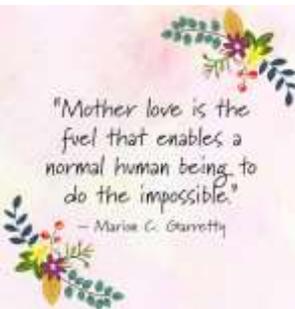




*The Drake House provides short-term crisis housing, education and empowerment programs for homeless single mothers and their children in North Metro Atlanta, designed to provide stability for the children and assist the family in working toward self-sufficiency.*

...since 2006

## Celebrating Motherhood



The Drake House mission is to serve mothers who are struggling with the balancing act of singly providing food, shelter, clothing, well-care, medical care, education, transportation, child care, and much more. In her struggles, she works hard to keep her chin up, her attitude positive all while keeping her children close...and safe. Our moms may have one or five children, but their unique perspectives to meeting their challenges head-on inspires us every day. We see mothers who come to us with very little, but

they embrace our housing, life skills programming and professional services to lift themselves up. Their children thrive, grow and learn through our student programming. Our moms can again be inspired, confident, employed, stable and saving! She gets back to being the strong role model and example of success for her children that she had always planned to be, and all of the family members can and do succeed in setting attainable goals.

So, as we celebrate the beautiful month of May, we also say that "All Mothers Matter". Thank you for supporting our "All Mothers Matter" campaign as we work to serve the many families who come to our doors for support. Celebrate with your mother or celebrate her memory. Share a story about your mother with your friends...and celebrate her uniqueness.

Kathy Swahn  
Executive Director

## Make a Difference

Your support is needed to help our homeless mothers



and children.

## Ways to Give

Consider [Sponsoring a Drive](#) to help fill the shelves of our pantry

[Donate Gift Cards](#)

[Donate to the Pantry](#)

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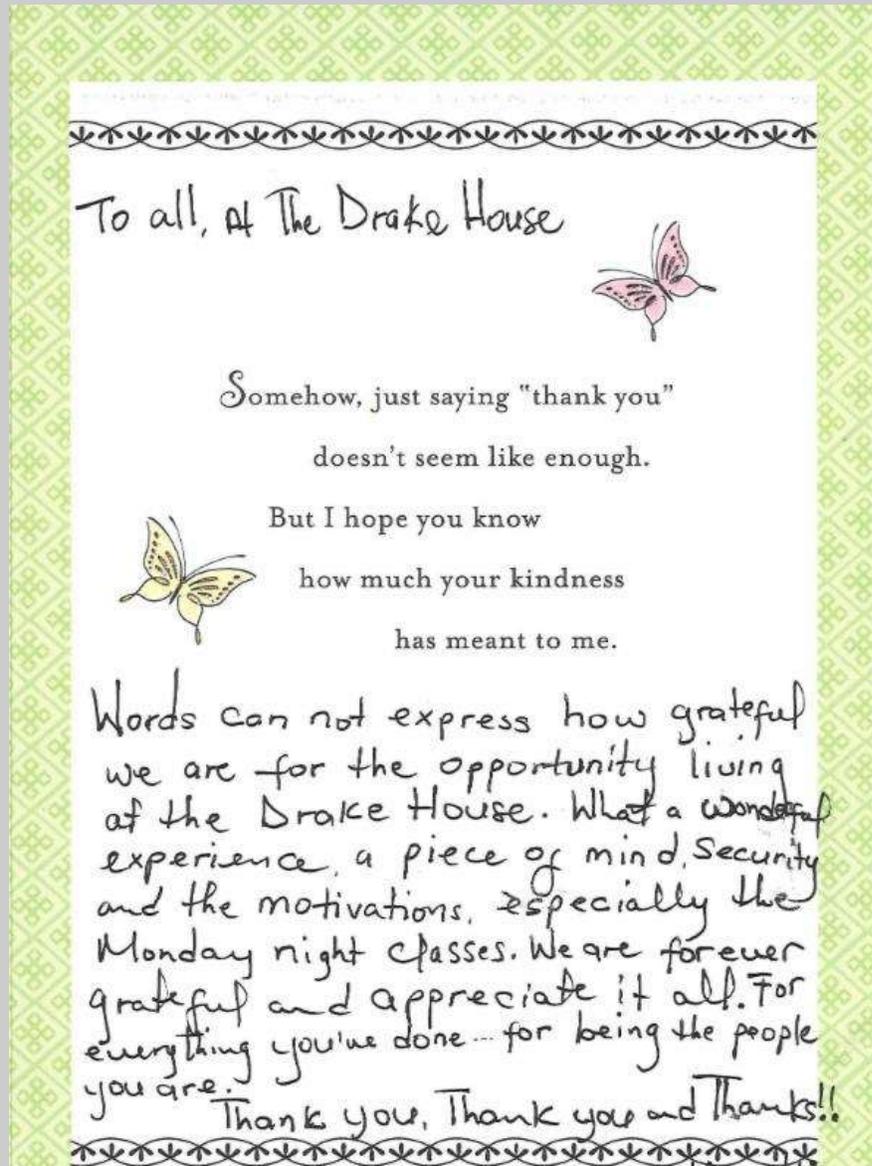
[Donate a Car](#)

[Host a Fundraiser](#)

## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June

## A Thankful Drake House Mom



13th 5:30 - 9:30pm  
Drake Closet Fashion  
Show - UPS World  
Headquarters

(See flyer in this newsletter  
for more information)



Monday, June 19th  
LGE  
Ed Collins Community  
Outreach Golf  
Tournament

### Save The Date



Sunday, August 27th  
2 - 4pm  
13th Annual Miss  
Mary's Ice Cream  
Crankin'

Contact [Holly York](#) for  
sponsor or Crankin' info.

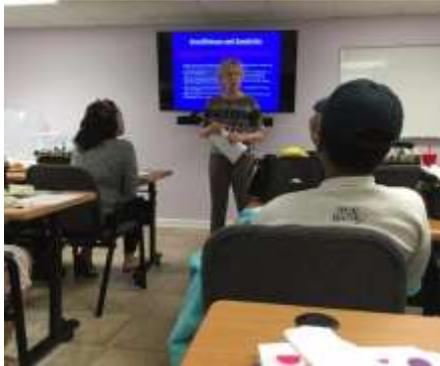
### March Volunteers

384 hours  
2774 hrs YTD  
122 Individuals

#### Work groups:

The Apple Store  
Benson IMS

## Teaching Your Children Values



What is the most important thing that we must do as parents? The answer, easier said than done, is to teach our children values. Our values influence every decision and form the foundation for our successes.

Volunteer, Sandi Ross is a retired therapist who served as our subject matter expert to facilitate our mothers' workshop. We explored the 12 core values: honesty, courage, peaceability, self-reliance/potential, self-discipline/moderation, fidelity/chastity, loyalty/dependability, respect, love, unselfishness/sensitivity, kindness/friendliness, and justice/mercy. We learned that possessing these values is an integral part in modeling and teaching them to our children.

## After School Program



**CAST (Christian Anglers Serving Together)** taught a couple of our after-school students how to fish. They spent the morning patiently catching large brim fish and trout for the first time, and then treated to a delicious lunch at Chick-fil-A.



The Gap  
YMSL  
NCL: Milton,  
Alpharetta and Gardinia  
RPC Women's Circles  
RUMC dinner team

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We need volunteers to help us keep The Drake House and Drake Closet grounds spruced up during the spring and summer months. Contact **Melinda Szegedi** if you can help out.

## The Drake House Leadership

### Board of Directors

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Girl Scout Troop #15156 helped the children plant spring flowers and painted faces

## Leasing Managers Eager to Help

The Drake House social work team hosted a breakfast meeting with local apartment leasing managers in order to develop a relationship and discuss the housing barriers that our moms face due to past evictions and poor credit scores. The meeting went well and the leasing managers are eager to work with moms from The Drake House. We look forward to continuing to develop these relationships and with other leasing managers. If you know of anyone with a rental home, apartment, etc., please contact Intake Coordinator, **Kelli Tolbert**.



David Hammond  
Kathy Swahn

## Neighbor to Neighbor Partners

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

## Thank you to our Supporters



## We love our Volunteers!



The **Gap** team cleaned apartments for a new Drake House Family



**St. Teresa's Circle of St. Jude's Parish** made Easter baskets for all The Drake House children



Mother's day baskets made by **Women on a Mission** at **Roswell First Baptist**



*Thank you to attorney  
Laura Smith, PC for  
assisting us in the title work  
for the acquisition of The  
Drake Village!*



**Kathy Wiggins**, a Drake House volunteer makes "Fun Bags" for every child that enters our program

## Thank you to Our April 2017 Corporate Donors

### Silver \$5,000 +

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### Bronze \$2,500 +



### Supporter \$500 +

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AT & T

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LLP

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### Friend \$250 +

McCamish Systems

\* recurring giving

**5th Annual Fashion Show**

SSPC  
Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber

The Drake House  
Atlanta, Georgia

# 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

Proceeds Benefiting: **The Drake House & Drake Closet**

## SPARKLE, SHINE, CELEBRATE

UPS World Headquarters  
55 Glenlake Parkway NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30328

Tuesday | June 13th, 2017  
5:30pm till 9:30 pm

*Food & Wine Bar will be Provided*

Pre-Register Online at [www.sspchamber.org](http://www.sspchamber.org)

Minimum Donation  
SSPC Member **\$30.00**  
Non-Members **\$35.00**

Limited reserved tables for 8 available for \$300

Entertainment by Pianist Steve Long  
presented by Jim Kelley of Kelly, Sarracino, Toole & Elliott LLP

Join the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber in supporting The Drake Closet for our 5th Annual Fashion Show on Tuesday, June 13th! We'll have food, fun and fashion to entertain you and your friends while raising money for The Drake House. You can also shop with a purpose at The Drake Closet Pop-Up Shop, where we'll have a wide assortment of donated clothing, shoes & handbags as well as new jewelry, candles and gifts. Tickets on sale now! [Click here to purchase.](#)



2016 Fashion Show and Pop Up Shop