



NEWS FROM THE DRAKE HOUSE September 2016



A Letter from the Board Chair



I first became aware of The Drake House more than 10 years ago when Temple Kehillat Chaim became a Neighbor to Neighbor sponsor of one of the original apartments. After a site visit, I was impressed with the scope and the rigor of the programs as well as the success of the organization in such a short time. It was an easy answer for me, when asked to join the Board of Directors five years ago.

I have had the honor of watching this grass roots charity blossom into a leader in the community in helping transition homeless mothers and their children to stable housing. The success rate of the graduates is a testament to the strength of the programming and leadership of the organization. TDH is currently debt free with a consistent fundraising cash flow. TDH has also successfully started two resale boutiques, The Drake Closets. We are in process of starting a third store in Sandy Springs. These stores help foster our brand in the community. Additionally, we were able to fund a huge renovation to our activity center, increasing room for a teen center and more! It's truly been an exciting time of growth and expansion. The work doesn't stop there. A major challenge inhibiting our

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.

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mother's ongoing success is the lack of affordable housing in North Fulton. This is no small problem and isn't isolated to just our community. Many metropolitan areas nationally face this same dilemma. Our current strategic plan tackles this problem head on. The next two years will prove to be a challenging time to explore how we as a charitable organization can help promote affordable housing for our graduate families, right here in our community.

It is an honor to serve on this board, and I look forward to the next two years of growth and success. With the incredible leadership of the staff and support of this very active working board, there is no telling how much we can impact the lives of more families who need our help! Thank you to all who support The Drake House!

Sincerely,

Karen Lee, Board Chair

Dear Christie,



Sorry this took so long but I just wanted to write and tell you how thankful and grateful I am to you and The Drake House program. When my family came here, we were really broke down financially, mentally, emotionally and physically. I was so depressed and so disappointed with how we had ended up "Homeless" even though I had graduated from nursing school. I was so concerned about my children and what I had taken them through. We slept on the floor for the last 3 years so it really felt like I was failing them. I felt guilty because I put myself and education before them. So as you can see I was a mess and I really believed that because I was homeless that I was poverty. But when I came to The Drake House and you gave me a tour and when you left I sat in the house and heard a voice that said, "you can rest now". I had never experienced that kind of peace in my life. From that point on, everyone showed me kindness and I felt like a human being again. I was encouraged. The Drake House met every single need that my family had. I watched my daughter become joyful and more confident. She wore her hat outside instead of her hair. She started telling kids that she had alopecia herself. Her countenance changed tremendously. And of course words cannot express how joyful it is to watch my teenager grow into the confident young man over these past months. My toddler always says "The Drake House" when we pass your street. I'm just so happy and at peace I was able to have some time for restoration financially, mentally, emotionally and most importantly my family. No we're not perfect but we are soooo much better. So thank you and thanks again.

***Your Donation is
Tax-deductible***

Save The Date

Events Benefitting The Drake House

September 17, 2016
Shop, Drop & Roll!
at Matilda's
377 S. Main St.
Alpharetta

**For more information or to
purchase concert tickets**

Shops open 10 - 4 PM
Concert doors open 7 PM
Concert 8:30 PM

October 15
Casino Night
Sponsored by LGE

October 29
Chili Cookoff
Willow Springs
2-6pm

November 17
GA Gives Day

More information to come in
our October newsletter

Gratefully yours,
Hope and Family

How You Can Make a Difference

Teen News

The teens participated in a two part robotics class this summer where they created their very own robots and with the use of software were able to make them active. The classes incorporated both a technical and art aspect to the workshop, so the teens were able to use both sides of their brain to be creative and employ their technical abilities. The class was facilitated by Gail Tate and the computers were donated from our supportive community.



Donations & Volunteering

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



Food Pantry Wishlist

Canned Fruit:
(Pineapple/ Peaches/Oranges/ Pear)
Vienna Sausage
Tomato Paste
Canned Black Olives
Grape Jelly
**Chunky Beef Soup w/
Veggies**
**Chunky Chicken Soup w/
Veggies**
Canned Chili
Saltine Crackers
Tuna & Chicken Helper
(not Hamburger)
Canned Collard Greens
Canned Turnip Greens
Canned Spinach
Canned Potatoes
Canned Yams
Instant Mashed Potatoes
**Suddenly Salad (Pasta
Salad)**
**Ranch and Italian Salad
Dressing**
Hot Chocolate
Honey
Bottled Water

It is with deep sorrow that we remember our long-time board member, Kacy Lewis, who passed away on August 22nd. Kacy was a dynamic friend to The Drake House, having served on our board for eleven years. Kacy was a realtor with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Roswell, and worked tirelessly



on our partnership with that amazing office, as well as serving as an advocate for our mission throughout her involvement with Roswell East and Roswell Rotary Clubs. She was always first in line at our fundraising events and even managed a few on our behalf. She was famous for calling in her personal shopping order at the Roswell Drake Closet, with almost drive-through service!

A memorial service honoring Kacy will be held at Roswell United Methodist Church on Wednesday, Sept 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.

Thank you Volunteers

Snack Food:

Girl Scouts Plant Tree



Girl Scout Troop #16149, which is part of the Chattahoochee Service Unit in East Cobb was asked to hang a note of hope to christen the tree. Here's how a few of the notes read:

- hope it's a place where kids play
- hope it's a place where people love
- hope it's a place where flowers grow
- hope it's a tree full of blooms

Pretzels
Cheese Crackers
Rice Krispy Bars
Animal Crackers
Teddy Grahams
Chips
Microwavable Popcorn
Fruit Gummies
Juice Boxes
Raisins
Applesauce

Toiletries:
Baby Oil
Tampons
Children's Toothpaste
Panty Liners

Other:
Once n' Door Floor Cleaner
Liquid Dish Wash
Mops
Shout Clothing Spot Remover
Twin Zipper Mattress
Protectors
Small Wall Clocks
Ironing Board Covers
Large Paper Plates
Tall Kitchen Trash Bags

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, Home Depot, Walmart, Amazon, Dollar Tree, Trader Joe's Office Max/Depot

Apartment Makeovers Continue



Donate Stock

We are happy to accept your donations of stock, which are fully tax-deductible. To make a stock donation, please email Kathy Swahn at kswahn@thedrakehouse.org or call 770-587-4712 x302



Give a Mother the Gift of Transportation

Our most recent recipient!



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

Make Your Shopping Go Farther

Thank you sponsors, crankers, and volunteers for helping make Miss Mary's Ice Cream Crankin' 2016 a successful event. Our 12th annual Crankin was held on August 21st, attracted close to 3,000 people and raised almost \$50,000!



Ice Cream Crankers

AEC, Inc.
Alpharetta Presbyterian Church
American Honda Finance Corp. Philanthropy Team
AT&T Georgia
Atlanta Academy
Buckley Dental Care
Catamount Constructors
Christ United Methodist Church
Coldwell Banker CARES Foundation
Consolidated Risk Solutions
Enhanced Wellness
First Baptist Church Roswell
Gate City Brewing Company
Historic Roswell Kiwanis
Kimberly Clark Women's Interactive Network
Leadership North Fulton (LNF)
Marietta Counseling for Children & Adults
Morningstar Mini Storage
National Charity League (Gardenia)
Northbrook United Methodist Church
Optimal Hearing Systems
Randall-Paulson Architects
Ronald Blue & Co
First Baptist Church Roswell
Roswell Junior Women's Club



Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to us! Go to smile.amazon.com and select The Drake House.



To register your Kroger card, go to [Kroger Community Rewards](https://www.kroger.com/rewards) and select The Drake House.

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 Temple Kehillat Chaim
 The Drake House Board of Directors
 Troop 87 Boy Scouts
 Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Women's Ministry



With only 2 hours and over 160 flavors to test, it was hard to determine this year's winners. The winning flavors were:

Chocolate Based

- 1st Place - Morningstar Storage - Nutella Oreo Crunch
- 2nd Place - Roswell Presbyterian Church - Rocky Road with Almonds

Vanilla Based

- 1st Place - Zion Missionary Baptist Church - Leslie's Vanilla
- 2nd Place- Troop 87 - Best of Both Worlds

Fruit Based

- 1st Place- American Honda Finance Corp. -Lemon Basil
- 2nd Place- Zion Missionary Baptist Church - Apple Pie

Other

- 1st Place- Randall Paulson Architects - Pumpkin Pie
- 2nd Place- Ronald Blue & Company - Key Lime Pie

Natasha Robinson
 Tisha Rosamond
 Rev. Dr. Ollie Wagner
 Anu Whitaker

President Emeritus:

Kathy Swahn
 Tedra Cheatham
 Freda Hardage
 Craig Dryden
 David Hammond





Congratulations to our other Ice Cream winners:

Ice Cream Eating:

- 6-8 yr olds
- 1st -Sam Moradi & Jake Smith
- 2nd Beck Billup
- 9-11 yr olds
- 1st - Henry Lott
- 2nd Sailor O'Rear
- 12-14 yr olds
- 1st Joseph Meeks

Ice Cream Stacking:

- 6-8 yr olds
- 1st Kylie Westbury
- 2nd Isabel Zechis & Lea Mechedi
- 9-11 yr olds
- 1st Henry Lott
- 12-14 yr olds
- 1st Joseph Courchene & Avery Symons



Many thanks to this year's ICC Committee

Penny Anne Machemehl - Chair, Bonita Brown, Beth Burns, Karen Faber, Tristan Hammond, Diana Hopkins, Sally Kadrich, Pam Kikkert, Genille McElvey, Dianne McNaughton, Jennifer Rains, Dana Robinson, and John Vaughan



Penny Anne Machemehl commented, "The ICC is a great work of so many people from varied walks of life coming together to support The Drake House. Whether committee member, ice cream cranker, sponsor, volunteer or patron, it takes each and everyone to make this wholesome family fun day a success! I am honestly grateful to be a part of this unique FUNdraiser."



Upcoming Events

September 17



Shop, Drop Roll

An evening of Art & Music to benefit
Drake House

SHOP | from 10-4 @ Matilda
Artists' Market of local
artwork, boutiques, candles
+ more!

DROP | Please bring gently
used women's Fall clothes
shoes + accessories to donate
The Drake Closet stores

ROLL | Live music by Mud
They will be performing in
outdoor music venue at
Matilda's! (Bring a lawn chair
as seating is limited)

A percentage of all sales from
the market + concert will
be donated towards The Drake House

Saturday 09.17

Shops Open 10-4 | Concert Doors open at 7 | Co



TICKETS:

\$20 Social Ticket - Includes admission and light appetizers (cash bar available)

\$35 Tourist Ticket - includes admission, light appetizers, 2 drink tickets, and \$4,000 House Money*

\$50 High Roller Ticket - Includes admission, light appetizers, 3 drink tickets, and \$6,000 House Money* with Add-On option
 Add-On: \$10 per \$1,000 in House Money. Only available with purchase of High Roller ticket. Max 4 Add-Ons per High Roller ticket.
 Buy-Back: \$10 per \$500 in House Money to buy-back on the night of the event. Available with the purchase of any ticket. No limit.

Benefitting the following charities:

Calvary Childrens Home - Next Step Ministries - SafePath - Warehouse of H
 MUST Ministries - Paulding CASA - City of Refuge - Racheal's Rest - McKenna
 The Drake House - Boys & Girls Clubs

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ALSO AVAILABLE

To purchase tickets or become a sponsor please contact Shannon Moats at 770-421-2539.

Rules: Must be 21 to enter. Gaming will occur between 6:30pm and 9:30pm, after which House Money will be exchanged for raffle tickets. **Once all House Money has been exchanged, Maximum 3 drink tickets per attendee.**

*In accordance with Georgia law, House Money is not redeemable



Your SMILE Can Help Local Women and Children in Need.

On Wednesday October 26th, Dr. Callicutt and Dayries will be hosting a charity event to benefit The Drake House in Roswell.

Please join us at our office and receive Take Home Whitening for \$250 (a \$ value). All proceeds will benefit homeless women and children.

Please tell a friend and call our office to schedule an appointment (770) 753-0067

Time to Re-enroll Your Kroger Card



Give back to the Drake House every time you shop at Kroger! Your enrollment in Community Rewards needs to be renewed each year. Please click on the link below and select The Drake House as your local charity of choice.
<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow>.

The Drake Closet

a boutique benefitting The Drake House



Two locations for your shopping convenience

Alpharetta: 26 Old Roswell St • Alpharetta, 30009 • 678.311.1111

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



The Drake Closet is on **facebook**. Please Like Us!