



Discover Jesse's House



May 2006

Providing Emergency Care and Shelter for Children in North Georgia

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It seems like only yesterday that we were collecting Christmas gifts and putting up lights; now, in the blink of an eye, the flowers are blooming and we are counting down to the end of the school year. If the adage "time flies when you're having fun" rings true, then we at Jesse's House are filled with exuberance!

Like any household with children, summer can be an eventful time. We have several programs that our residents are enrolled, however we are always looking for help from our donors. Tickets to cultural or sporting events are always appreciated as well as gift certificates to the movies. In addition, although we can't take a trip to the beach, we would like to plan some day trips. If you have any connections to local or regional attractions please keep us in mind or call 678-947-6217 and ask for Keyana.

Lastly, a big thank you to all of our volunteers and donors – without you, our doors would not be open! Have a great summer!

Jason Dudley
President

2006 ONE GREAT DAY OF SERVICE Sponsored by CUMMING FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 25th turned out to be a beautiful day for our **One Great Day of Service Project** at Jesse's House. We had 11 volunteers working at the shelter — 8 from **CFUMC**, two from **Big Creek Community Church** and the shelter's **Executive Director, Julie Barry**. Several of the residents also pitched in and cleaned out the refrigerator and sorted shoes.

Our primary tasks included organizing the donations room, cleaning the laundry room, cleaning out the basement and cleaning the patio. The four men did the "heavy lifting" in the basement moving heavy items and carrying them to the dumpster. They also helped re-arrange items on the shelves in the basement.

After that job was complete, two of the men cleaned off the patio and carried more items to Goodwill.

The women and teen-age girls tackled the donations room, which was pretty formidable. We sorted the clothes and other items to determine "acceptability" by what teen-age girls would wear. The discarded items were bagged up and eventually carried to Goodwill. Then the clothes were organized according to size and type and neatly folded on the shelving or hung in the closet.

Many thanks to **Janet Walden, Lay Volunteer Coordinator, at CFUMC** for all her efforts to get us organized and team members assigned.

And many thanks to our faithful volunteers who included **Jon Adams, Barbara Barnett, Erin Carper, Mike Coffey, Chris Hartley, Hallie Hartley, Madison Herslebs, Shirley Llewellyn, Derek Moon and Lanny Turner**.

By Barbara B. Barnett, BoD and
CFUMC coordinator

10 things I've learned while at Jesse's House

1. Think positive even though something bad has happened
2. Do my best no matter what
3. To always be respectful of others
4. Not everyone is going to dislike me
5. I am smart and deserve a happy, healthy life
6. Trust myself to make the right decision
7. No one from my past can harm me as long as I don't let them
8. I am a strong person
9. Give people a chance
10. The future is full of hope

- 14 year old resident



New Board Member - Please join us in welcoming Jesse's House newest Board Member—**Alesia Ackerman, a Vice President of Mountain State Bank.**

CONTRIBUTORS/IN KIND DONATIONS

Barnett Business Services	Saints, Sharon Springs
Bobby Amos Water Works	Ward
Brookwood Baptist WMU	Jim Rewalt
CFUMC – Sorta Fifty Sun-	John Mize
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apy	Slapshots Skating Rink
Jackie Cheeks	Summit Hill Elementary
Jean Lofe	Tara Sakal
Jeanne Sheahan	Tricia Fenske
Jesus Christ of Latter Day	United Way of Forsyth

IN HONOR OF MOTHER'S DAY

Doris Groceman

By Eileen Fancher

Carol Whitlow

By Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Cowdrey

Cathy Cowdrey

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Mrs. Adair L. Williams

By Melissa & Sky Williams

Mrs. Midge Daugherty

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Introduction of Jesse' House staff: Mary Catherine Tompkins, Case Manager

It's been almost a year since I started working as Case Manager at Jesse's House. I came to Jesse's House in January of 2005 on an internship from the University of Georgia. I have wanted to work in a shelter for teens since I was in high school. A friend of mine, who came from less-than-ideal circumstances, inspired me to find a career path that would have offered help to kids in his situation. I found Jesse's House through the United Way of Forsyth County and applied for an internship as I knew it would be a perfect fit for me.

In May 2005, I graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Child and Family Development. I began working as Case Manager soon thereafter. In the past year, I have learned a tremendous amount from the people I work with. They have shown great patience as I have gotten my footing in this new role. As Case Manager, I see that the day-to-day therapeutic requirements of residents are being met: all counseling, educational, medical and dental needs. I have also had the opportunity to work in the admission process; I work with the referral agencies to review possible intakes. This has been a wonderful year, and I look forward to continuing to learn and grow here at Jesse's House.

IN MEMORY OF

Ann Holtzclaw

By Harold and Deborah Shadburn and Family

Bob Cutler

By Melissa and Sky Williams

Robert B. Allen

By Melissa and Sky Williams

Dillmus and Ellen Venable

By Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Cowdrey

Mrs. Inez Kohn

By Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Cowdrey

Mr. Jack Mickie

By Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Cowdrey

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES

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

ClearBuilt Technologies – A Jesse's House Angel

ClearBuilt is a small, very user friendly web design and hosting company located in Forsyth County. They handle everything from simple websites like Jesse's House to very complex business-to-business e-commerce sites. The key to their success is their boutique-like customer service without the boutique prices. They specialize in defining and creatively solving difficult business problems with the least amount of technology required. The end result is customer goals being met with a system that is usable, maintainable and not anymore costly than necessary.



Neal Berry & Mike Weisenborn, began their fascination with the internet back when they attended Georgia Tech together in 1991. Neal later earned his PhD in 1994, just prior to founding ClearBuilt. Mike graduated with honors with his Masters in 1994. Kerry Wolf, has a degree from Emory University and came to work with ClearBuilt in 1995 as a graphic artist, completing the ClearBuilt team.

Their personal accomplishments include

- Website and Palm software developer for 3Com (the maker of Palm)
- Speaker/lecturer at numerous commercial construction industry conferences.
- Industry consultant for HP, CarrAmerica and Morgan Stanley
- Collaborative website projects with various associations: CSI, AIA, IAI and more.

Happily for us, ClearBuilt is a community service based company. They are actively involved with Jesse's House, both as our website design/hosting company as well as they participating in each of our "community involvement" days. They have invested a lot of "sweat equity" into Jesse's House. Neal,

Mike and Kerry were gracious enough to develop the current version of the Jesse's House web site, which launched in July 2003 and they continue to host and maintain the site for us. They have several upgrades planned for the very near future including a blog and the ability to accept on-line donations.

We at Jesse's House are proud to be affiliated with fine people like Neal, Mike and Kerry. It is wonderful people like them and companies like ClearBuilt that help make us make a happy home for our kids..

If you are interested in visiting the Jesse's House web site the address is www.jesseshouse.org. If you are interested in learning more about ClearBuilt Technologies, please visit their web site at www.clearbuilt.com.

Here is a really neat way to honor the father who has everything.

Remember that special husband, father, uncle, grandfather, Godfather etc., in your life, with our special Father's Day Card.

When we receive the form below, we will send your "Father" a lovely card, honoring him and relating to him that you have made a donation to Jesse's House in his 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 Father's Day.

Father'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 Father's Day Card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

This gift is made by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____



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Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please send honorary/in memory card to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

This gift is made by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship if applicable:

Our Girls' Summer Needs

Boy, how time flies! Once again summer is here and we are planning activities for Jesse's House girls. Donations of tickets to movies, bowling, White Water and Six Flags would provide a great opportunity for the Jesse's House summer needs. We also have a meal plan, where different groups and communities provide dinner for the girls. If you have any interest in providing the above or questions please call Keyana Brown at (678) 947-6217.

IN HONOR OF JOYCE TISOVEC

A donation was made to Jesse's House in honor of **Joyce Tisovec's** retirement from the Forsyth County School System by **Martha and Chris Lappe**. Joyce has been the Secretary of the Jesse's House Board of Director's since the shelter opened in 1998. Congratulations, Joyce!!