



Foster Care Support

All Kids Count

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VOLUNTEERS KEY TO A SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO OUR NEW HOME

The Foster Care Support Foundation has relocated to 115 Mansell Place, Roswell. The plan is to raise the funds needed to purchase this current facility and proceed with our mission of providing foster children with the everyday items that so many of us take for granted. With the economy taking an unexpected downturn, this new space became available making it a more favorable option over building. Foster Care Support is truly a community effort and we invite you to come by and observe the many hands at work for Georgia's at-risk kids. June 1st was the official move-in date, however, much was involved before and since that. Hundreds of people volunteered their time and talent over several months - painting, cleaning, sweeping, building shelves, lugging items, etc. A tremendous effort was made to expedite the move so that children wouldn't be delayed in getting what they need for their everyday care. Those who worked so tirelessly to make sure we could be out of our old location and set up for distribution in our new location as quickly as possible are angels. A large part of our operation costs was in storing resources that we didn't have room for in the distribution facility. Thanks to the efforts of local churches and other volunteers, we now have separate winter and summer storage units on site. These units cut down on expenses, as well as, save time and energy with a more efficient process for restocking our racks for distribution. We are honored and fortunate to be located in such a caring community and to reap the benefits of such an unrivaled volunteer force! Thank you! Thank You! Thank you!

LAND For SALE!!! \$550,000.00

Due to the strategic deal to lease/purchase our current facility, our prime 3.3 acre tract of land is now for sale. The land has all surveys completed with a 25,000 sq. ft. footprint already approved by the city. It is on Old Ellis Road, across the street from the UPS site and would be an excellent location for your business or church. If you know of anyone interested, let us know. The sale of the land will put us in the more favorable position of paying principle

on a mortgage rather than having our funds go to rent.

GALA NEWS

Preparations are underway for our annual benefit gala which will be held at the Metropolitan Club in Alpharetta on February 26, 2010. Plan to join us for an eventful night including a silent auction, a live auction orchestrated by the entertaining Mobley Group, lavish hors d'oeuvres, live music by Laigh Langley band, and very special guest Andy Stanley, pastor of North Point Community Church. We are pleased to announce that

Governor Sonny and First Lady Mary Perdue have graciously donated a special live auction item—Dinner for Ten Guests at the Governor's Mansion. For more information on how to donate auction items, be a sponsor, or purchase a table or individual tickets check our website, call, or email us.



FALL SPECIALITIES

Special Guest

The North Fulton Chamber of Commerce performed the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to officially open our new facility. Roswell Mayor Jere Wood and Milton Mayor Joe Lockwood took time out of their busy schedules to attend and get a tour of our facility and overview of our program. Now, with their first-hand knowledge, we look forward to more of their help in promoting our efforts.



Special Donors

Thanks to our special donors who brought us over 100 bicycles this fall. There will be lots of smiles on many young children's faces as a result of the generosity of these donors.



Special Volunteers

October has been an especially busy month for FCSF. With 50 to 200 volunteers putting in many hours each week, winter distribution setup was completed in time. With more volunteers becoming aware of our program, we are now able to offer additional services including supervised crafts for foster children every Saturday allowing foster parents the freedom to shop in peace.

Special Awards

Congressman Tom Price nominated Rachel and Mark Ewald for the 2009 ANGELS IN ADOPTION™ award. ANGELS IN ADOPTION™ is Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's signature public awareness program which provides Members of Congress an opportunity to honor an individual or entity that has enriched the lives of foster children or orphans. In September, the Ewald's traveled to Washington DC to receive the award in person.



During their trip, they sat in on a congressional briefing on present and pending bills concerning foster care and adoption, toured the Capital, and attended a briefing on foster care issues led by Senator Mary Landreau and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. A highlight of their trip was when the six-year old that is currently in their care realized that Pocahontas was once a real person. Ms. Ewald snapped this picture of their child, looking at the Capital as if contemplating her hopeful future.



"So close, yet still, so far"

On November 4th 2009, Foster Care Support Foundation was presented with the Home Depot Building Community Award. Attending with Ms. Ewald was board member Jean Rearick of Roswell. We thank Home Depot for their donation of pallet shelving that enabled FCSF to organize their infant care equipment and shoes in the stor-

age areas for easy distribution.

On January 14th, Rachel Ewald was presented with the Ruth Massinga Award by the Casey Family Program in Seattle Washington for her work in foster care advocacy and support through the creation of the Foster Care Support Foundation. Ms. Ewald accepted these awards on behalf of the many community, faith-based, and corporate volunteers that enable this organization to provide for children in crisis.

WINTER DISTRIBUTIONS

We have been able to distribute to approximately 185 children each week since the first of October. Each child receives an entire week's worth of clothing, including socks, underwear, shoes, PJs, light and heavy weight coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and many other items.



PROM-A-PALOOZA

Our 6th annual Prom-A-Palooza was a magical success. Tolbert Yilmaz School of Dance once again graciously donated the use of their studio for the event last February.



Nearly 200 girls transformed into radiant princesses as they tried on dresses and accessories. As they pranced in front of the mirrors they felt affirmed and confident knowing they would fit in with their friends at their high school proms. The seventy volunteers for the event were vital to its success as they escorted each girl through

the process of choosing a dress, and then coordinating jewelry, shoes, makeup, and other accessories to



compliment the dress. Many of these girls would not have been able to attend their prom if not for this event and all is owed to our wonderful community of sponsors and volunteers. The 7th Prom-A-Palooza will be held on March 14th, 2010. Jewelry, prom accessories,

larger sized dresses, and new makeup are needed for the next group of teens to be able to join their friends and have the fairy-tale evening they deserve. If you can help, use the email link on our website to contact us.



NEW FACILITY

2009 "ALL KIDS COUNT" GALA

Special thanks to Clark Howard for helping make our 2009 benefit a huge success!!!



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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



One of my endeavors as the executive director of FCSF is to increase the community's awareness of abused and neglected children who tend to be largely invisible and to inspire the community to help us in providing these children with hope for brighter futures. I am always in awe as to how much power our community has when they choose to make a difference in the lives of these children and I enjoy seeing our volunteers realize the blessings and joy they, themselves, get out of serving.

I am also thrilled with our new facility and the way in which our recent move was accomplished.

When the facility at 115 Mansell Place was discovered our board had no problem deciding to lease/purchase this facility rather than continue on the course of building a new facility thus reducing the planned expenditure by more than half. This move was progressive but our funding needs are ongoing. While the struggling economy worked in our favor in acquiring this facility, we now find ourselves needing to sell our previously purchased 3.3 acre lot in the same struggling economy.

The move, a massive undertaking, required us to close for about six weeks in the Spring and on June 16 we served the first set of children at our new location. Phase Two of the move was to move everything that was in the rented storage facility and assimilate it into our new facility which is large enough to accommodate all of our stock. It was daunting and overwhelming but our volunteers persevered until the job was complete. My heartfelt thanks goes out to the hundreds from AutoTrader.com, RUMC, North Point Community Church, and many other individuals and groups who donated endless hours and days to getting this accomplished and who continue to come each week to carry on the mission.

Phase Three of the move, replenishing our capital funds, selling our land, and moving from leasing to just purchasing, is underway and financial assistance is much needed. Please contact us if you or someone you know is in the position to provide significant funds.

It seems that during struggling times we see more abuse and neglect due to stress in the family. The unfortunate result of more children coming into care means our services are needed more than ever. It is the most heart-wrenching thing to have a little four year old tug at your shirt and ask to show you the 45 cigarette burn marks on his little body and then explain in detail how these were inflicted by an out-of-control parent. This type of injustice is what drives me to continue the FCSF mission - we can make a difference in the lives of hurting children in the foster care system. For that and for you, I am grateful.

Please plan to attend our fundraiser in February and remember us in your end-of-year charitable giving. Also look for us in Raise Me Up ads as we are partnered in this advocacy and awareness campaign sponsored by the Casey Family Programs that focuses on the many ways people can help children in foster care.

Rachel Ewald