



*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



## Happy Birthday to The Drake House!

On June 12th we celebrated our eleventh year of serving local families experiencing homelessness. We have just accepted our 408th mother, with a total of 749 children served. We are very grateful to our community who has supported us through our mission to serve single mothers and their children.

We are excited to announce that we are doubling our capacity with the recent purchase of our new Drake Village! The Drake Village is located right next door to The Drake House. The sixteen unit apartment complex will offer an extended time to our graduate families as they work toward a higher level of stability and self-sufficiency in our community. We are currently working with HomeAid Atlanta as we bring the complex up to the standards that we require to offer safe and sanitary housing to our families. We anticipate starting to house families in our new program early next year.

In the meantime, we have kicked off our "Building the Bridge" capital campaign to raise the funds to pay for this acquisition. If you would like further information on this effort or any additional information on The Drake House or The Drake Village, please give me a call!



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](#)

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## Upcoming Events

## After-School Program - Summer Activities

After the school year came to a close, a group of after-school students received scholarships to attend the Alpharetta Family YMCA summer camp. They spend the majority of the day at the YMCA swimming, hiking, and doing a variety of craft projects before getting picked up by our After-School Program staff and brought to The Drake House. There, along with volunteers and Fulton County teachers, they receive tutoring and enjoy enrichment activities for the rest of the afternoon.



## Father-Son Duo: After-School Volunteers

Christian MacMillan and his teenage son, Reese, volunteer with the The Drake House After-School Program on Monday afternoons. They've done a wide range of activities with our K-7th grade group, including science kits, homework help, and outdoor games. The kids always look forward to spending time with our dedicated father-son duo.



## It's Time to get Crankin'!

The 13th Annual Miss Mary's Ice Cream Crankin' is set for Sunday August 27th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in Historic Roswell Square. Each year close to 50 dedicated Corporate, Civic, Faith and Family Crankers, make over 100 varieties of homemade ice cream to serve during the event. They compete for top



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.

## May Volunteers

901 hours  
4842 hrs YTD  
279 Individuals

### Work groups:

Alpha Kappa Alpha  
St. James UMC  
YMSL  
NCL: Milton,  
Alpharetta and Gardinia  
RPC Women's Circles  
RUMC dinner team

awards by local judges. Cranker teams are signing up and planning their winning recipes. Our Cranker Coordinator would love to hear from you if you would like to join in the fun.

We are excited to announce our current corporate sponsors who have signed up to support us again this year:

**Hot Fudge Sundae: \$2,500+**



**Triple Scoop: \$1,000+**



**Double Scoop: \$500+**

**Single Scoop: \$250+**

- DoubleTree Hotel Roswell
- Alpharetta Presbyterian Church

Interested in joining our growing list of sponsors? Contact Holly York, Director of Development

Each year more than 3,200 guest enjoy the old fashioned ice cream social. Kids enjoy activities such as a bouncy house and face painting while the crowd is entertained by music from DJ Neezy. This annual event is a community family favorite event. Don't miss out on the fun and all the ice cream you can taste.

**Community Foundation Awards Grant**



The Drake House was recently awarded a \$12,000 grant from the [Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia](#). Each year, the Community Foundation

ends its grant cycle with a grant awards breakfast. This year's event, held on May 16th at The 1818 Club, resulted in 28 nonprofits being awarded grants from the Community Foundation's *Good2Give* Community Fund, for a total of \$303,409! The Drake House, a first time recipient from the Foundation, was the only agency awarded funds in the North Fulton community for this year's grant.



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**

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**Neighbor to**

The Drake House was thrilled to receive the \$12,000 grant. The plans are to use the money for improvements to their aging facility and new appliances for several apartments. Holly York, Director of Development for the Drake House says, "It's wonderful to begin a partnership with The Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia. Their investment in The Drake House shows their confidence in our programming to help homeless single mothers and children move to stable housing and economic self-sufficiency."

Since the Community Foundation's beginning in 1985, they have donated more than \$80 million to worthy charities. "This is why we do what we do," said Randy Redner, executive director of the Community Foundation. "We are surrounded by many incredible nonprofits doing incredible work each and every day. To be able to support some of them in the work they do, to help them impact even more people and change even more lives - that is part of our mission at the Community Foundation."

## Hatfield Family Awards Funds

We are so grateful to the Hatfield Family Fund for creating our new custom-built natural playground and park area which will be located between The Drake House and The Drake Village. This scenic area will offer a peaceful place for families to enjoy a children's play area, climbing wall, forts, slides, and swings, along with picnic tables and benches. We look forward to having the project completed by the end of July!

## Thank You May Corporate Donors

Gold \$10,000 +



Silver \$5,000 +



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## Neighbor Partners

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## Thank you to our Supporters



Bronze \$2,500 +



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Supporter \$500 +

- \* American Kidney Services
- \* Mattress Safe

\* recurring giving



Last night, the Sandy Springs Perimeter Chamber hosted the 5th Annual Fashion Show benefiting The Drake House and Drake Closet. It was a tremendous success and all the highlights will be featured in next month's newsletter.

## We love our Volunteers!

**The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority - Phi Phi Omega Chapter** came out to volunteer on our grounds. They weeded the playground, added new mulch and cleaned/power washed the existing playground equipment.

The sorority also supports The Drake House through their *Friends For Life Foundation* with a grant that is directed toward our Career Services programming. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to helping our families.



**Cambridge High School's Gender Equality Club** aims to educate people about gender equality legislation and issues, and to make an impact in improving equality for women in our community. They chose The Drake House to collect cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items because of our mission to help and support women in

their journey to independence and recovery.

One of the volunteers said, "We are all about empowerment and giving women strength, so we wanted to help the families at the Drake House. We love everything about The Drake House and will continue supporting them in the future!"

**First Baptist Church Roswell** selected The Drake House as their mission to promote for the month of May.



**Advisory and Board Members Recognized**



Pictured l to r: Cindy Hardy & Holly York

Advisory Council Member, Cindy Hardy of Wellstar North Fulton was honored by the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce as a finalist for this year's "Business Woman of Excellence" Award. Her nominators say "She always looks for ways to increase her knowledge and to do more for her team, organization, and community. She leads by example. "

Board Member Layne Kamsler was the finalist for JenLan "Rising Star" Award. Kathy Swahn says Layne "is a model millennial for community service and support, and we were very proud to nominate her for consideration of this award. It is extremely promising to have such young people engaged in their community since they will be our primary workforce within the next ten years.



Pictured l to r: Kathy Swahn, Holly York & Layne Kamsler

Congratulations!

## Teen Program Coordinator Wanted



The Teen Coordinator is responsible for the development and operations of teen programs at The Drake House. This includes supervising/conducting twice weekly teen programs/activities. This part time flexible 8 hr per week position. If you, or someone you know that may be interested, please contact the [Director of Programs](#).

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