



The Drake House News December 14, 2016

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Holiday Greetings from Our House to Yours

We are so grateful to be able to serve the many mothers and children that call The Drake House home.

We have had another amazing year marked well by your confidence in our work. It's very evident through your level of continued support over the past ten years and it is important that we say thank you for your gifts of time, talent and treasure!

One of my blessings is to have the opportunity to lead this organization, not only because of the life-changing work we are doing for our families, but also because I work with the most talented team of staff members you can imagine. I want to take this moment to say thank you to what I call our 'Drake House Dream Team'. They give tirelessly of their time and expertise day after day to lift up our residents, the children and now many alumni families.

Positive results demand positive energy, and it abounds in our Drake Center.

On behalf of this amazing staff, we send our best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and Happy New Year to our board, advisory council, Neighbor-to-Neighbor partners, hundreds of volunteers and donors. Together, we can truly change the world one family at a time!



Warm regards,

Kathy Swahn

Mission Statement



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

[Visit our Website!](#)

[DONATE NOW](#)

Your support is needed to help our homeless mothers

Executive Director

Glad Tidings Abound

During this holiday season, we receive an outpouring of love from our generous and compassionate community. The desire to ensure that each of our families are well provisioned for Christmas is shown in multiple ways. Each family is asked for a wish list for presents which are provided by the Neighbor to Neighbor sponsor for their apartment. We have a fun filled Christmas Party with professional photos with Santa, who is delivered by a big red firetruck, much to the children's delight. And the moms connected with their creative side as they designed and made wreaths for their front doors and made DIY holiday gifts to give to special people in their lives.

Many, many thanks to all of you, known and unknown, who truly make this a Christmas to remember for all of our families.



and children. Don't forget to make your donation by 12/31 - it's Tax-Deductible.

Save The Date

December 28

Avalon on Ice
5pm to 10pm

How You Can Make a Difference

Donations & Volunteering

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

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

After School Program News

Our after school program has gotten off to a great start, with 9 students attending the program. The children are enjoying lots of outdoor play, crafts, games and of course, tutoring help with homework!



We would love to have your help. Do you have a hobby, skill or interest that you would like to share with our children? Do you play chess, knit, play an instrument or sport, write, paint or draw? Please consider sharing your passion with our students to expose them to enrichment activities that they can continue to enjoy even after leaving our program.

We are also in need of volunteer help from 3:00-7:00pm Monday through Friday. Please register as a volunteer on our website or contact [Melinda Szegedi](#) with any questions.



Giving Back

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 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.



Randall Paulson team creates art with our kiddos each year. This year the theme: sunset. The project was created by Janet Ellis of RP and this year's art auction winner was Bill Peltier of William J. Peltier, PE.

Thank you so much for your continued support!



Thank you to Fulton County Commissioner Liz Hausmann for introducing The Drake House to Archer Western Contractors and Brown & Caldwell. We were the lucky recipients of proceeds from their annual golf tournament.



Food Pantry Wishlist

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Snack food Items (chips/cheese crackers/animal crackers /raisins/cookies)
- Hamburger Helper (Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken)
- Ramen Noodle Soup:
 - Chicken/Beef
 - Ketchup
- Breakfast Bars
- Fruit Snacks
- Honey
- Chicken/Beef Broth
- Canned Mixed Vegetables

Toiletries:

- Body Lotion
- Body Wash
- Boxes of Kleenex

Other:

- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Large Outdoor Trash Bags
- Paint Brushes for Arts & Crafts
- Play-doh
- Stencils
- (10) Sleeping Mats

Make Your Shopping Go Farther



Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible



Help Wanted

The Drake Closet seeks friendly volunteers who would like to come in on a regular basis for one or two shifts weekly at any of our 3 Drake Closet locations.

[Read more...](#)

Can't commit to weekly volunteering? The Drake Closet can still use your help! We need ladies fall clothing, coats, shoes & handbags for both of our stores....so whether you need to clean out your own closet or you might be interested in conducting a clothing drive on our behalf, we'd love to have your help! Please call the stores for more information: Roswell 678-682-3551 or Alpharetta 678-319-1410.

Avalon on Ice



Please join us for a special Avalon on Ice Skate Night benefiting The Drake House on Wednesday, December 28th from 5PM to 10PM. 10% of all ticket sales from the skate night will be donated to The Drake House. For information and more ways to give [click here](#).

products to us! Go to smile.amazon.com and select The Drake House.



To register your Kroger card, go to [Kroger Community Rewards](#) and select The Drake House.

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Neighbor 2 Neighbor Sponsors

November Volunteer Groups

Volunteers are vital to the success of our Drake House families. Our mothers and children thrive due to the generosity of service of time and talent. If your group would like to schedule time to volunteer in 2017, please contact [Melinda Szegedi](#).

- Brady ware and Company
- General Motors IT
- Northpoint Community Church
- SWM
- UPS International Export



Brady Ware & Company

**Reported
Volunteer
Hours:**

November - 575
Year to Date - 10,435

- Roswell Presbyterian
- Northbrook UMC
- Temple Kehillat Chaim
- Northview Church of Christ
- Zion Missionary Baptist
- First Baptist Roswell
- St. James UMC
- North River Baptist
- Alpharetta UMC
- Alpharetta Presbyterian
- St. David's Episcopal
- St. Thomas Aquinas



November Sponsors

- Gold - Verizon
- Silver - Catamount Construction
- Bronze - Rotary Club of Alpharetta and State Farm
- Patron - Callicut & Dayries LLC, Friends for Life Foundations, SWM, Willow Springs, Sirmen's, William Peltier and Associates, Inc., Northview High School Drama, John's Creek High School Basketball Program





Holiday Donations

