your invitation, please contact Jason Dudley at 678-513-7901.

ATTENTION WINE COLLECTORS

We are looking for special bottles of wine for our 2005 Wine Gala. All donations are tax deductible. Please call Jason Dudley at 678-513-7901 if you would like to contribute.

Pro Air Systems—A Jesse's House Angel

Pro Air Systems was founded in April 2000 in Cumming, GA. They are a residential and commercial heating and air conditioning company servicing all commercial HVAC equipment, commercial ice machines and all refrigeration equipment, both reach-ins and walk-ins. They are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Pro Air became involved with Jesse's House shortly after the company's founding and worked with us at our old location and at the new shelter. To quote President, R. Allen Mintz, "Hopefully the two new HVAC systems donated and installed by our company at your new location will help to bring comfort to all of those individuals which Jesse's House provides assistance to. We thank you for the work that Jesse's House provides to the community."

In this fast paced world Pro Air's goal is to do business the old-fashioned way. To take the time to do quality work, displaying the pride that true tradesmen should have in their work and to do it with an attitude that tells the customer they appreciate you choosing them.

Thank you ProAir Systems for all you have done for Jesse's House and all you continue to do!

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OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

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

2004 CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

The 5th Annual Christmas Tours of Homes at the Polo Golf and Country Club was a huge success. Many folks worked for months to make it a wonderful event. Jesse's House is very grateful to the members of the planning committee: **Marietta Burgess, Barbara Fogle, Pat Groman, Wanda Lamb, Molly Lins, Michele Morris, Linda Ray**. All of these ladies earned stars in their crowns for their dedication and hard work!

We are also very appreciative of the following families who opened their beautiful homes for the tour and their hearts to Jesse's House: **Mr. & Mrs. Tony Gonzales, Mr. & Mrs. David Kessler, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Owens, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Jenkins, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Mace, Mr. & Mrs. David Van Horn**.

The following listing is of the many volunteers who gave of their time to ensure the success of the event. Their assistance as greeters, hostesses, van drivers and "go-fors" is greatly appreciated. **Jeannie Akoubian, Becky Donaldson, Shawna Draudy, Dottie DuBrevil, Kristin Duclos, Jan Fansler, Tricia Fenske, Denny Fitzpatrick, Gerry Fogle, Margaret Garrett, Sam Geoffrion, Wayne Geoffrion, June Gordon, Kirk Grizzle, Melissa Grizzle, Linda Hamrick, Robbie Hamrick, Kathie Harvey, Fran House, Sandy Howell, Steve Jackson, Wendy Jarred, Theresa Jordan, Maggie Kessler, Jean Kirby, Ted Lamb, Barbara Lickwar, Henry Lins, Dodi Mace, Kathryn McDonald, Kecia Mealar, Michelle Miller, Carole Moran, Steve Morgan, Sharon Mullins, Donna Mullins, Merle Myers, Kelly Olsen, Susan O'Neill, Kaye Phares, Lea Pinson, Nancy Pirkle, Wilma Plourde, Carolyn Price, Kristy Prillaman, Allison Rambo, Bob Ray, Susan Robertson, Diane Rymer, Marie Simpson, Margaret Stephens, Anne Tanksley, Carol Terry, Norma Teuton, Tracy Theisen, Susan Tilford, Leslie Turchi, Kristin Turchi, Claire Upchurch, Kelly VanHorn, Kate Van Horn, Debby Wiseman, and Jeanne Young**.

We also want to thank the following musicians, performers, and choir directors for adding to the holiday spirit by sharing their time and talents with the tour guests and us: **Julia Gu, Harpist; Paige Grogan, Vocalist; Camilia Heninger, Harpist; Brenda Beddingfield, Dulcimer; Stan Burgess, Keyboard; Mike and Abbey Dalton, Vocalist; Tovah Sims, Harpist; 9 members of the South Forsyth High School Chorus under the direction of Kirk Grizzle: April Hutchins, Cassie Saradas, Aubrey Dalton, Natalie Enger, Kristin Watson, Heather Vaughan, Rran Wilson, Danier Chandler, Jessica Pirkle; and the Forsyth Central High School Chorus under the direction of Jan Stage**.

Finally, the following individuals, groups and businesses were very cooperative and giving of their time and services. We thank them for all they did for the tour and continue to do for the girls of Jesse's House: **ABC Signs, Rapid Signs, The Polo Golf and Country Club (Claude Thorn, manager), Whitney Lamb, graphic artist, Billy Howell Ford, Barnett Business Services, Inc., and the Polo Women's Guild**.

IN HONOR OF YOUR MOTHER

Here is a really neat way to honor the mother who has everything. Remember that special Wife, Mother, Aunt, Grandmother, Godmother etc., in your life, with our special Mother's Day Card.

When we receive the form below, we will send your "Mother" a lovely card, honoring her and relating to her that you have made a donation to Jesse's House in her name. You will receive an acknowledgement that your donation was received, the amount, and notice that a card has been sent as you directed. All cards will be mailed the week of Mother's Day.

OUR GRATEFUL APPRECIATION

The **Waffle House Foundation** selected Jesse's House for a grant. The grant award provided designated funds to complete the privacy fence surrounding the shelter. The fence, a project that received contributions during our initial construction, proved to be a larger cost than anticipated. Fortunately, due to the sizeable grant from the **Waffle House Foundation** in addition to other donations the fence was completed in November. The fence allows the girls to feel safe spending time outside and provides additional security for the girls served.

Jesse's House benefited from several food drives during the month of November. Local businesses such as **Panduit and Hoover Products** conducted a food drive among their employees. **Otwell Middle School** conducted a food drive for students. Each child who donated canned goods was awarded a sign on their homeroom door. These efforts filled our pantry and provided food for our needs throughout the New Year.

We would like to share our appreciation for the many groups and individuals that adopted Jesse's House girls for the Christmas holiday. The girls were awake by 8:00 AM and were quickly opening the gifts you provided. The girls commented on having a memorable and enjoyable Christmas despite their circumstances and this was made possible by people like you. We are very grateful to these many groups and individuals for creating this memorable holiday for our youth.

We would also like to extend our appreciation for holiday activities provided for Jesse's House girls. Thank you **Barbara Noon and Ruth Goode** for Christmas Carol tickets, **Family Home Providers** for Movies 400 Film Festival; **Gamma Zeta's, Perimeter Church, New Light Baptist Church, Grace Community Church, Cheryl and David Fleming, Patricia and John DeFeis, Lynn Trainer, Marietta Burgess, Gidewon Foundation, Fire Station #4, Glynell Ellis, Marcia Tremonti and Lisa Burke** for your assistance with our holiday needs.

Mother's Day Gift

In Honor of _____ In Memory of _____

Jesse's House
PO Box 66
Cumming, GA 30028

\$ _____ Endowment Fund \$ _____ Operating Expenses

Please send a Mother's Day Card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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PO Box 66
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Is in memory of / honor of (circle one if applicable):

Name: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please send honorary/in memory card to:

Name: _____
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VAN ANGEL NEEDED

Jesse's House is in need of two 7-passenger mini-vans preferably with less than 50,000 miles on them. If you can help us receive or purchase at a reduced rate either of these mini-vans, please contact Barbara B. Barnett at 770-887-1000.

If you'd like to earmark your donations to the "Transportation Fund", please do so.

Thank you for your help.

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION BEGINS

Jesse's House has created a Volunteer Orientation on the **third Wednesday** of every month from **6:30-7:30**. Topics reviewed include a video on volunteering, an overview of working with youth, specific volunteer needs and a question and answer session. If you are interested in attending please RSVP to Keyana Brown (678) 947-6217 prior to the date. We appreciate your interest and hope to see you there.