



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.

January News

The year 2016 has come to a close and what a wonderful year it was for The Drake House! Thanks to your generous support, we were able to serve 47 single mothers with their 81 children. That is 128 people that called The Drake House home in 2016. In November, we also were able to pilot an After-School Program for our Kindergarten through 8th grade children at no cost to mom, which has relieved her personal expenses significantly, as well as given her an extra two to three hours a day for a more flexible work schedule. We are thrilled to have opened a third Drake Closet location in Sandy Springs where almost 40% of our families originate!



As we enter 2017, we will continue to explore ways to expand our programming for our families and our alumni. The growth of poverty our community continues to spread and our non-profit partners pledge to advocate for more affordable housing options and increased public transportation for the many families who live on the edge. Together, we can strive to offer a balance of options for all who live, work and worship in our North Fulton Community.

Happy New Year!

Kathy Swahn
Executive Director

Make a Difference



Your support is needed to help our homeless mothers

and children. Click on the DONATE button now.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 14th 9am-1pm

Another Broken Egg
10800 Alpharetta Hwy
Roswell, GA 30075

Tuesday, January 17th

Your Pie
625 W. Crossville Rd
Roswell, GA 30075

Volunteer in 2017

Volunteers are vital to the success of The

Life Skills Workshops in 2016!!

What an incredible year of learning and growing at The Drake House. Topics for 2016 included:

- *Financial Peace University*
- *Mock Interviewing*
- *How to Set Healthy Boundaries in Relationships*
- *Nutrition and Meal Planning*
- *Teaching Your Children Values*
- *Stress Reduction through Yoga and Art*

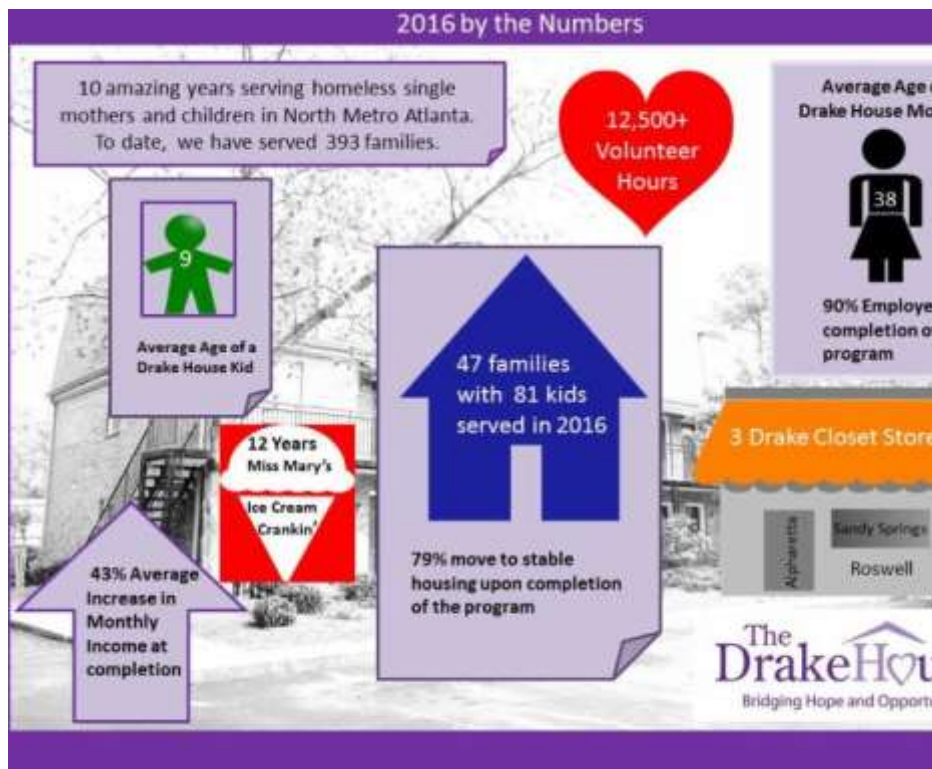


Our life skills classes are the top take away for our families Added to the schedule for 2017: Defensive Driving Classes. We continually strive to find impactful topics to help strengthen our families. We are looking forward to a new year filled with "Ah Ha" moments and the confidence that our families gain from our Life Skills Workshops.

Drake House. Our mothers and children thrive due to the generosity of service of time and talent. If you would like to volunteer, please [Click here](#) to complete the online application. If your group would like to schedule time to volunteer in 2017, please contact [Melinda Szegedi](#).

VOLUNTEER HOURS

- December: 792
- 2016 Total: 12,586+ - 2016
- volunteers: 1062
- Volunteer groups: 61



Donate Gift

Car
ds



We need gift

cards to purchase groceries for the food pantry and for materials to maintain the apartments. Gas cards ease transportation costs for our moms.

The Teen Program

Please consider purchasing a card on your next trip to: Kroger, Home Depot, Amazon, Dollar Tree, Trader Joe's, Office Max/Depot and Walmart.



Donate Stock

We are happy to accept your donations of stock and legacy gifts. Contact [Kathy Swahn](#) or call 770-587-4712 x302 to make arrangements.



The Gift of a Car



Do you have a car that your not using?

Your donation of a car will help a mother gain and stabilize employment. It also allows her more childcare options. Contact [Christy Merritt](#) for more details.

2016 offered many great experiences to The Drake House Teens. Last year, the teens had their first fishing trip and robotics class. They also enjoyed delving into the topics of teen dating, financial literacy, career exploration, personal safety and self- defense, yoga, art, stress management and character education. Thank you to the many volunteers for their tireless support that make these programs happen.

Christmas Surprise



One Drake House mom received an early Christmas gift. Two days before Christmas, a generous Alpharetta Rotary Club member donated a car. This mom truly needed reliable and safe transportation to get to her late shift job at an assisted living facility in Buckhead. The donor heard that she was often unable to use public

transportation to get home late at night and had to walk from the North Springs MARTA station. She's overjoyed at all the opportunities that The Drake House has given her during her stay. Thank you donors and volunteers who have helped change lives of our families.



Current Needs

Food:
Spaghetti Sauce
Raisins
Hamburger Helper (Hamburger/Tuna/Chicken)
Ramen Noodle Soup: Chicken/Beef

Career Coach's Corner

This past year was a wonderful collection of "New Beginnings!" In 2016, I started as the Career Coach and have worked with some amazing and talented individuals. The families who come into The Drake House have

remarkable life journeys and they understand the blessing the overall programming is for the entire family. Last year, our moms achieved many employment advancements:

- Promoted to sustainable wage
- Negotiated a higher wage
- Secured their first professional interview
- Negotiated a work schedule aligned with public transportation schedule
- Earned "Employee of the Month"
- Learned online application process
- Learned about Behavioral Event Interview
- Recognized a family budget and wages needed to support HOUSING

Our moms experienced an average increase in income of 43% and 90% were employed upon graduating from The Drake House. The Career Services Team of staff members and volunteers, provide a well-rounded career support system for our families. If you are interested in joining our volunteer team or becoming an employment partner, please contact [Kathy Woerner](#)



Drake Closet Volunteers Wanted

The Drake Closet seeks volunteers to help out on a weekly basis at any of our THREE locations. Shifts are 2-3 hours and can be done with a friend. Volunteering at The Drake Closet is better in pairs - pairs of shoes, pairs of pants, pairs of gloves...and a pair of friends.

You can also support us by bringing in your gently used women's clothing and accessories. First, our mothers need these for interviews. Secondly, we need items to stock our stores. We need ladies winter clothing, coats, shoes & handbags for all 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!

Contact our Store Manager, [Kim Jackson](#) for more information on volunteering at one of the stores or donating.

Thank You to Our Major 2016 Sponsors

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Bags

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