



*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*

## Back to School!

It's hard to believe how quickly the summer has flown by, but our Drake House kids are back to school with all of the needed backpacks and supplies. We also were able to share new school supplies and backpacks to many of our active alumni families when we hosted them here one evening last week. The dynamics on campus continue as we are ramping up our After-School program, which now has ten children participating.



We also are pleased to announce that our first graduate family has enrolled in our Drake Village Program, and will be moving in this week. We are also thrilled to announce that HomeAid Atlanta has accepted us as a 2017 partner and will be overseeing the renovation and construction projects in The Drake Village. Once again, Dan O'Dwyer from O'Dwyer Homes will serve as our Builder Captain. Dan is repeating in this role as he was our Builder Captain for the total renovation of the sixteen unit Drake House apartment complex in 2005. We are truly blessed to have his support and that of the HomeAid Atlanta organization and their homebuilder vendors and volunteers! Our plans are to begin the construction on one building in October, while bringing in a total of eight graduate families to the other building along the way. What a difference this extended program will make in the lives of the eventual sixteen families in the program! The children will be settling in for up to two additional years in their original schools, while mom can build on her employment and budget counseling skills.

Great things are happening here at The Drake House and The Drake Village. We are grateful to have your continued support and encouragement! Here's to a great 2017-2018 school year!

*Kathy Swahn*  
Executive Director

## Make a Difference

Your support is needed to help our homeless mothers

and



children.

## Ways to Give

[Sponsoring a Drive](#)

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## We Love Ice Cream

Roswell Square will once again host the annual Miss Mary's Ice Cream Crankin', the signature fundraising event for The Drake House. This year's event on **Sunday, August 27th from 2-4pm** is presented

by **BurgerFi** who has teamed up with the agency to offer a challenge fundraising match on the day of the event. Owners Ron and Terrie Altman comment, "We applaud your work and are humbled to have a part to help you," and "generate maximum awareness and followers to The Drake House."

**New this year is a Best Kids flavor, open to kids under the age of 18 who are ready to take their culinary crankin' skills to the next level.** Kids are invited to compete in the ice cream eating and stacking contest. There are many other children's activities including face painting and a bouncy house.

Tickets remain \$6/ individuals and \$25/ Family up to 6 members. [Purchase on-line](#). Credit cards can be accepted the day of with a \$20 minimum charge.

"Each year we are truly amazed at the out pouring of community support for this event," says Holly York, Director of Development. "People look forward to our Ice Cream Crankin' as the culmination of the summer's activities." Each year, attendance increases, with this year's attendance expected to exceed 3,500. We are thrilled to have so many sponsors enjoy partnering with us." Miss Mary's Ice Cream Crankin' hopes to raise \$50,000 to support our programming for homeless mothers and children.



## Upcoming Events

Friday, August 18th  
8 - 10pm



"TGIF Concert Series" Presents:  
"Grits Hits"  
[Atlanta Plays It Forward](#)

Chukkar Farm  
Polo Club  
Alpharetta, GA



Sunday, August  
27th  
2 - 4pm  
[13th Annual Miss Mary's Ice Cream Crankin'](#)

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

## Save The Date

[LGE Community Outreach Foundation](#)  
Casino Night  
Sat. Sept. 9  
at  
The Commerce Club  
Atlanta, GA

Presenting Sponsor: \$5,000 +



Hot Fudge Sundae: \$2,500+



Philip Hasty  
&  
Laura Smith



Roswell



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



### Double Scoop: \$500+

- DoubleTree Hotel - Roswell
- Rotary Club of North Fulton
- State Bank & Trust
- C2 Education Roswell
- Rotary Club of Alpharetta
- James & Lynn Hecathorn
- Brooks, McGinnis, & Co.

### Single Scoop: \$250+

- Alpharetta Presbyterian Church
- Red Beard's Ice Cream Team
- Rotary Club of Milton-Windward
- Hipes & Belle Isle
- Barber Properties

To purchase tickets, call 770-421-2539

### July Volunteers

395 hours  
6345 hrs YTD  
129 Individuals

### Work groups:

- Bank of America Risk Placement Services North Fulton
- Rotaract
- Roswell Rotary Club
- The Apple Store YMSL
- NCL: Milton, Alpharetta and Gardinia
- RPC Women's Circles
- RUMC dinner team

### Pantry Needs

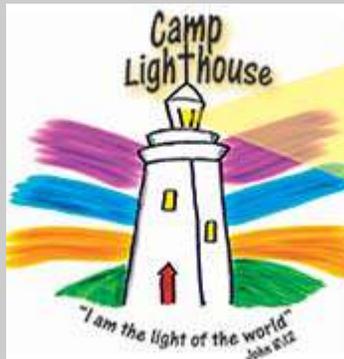
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Raisins
- Pump Hand Soap
- Saltine Crackers
- Italian Dressing
- Cooktop Oatmeal
- Cookie, Brownie, Cake Mix
- Baking Spray
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Black 33 Gallon Trash Bags
- Liquid Dish Detergent
- Body Wash
- Women's Deodorant

### Other:

- Full Sized Ironing Boards
- Rechargeable Flashlights
- Microwaves
- Sets of Cutlery
- Poncho's
- Off Bug Spray

## Happy Campers

Summer was full of outdoor fun for our Drake House children this summer. In addition to our scholarship to the Alpharetta YMCA day camp, our children also had the opportunity to go to 3 spend the night camps. They included Camp High Harbor, Campfire North Georgia and Camp Lighthouse. This was the 4th year our children attended Camp Lighthouse, and our alumni children are included each year, and can't wait to go back. What a wonderful way to spend the summer and be ready to get back in the classroom for some rest!!!



Many thanks to **Mount Pisgah** for providing the transportation.



## Programming Notes

Recent quotes from a mom with a son and daughter:

- "Although already employed, I received resume writing tips and networking."
- Our family's "mentors were consistent and genuine."
- "The mentors bonded with my family and became our extended family."
- The greatest gain for our family while at The Drake House was "we formed a strong spiritual foundation for our home. "
- The biggest obstacle was "gaining livable wages!!"
- "The Drake House is a stepping stone towards stability. Seize every



### Gift Cards:

Kroger  
Home Depot

### School Supplies:

Elmer's Glue Sticks  
Memory Sticks  
Ear Buds  
Sticky Note Pads  
Expo Markers  
White Out  
Highlighters

Thank you for supporting the families of The Drake House.

## The Drake House Leadership

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### Neighbor to

opportunity. Turn negative into positive!!"

## Teen Program

Kimberly Clark recently hosted a Take Your Daughter to Work Day and two of our Drake House teens attended. One of the teens had this to say, *"Thank you for the opportunity. I really enjoyed myself. The experience of KC was very educational and inspiring. I never knew that they are the ones that manufactured so many different products until my visit. I really am grateful for everyone there for taking the time out of their day to assist me & make sure I had a great time. PEACELOVELIGHT !!!"*



The Drake House recently earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator. The 4-star rating is a direct result of sound fiscal management practices and a commitment to accountability and transparency in its efforts to provide programming in the community. Kathy Swahn reflects, "it has been an amazing journey to create and manage such a worthwhile project as The Drake House. For us to reach this level of rating so early in our history is a remarkable accomplishment." She adds, "We are excited to reach this milestone for our organization. This is the first year that The Drake House has been eligible for a rating from Charity Navigator. The hard work of our board, staff, and volunteers is reflected in this award. Thank you to our community for helping us with this achievement."

## We love our Volunteers!

With so many rainy days this summer, keeping our grounds spruced up was a challenge. And then our awesome community stepped in to help.

## Neighbor Partners

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Zion Missionary Baptist  
First Baptist Roswell  
St. James UMC  
North River Baptist  
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Alpharetta Presbyterian  
St. David's Episcopal  
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## Thank you to our Supporters





Thank you **Risk Placement Services** for a job well done



**North Fulton Rotaract** moved a lot of mulch, among other things





**Bank of America** was out in force and made a huge difference



**The Apple Store** guys were awesome!



**Roswell Rotary Club** staked their claim



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