

The DrakeHouseSM

Bridging Hope and Opportunity

News From The Drake House

www.thedrakehouse.org

January 2015



Thank You!

We are excited to ring in the New Year! We have high hopes to complete our new classroom wing and renovations mid-spring so that we can settle back in on Clara Drive. Fortunately, you all found us in our temporary offices and the outpouring of gifts and gift cards delivered over the Holiday Season was beyond measure. Thank you so much for remembering our families as you remembered your family and friends!

Because we have very limited storage space, we are requesting that all donations of items for the apartments, the office or the pantry be limited to those who call ahead to Lynn Canty, our Volunteer and Resource Coordinator. Lynn is managing the weekly distribution of needed items to our families but with very limited space and accessibility to our Clara Drive building. Lynn can be reached at lcanty@thedrakehouse.org or by phone at 770-587-4712 x305. We expect to be able to accept items once we move back over in April.

Please do keep the donations of nearly-new ladies clothing and accessories coming to both Drake Closet resale stores - located in downtown Roswell and downtown Alpharetta. The stores are open to the public for donations, volunteers and for shopping!

Best wishes for a very Happy 2015!

*Kathy Swahn
Executive Director*

You can find us at our temporary offices at:

1255 Grimes Bridge Rd., Suite 445
Roswell, GA 30075
(behind Provino's restaurant)

Mission Statement



The Drake House provides short-term crisis housing, support, education and empowerment programs for homeless mothers and their children in North Fulton County.

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Please continue to send mail to our permanent address
10500 Clara Dr.
Roswell, GA 30075



Construction Update!

Builder Captain Vincent Longo and his team have completed the framing and roofing at Clara Drive. You might enjoy watching the construction progress by going to our website www.thedrakehouse.org. See the "Watch the Drake Activity Center Grow" time lapse video, compliments

of OxBlue! We do still need assistance in plumbing, electrical and HVAC installation as well as masonry, if you have any contacts in that area! You can reach Vince at vince@longocustombuilders.com

Our Families

A Drake House Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child

Every year I write my wish list to Santa, but this year he really came to visit! On a fire truck! He came to our Monday night class at The Drake Center and I sat on his lap and took a picture with my mom. She was so happy this Christmas. We went to see the Nutcracker and she got gifts this year, too! I picked some out for her in the Santa shop the night Santa came, and even wrapped them myself, with a little help! They were under our Christmas Tree with my gifts, and the stocking and blanket that Santa gave me. We had a special Christmas Dinner that nice people brought to our house, and people came to sing Christmas carols. Mom even got gift cards, and she said she is saving some of them for when we move and need things. We get to keep the pretty Christmas wreath that mom made when we leave. This was a really fun Christmas!



Board Spotlight: Sandra Girona

Sandra is in her first year serving on the Board and is a member of the Marketing committee. A senior Leader at CREATE.org, Sandra's expertise is in international IT and Telecommunications with a focus in global Aviation. Sandra has volunteered with our families as a mentor. She is a long term resident of Roswell and is married with two children. Thank you, Sandra.

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Wednesday 1/14/15

11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Percentage of sales will be donated to The Drake House

5475 Windward Pkwy West
Alpharetta, GA 30004

The Drake Walk

May 2, 2015

www.thedrakewalk.org

Donate Your Car



Many of our mothers residing at The Drake House do not have a car. Your donation of a car is tax-deductible and will help a mother gain employment and get her child to daycare.

Donate Stock



We are happy to accept your donations of stock, which are fully tax-deductible. To make a stock donation, please email Kathy Swahn at kswahn@thedrakehouse.org or call 770-587-4712 x302



Kroger Community

Our Volunteers

The holiday rush was upon us. We continued the educational programs for the families, sorted the holiday donations and packed up for the move to our temporary office location. **Ciena Corporation**, a local telecom company sent 31 people to help us clean the new space, paint the walls, pack up the old office and move all the tables, chairs, office supplies, boxes and records. There was a tremendous amount to be moved.



They moved thousands of pounds of canned food from our old pantry to the new pantry but they first had to disassemble and then reassemble the pantry shelving. All the while, the office staff was able to continue working. The next day, **Carmichael Consulting** volunteers installed the computers and coordinated moving the office furniture with the aid of **Hiscox** volunteers into our temporary offices. Two days into the project we were all up and running at our Grimes Bridge location.

Thank you to all the volunteers from Ciena, Carmichael Consulting and Hiscox that made the move to the new office so very flawless. It was truly a Christmas miracle!

Shopping with Purpose
THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT OF THE DRAKE CLOSETS,
we were able to provide a significant portion of our proceeds towards the
Housing Program at The Drake House.



Rewards Program

Help us earn rewards through Kroger's Community Rewards Program. Register your Kroger Plus card at krogercommunityrewards.com and enter The Drake House #31912 under organization.

Amazon Smile Foundation: Support Us While You Shop!



Do your shopping at smile.amazon.com. Select The Drake House and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to us.

Update Your Contact Information

We would like to stay in touch with you. Please let us know if you have any change in your name, address, email address or phone number.

Send changes to L.Canty@thedrakehouse.org

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Thank you!

Board of Directors

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Banish those Winter Blues

with **Retail Therapy** at **The Drake Closet**

Buy \$20

of clothing and save

10%

Buy \$30

of clothing and save

20%

Buy \$50

of clothing and save

30%

Buy More Save More
on all **CLOTHING** now through **Jan. 31th**

Hurry in for best selection!



Two locations for your shopping convenience

Alpharetta: 26 Old Roswell St • Alpharetta, 30009 • 678.319.1410

Roswell: 825 Mimosa Blvd • Roswell, 30075 • 678.682.3551

OPEN: Tuesday—Friday 10-5 • Saturday 10-4

Interested in Volunteering at The Drake Closet?

- Volunteers needed Tuesday—Saturday
- Complete application at thedrakehouse.org
- 2–3 hour shifts



Jim Alford- Secretary
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Layne Kamsler
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Are You Planning to Downsize or Redecorate?

Or help your parents with their estate sale? We have a great partnership with City Antiques and Interiors in Roswell that can help turn your used treasures into cash for The Drake House. Please call Frank Mack at 770-645-2525. Everything donated on our behalf is sold and we receive 50% of the proceeds! Keep us in mind for unique/antique household goods and furnishing donations!





Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell

Donations: All finer home furnishings can be **donated to The Drake House through our partner, City Antiques and Interiors**. Sales from these donations go directly to support the funding of programming for the moms and their families at The Drake House.

Thinking About Having An Estate Sale? City Antiques will handle all of the details for you. Call Lisa or Frank at 770.645.2525 for more information.

Our hours are Mon - Sat 10-6 | Sun 1-5
770-645-2525

Welcome to
CITY ANTIQUES & INTERIOR ARTS

Interested in volunteering or donating items? Please visit our website at www.thedrakehouse.org for further information.

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