



# The Drake House News

November 8, 2016

## November News

As we approach our season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded that each November is nationally recognized as Hunger and Homelessness Awareness month. The week prior to the holiday, our North Fulton Continuum of Care will be launching social media messaging each day to bring startling statistics on poverty, relative to both the Atlanta Metro area, but also specifics on the growth of poverty in our North Fulton community. Our Continuum of Care partners include: North Fulton Community Charities, the Community Assistance Center in Sandy Springs, Family Promise of North Fulton and DeKalb, HomeStretch, Mary Hall Freedom House, Roswell Housing Authority as well as Habitat North Fulton. We meet quarterly to discuss the growth of suburban poverty and gaps in service. Collectively, we work together not to duplicate services, but look at the *common good* of our efforts to serve people that are struggling to maintain their presence in our community.

Please "like" us on Facebook so that you can receive our data, and please share this information with your circle of influence. Together, we truly can make a difference to so many in need.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday!

Kathy Swahn  
*Executive Director*



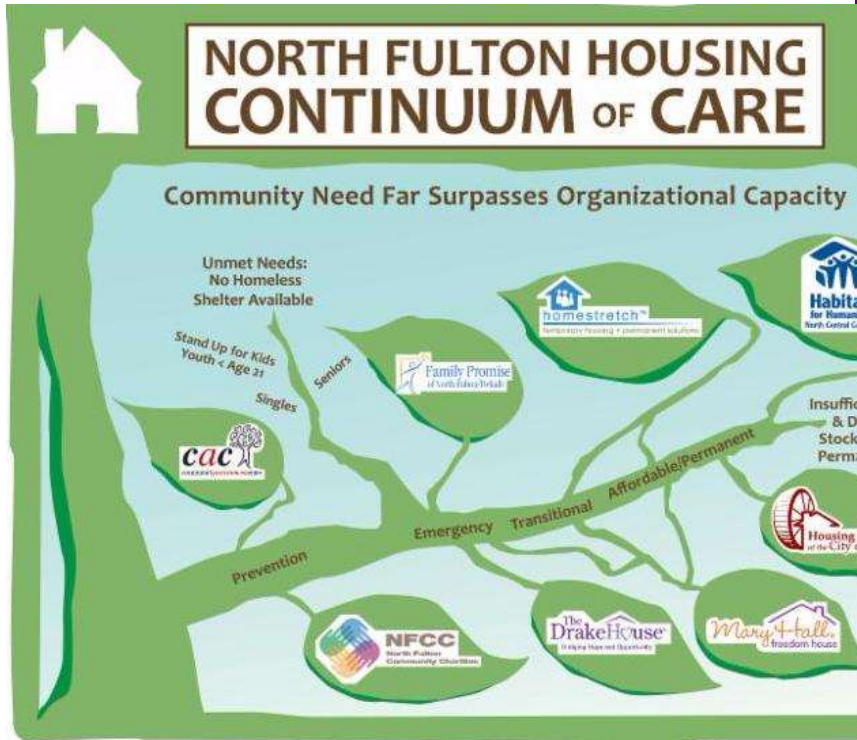
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## *Mission Statement*



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.



**DONATE NOW**

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

**Save The Date**

**Events Benefitting The Drake House**

**Saturday, November 12**  
**Grandiose Grape - Fall Wine Festival**  
**at The Mill Kitchen and Bar**

**Thursday, November 17**  
**GA Gives Day**

**Sunday, November 20**  
**Skate Night at Avalon**

***How You Can Make a Difference***

***Donations & Volunteering***

Interested in volunteering or donating items? Please visit our website at [www.thedrakehouse.org](http://www.thedrakehouse.org) for further information.

**Celebrating Success**



We congratulate our resident, Cece for obtaining the "Employee of the Month" at her employer here in North Fulton. She continues to add significant value to the clients she works with and has a true passion for her chosen profession. The Drake House loves to celebrate the success of our residents and we raise our hats to Cece! Fabulous work to a fabulous woman! Congrats!!

## After School Program

The Drake Center is hopping with activities and children as we kicked off our new after school program on Nov 7th. We are pleased to add 2 new staff members to operate the program, which will allow children to ride the school bus home every day after school. We will also be providing all day care on the non-holiday school closings, such as election day. Two Fulton County School District teachers will be providing tutoring for the students, and volunteers will be sharing their indoor and outdoor hobbies and gifts with the children. Please contact Caroline Choe at [cchoe@thedrakehouse.org](mailto:cchoe@thedrakehouse.org), should you be interested in sharing in the fun.



Drake House children looking forward to their first day in the after school program



### Food Pantry Wishlist

Canned Pineapple  
Canned Garbanzo Beans  
Hamburger-Tuna-Chicken Helper  
Mac n' Cheese  
Ramen Noodles:  
Chicken/Beef  
White Rice  
Hot Chocolate  
Honey  
Cereal  
Stove Top Oatmeal  
5 lb Bags of Sugar  
5 lb. Bags Flour  
Picnic Salt & Pepper Shakers  
Fruit Gummies  
Raisins  
Applesauce

Toiletries:  
Body Lotion  
Pump Hand Soap  
Size 5 Diapers  
Kleenex

Other:  
Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
Once n' Door Floor Cleaner  
Tall Kitchen Trash Bags  
Large Outdoor Trash Bags  
HE Liquid Laundry Detergent

*Donate Gift Cards*



**Meet After School Program Coordinator Caroline Choe (L) and Program Assistant Vicky Porcari (R)**

**After a year of traveling the world, Caroline Choe chose Roswell as her home. She brings 4 years of learning center experience and is fluent in Spanish. Caroline is a graduate of UNC at Chapel Hill and is a past resident of Charlotte, NC.**

**Vicky Porcari brings more than 30 years of experience, raising 5 children with her husband and relocating 6 times in 5 states! She is a graduate of The University of Dayton and is originally from Pennsylvania.**



*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

***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](mailto:kswahn@thedrakehouse.org) or call 770-587-4712 x302

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

*Our most recent recipient!*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

# The Drake Closet New Sandy Springs Store GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH, 6 TO 9 PM

**Help Stock the Store:  
Donate your gently worn ladies' clothing!  
Shop for the Holidays:  
Great Selection of New Gifts for Sale!**

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
THE DRAKE HOUSE

6030 SANDY SPRINGS CIRCLE, SANDY SPRINGS, GA 30328  
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**Thank you Volunteers**

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*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***



Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to us! Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select The Drake House.



To register your Kroger card, go to **Kroger Community Rewards** and select The Drake House.

Halloween Fun at The Drake House



**Marcus Mello and Michael Knerr from Randall-Paulson Architects, Incorporated sponsored a fun autumn inspired art class for our elementary aged children. They had fun experimenting with different shaped leaves to create their masterpieces!**



**State Farm Digital's volunteer work group helped to spruce up the grounds by pruning, watering, raking and blowing leaves, cleaning garden benches and even organized the garden shed!**



**Performance Plus**  
volunteers stopped by to sort the enormous donation from Verizon Wireless's food drive.



**A coat drive sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. of Phi Phi Omega Chapter produced over 40 warm coats of all sizes for our families.**



## **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, November 12**





For more information or to purchase tickets, [click here](#).

## Thursday, November 17

On Thursday, November 17th The Drake House is participating in Georgia Gives Day. Georgia Gives Day celebrates the great work of nonprofits and reminds us of all they do to add value to our communities.

Please support us during this campaign and Give Where You Live by making a donation through the Georgia Gives Day program. Your support can help us continue to improve lives and Build the Bridge of Hope and Opportunity.

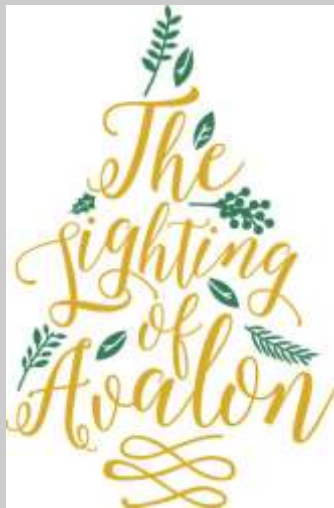


We hope to raise \$10,000 during this campaign. Once we reach \$2,500, SunTrust will provide us with a match. Donations at any level are appreciated and assist us in furthering the success of our families.





## Sunday, November 20



On Sunday, November 20th, Avalon will kick-off the holiday season in support of The Drake House. This year Avalon is partnering with Northside Hospital with numerous holiday children's activities including face painting and ice skating. In the evening, The Lighting of Avalon Holiday spectacular will feature Santa and the Lighting of the Tree. Throughout the season, shoppers will be invited to donate gifts and then receive \$3 off Avalon on Ice for that day. Shoppers may also find special give-a-ways for supporting us. Additionally, there will be

opportunities to donate at the Santa House and at Gift Wrap. Please bring your family, friends, and neighbors out to this wonderful family friendly event supporting The Drake House.



This holiday season, Thomas Eye Group is donating \$50 to The Drake House for every LASIK procedure we perform between November 1st and

December 31. Watch this video to learn more -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch>

**Thank You for Your Support**

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Metro Diner hosted a Pre-Grand Opening event on the weekend of



October 22nd and 23rd to benefit The Drake House and STARHouse Foundation. The weekend event raised over \$4,000 for both organizations. Charity Chancellor, managing partner says she is excited about being in the area and working with such great not-for-profits. "This event is a win for everyone."

### Many Thanks to the Following for Your Support:

- AT & T Finance and Billing
- Matilda's Market and Concert
- Atlanta Plays it Forward - TGIF concert at Chukkar Farm
- Willow Springs - Chili Cookoff

### Our Sponsors





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