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NEWS FROM THE DRAKE HOUSE JULY 2016



July News

Our next decade of serving homeless families has begun! We are seeing a significant rise in single mother households who are homeless, in part because our lack of affordable housing in the North Fulton community. Please know that we are represented on every task force or committee which is studying these trends and our Board of Directors is committed to finding solutions that can further stabilize our families. We are seeing a significant number of referrals from our partners in

Sandy Springs, most notably the Community Assistance Center and our Fulton County Schools of North Springs and Riverwood High School Clusters. Over our ten year history, more than 100 of our families originated from south of the river. Bringing awareness to this issue is further challenged as we do not have physical presence in that community. Thanks to the incredible support of over four years, specifically from the Sandy Springs/Perimeter Chamber of Commerce, and their exceptional support of our Drake Closet resale boutiques, we will close that chapter! A special thank you goes out to Mr. Tom Mahaffey and Ms. Karen Trylovich, who have spearheaded advocacy efforts in the Sandy Springs area. We also thank a long-time corporate partner in UPS for hosting our recent fashion show (2nd year), which allows us to share our mission to the community. Watch for details soon on our newest Drake Closet store, which will be

Mission Statement



The Drake House provides short-term crisis housing, education and empowerment programs for homeless mothers and their children in north metro Atlanta, designed to assist the family in working toward self-sufficiency.

www.thedrakehouse.org

DONATE NOW

Your Donation is

located in the heart of Sandy Springs. And thank you to all who assisted and supported the 4th Annual Sandy Springs Fashion Show which raised \$35,000!

Warm regards,

Kathy Swahn
Executive Director

4th Annual Fashion Show
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***Events Benefitting The
Drake House***

August 21, 2016

***12th Annual Miss Mary's Ice
Cream Crankin'***

**Sponsorships Available!
Contact kppe@thedrakehouse.org**

**2:00 - 4:00 PM
Roswell Square, Roswell**

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Difference***

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Volunteering***

Interested in volunteering or donating items? Please visit our website at www.thedrakehouse.org for further information.

***Give a Mother the Gift of
Transportation***

Our most recent recipient!



" Thank you to all who have helped The Drake House because it has really helped us. In the midst of us becoming homeless, I lost a job but gained a better job. I gained a better situation for me and my daughter at The Drake House. They immediately helped us and it was the best experience I've ever had in my life. I love everyone at The Drake House. I want to thank all of you for everything you have ever done here because it helped me accomplish all that I have

today. I want to thank you all"

-Shataia, a graduate mom who spoke at our recent Cruising The World Fashion Show at the UPS World Headquarters



Your donation of a car is tax-deductible and will help a mother gain employment and get her child to daycare.



Donate Gift Cards

We use these cards to purchase fresh food for our families to supplement the food pantry and for materials to maintain their apartments. Gifts of gas cards ease transportation costs for our moms.

Please consider donating cards from Kroger, Publix, Home Depot, Walmart, gas stations

Thank you to our Fashion Show Committee

**Karen Trylovich, Chair,
Barbara Beardsley - UPS,**

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Photos courtesy of Courtney Goldman Photography



Kathy Swahn
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Food Pantry Wishlist

Jiffy Cornbread Mix
White & Brown Rice
Canned Pineapple

Canned Pears
Canned Mandarin Oranges
Pretzel
Chips

Cheese crackers
Fruit Gummi Snacks
Spaghetti Sauce
Microwavable Popcorn
Pancake Mix
Syrup

Tuna & Chicken Helper
Beef Soup with Veggies/Beef
Stew

Chicken Broth
Beef Broth
Canned Black Eyed Peas
Campbell's Chunky Soup w/
Beef

Canned Spinach
Canned Collard Greens
Canned Potatoes
Canned Refried Beans
Canned Yams

Ranch & Italian Dressing

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Farther***



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Summertime Fun at The Drake House

Our new Teen Center is getting lots of use this summer as middle and high school students come over during the day to socialize and play games while their mothers are at work. In addition, Fulton County ISD Tutors are providing 6 weeks of weekly tutoring, to keep our students at the top of their game in academics as well!

The families at TDH are experiencing the same challenges that all working mothers juggle in the summertime. Summer camp programs at the Alpharetta YMCA have been a huge help as well as free time activities there for our teens. Luckily the YMCA is on the MARTA line and hosts our families gratis. We are so grateful for the Alpharetta Y!



Other fun summer activities have been the JV Outreach summer dance program at Tolbert-Yilmaz School of Dance. Our youth, ages 10-18, are learning hip hop and salsa in lessons twice a week, and will perform for friends and family at the culmination of the 7 week course. The kids can't stop talking about the classes, and often give us a preview of their new moves!!

Next week 5 of our elementary students will experience overnight camp at Camp Lighthouse, in Talking Rock, GA. This will be a lifelong memory for our children as they experience hiking, swimming, boating and crafts as well as music and



Would you be willing to foster a family pet while mom and her children live at The Drake House? If you would like more information or to be put on our Foster Volunteer list, please [click here.](#)

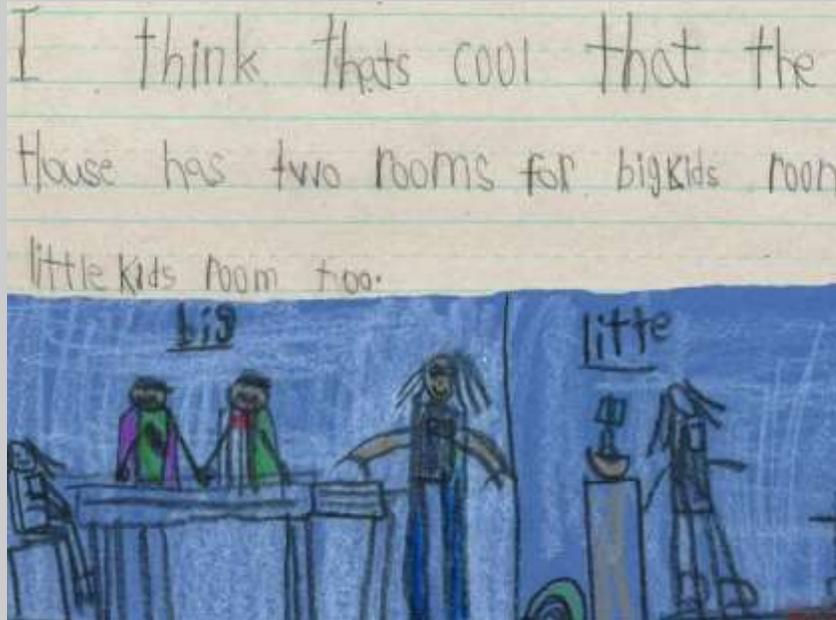


Board of Directors

worship. Many thanks to the Tanzy family and Mt Pisgah UMC for this invaluable opportunity.

Over the past 10 years we have changed the lives of 1,056 women and children who were homeless. *Thanks to you, single mothers and their children*

will sleep in a warm bed in their own apartment, well-nourished, and better off than the night before!



Help us continue to support these families for another 10 years with a donation of \$10. To donate, [click here](#).

Teen Center News

The teens recently completed a Teen Dating workshop series facilitated by Beverly Roseberry and wow what great conversation! There were many group discussions focused on what healthy relationships are, and how to identify them for themselves. The series is titled "How to avoid falling for a JERK (or jerkette)" and the teens were very forthcoming about their feelings on the unappealing behaviors they don't want in a partner.



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a Move-in basket for our
next family!**



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helped by cleaning and
painting in the
apartments...**

...and they had a little fun along the way!



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Roswell: 825 Mimosa Blvd • Roswell, 30075 • 678.682.3333

OPEN: Tuesday—Friday 10-5 • Saturday 10-4

Interested in Volunteering at The Drake Closet?

- Volunteers needed Tuesday—Saturday
- Complete application at thedrakehouse.org
- 2-3 hour shifts



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