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OVER A HUNDRED YEARS
OF GIVING KIDS A CHANCE

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WORDS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BRIAN EVANS:

A Plan for the Future

Each of you receive this newsletter because you have thoughtfully and prayerfully chosen to support the works of this Home. For more than 100 years, the generous gifts of people such as yourselves have made it possible for us to touch the lives of generations of Georgians. There are not enough words to express our gratitude to you for all you have done. The dollars you share with our children go much, much further than any of you can realize.

We are embarking on a new era. The problems of the families we serve continue to get more and more difficult and require far more treatment than at any time in the past. This is a trend that will only continue to get worse.

In August, you were invited to attend the first dinner we sponsored to thank you for your gifts but also to talk to you about how to extend your gifts to live on long after you and I have passed on. The purpose of this dinner was to help you understand the avenues that are available to you to keep your gift going. Charitable Trusts, Charitable Remainder Trusts, gifts of stocks or real estate and leaving life insurance or paying the premium for the home to take out life insurance are all ways that can be arranged for you to have the best economic and tax advantages for your gifts. Your heirs will still get the legacy you so want them to have and your support of the Georgia Industrial Children's Home will live on as a tribute to you and to your family.

This is not a subject that many like to broach but in truth, we all must face the inevitable. The work of this Home will continue long after we are gone if we think about not just taking care of the present, but also taking care of the future. To ensure that end, we will have more dinners like the one we just had and you will be invited. I hope you will come and see how your work can continue to grow.

We all hope to leave a legacy to our children to help better their lives and the lives of their families. In a very real sense, you, through your generosity have taken the children of the Georgia Industrial Children's Home as your own. Please consider as others have done, leaving us in your will and notifying us so we can plan for the future. Talk with your attorney and with your financial planner. If you do not have one, we can arrange for you to discuss the topic with one.

Again, thank you for all you have done for us. Pray for the financial future of this Home and talk to us about how you can help and what we can do to help you.

Brian T. Evans, Executive Director

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NEW DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT



The Development Department of GICH accepts a check from MidSouth Federal Credit Union Assistant Branch Manager, Tim Becham, on behalf of the home. From left, Alexis Klima, Marisa Welsh, Tim Becham and Maria Gatling.

This July began a new chapter for the Development and Public Relations Department at GICH.

The office has undergone a complete facelift. Let me take a moment to introduce you to the current department.

The new Director of Development and Public Relations is Marisa Welsh. Welsh graduated from Mercer University

with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. Before joining the GICH team, she was Program Coordinator for the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation. Welsh is responsible for attaining corporate sponsorships, donations and overseeing the department.

The new Assistant Director of Development is Maria Gatling. Before joining the GICH

team, she worked in Washington D.C. as the Parent Educator for The Children's Health Project of D.C. Gatling's specialty is grant writing. She is also in charge of recording donations.

The Public Relations Specialist is Alexis Klima. She graduated from Georgia College and State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication with a double concentration in Print Journalism and Public Relations. Klima is responsible for media relations and special event fundraisers.

If you have any questions, or concerns please contact the Development Department at 478-474-8220 ext. 152, 144, or 122.



Employee of the Month

May

Lisa Harris

June

Malcolm Jackson

July

Althea Suarez

August

Reginald Colbert

~Spotlight~

Chantell Jones

Administrative Assistant



Chantell Jones has served the children on this campus for four years.

She recently took maternity leave after the birth of her first child, a baby girl named Kashmere.

During her absence, Chantell was missed very much. And many times the question was asked, "When is Chantell coming back?"

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BIKE RACE COMES TO GICH

The Georgia Industrial Children's Home was the site of the final race in the Macon Madness bike race series on Sunday, August 5.

The race course, a seven mile loop, consisted of a tight single-track, fast down hills, short, but tough climbs and plenty of terrain changes to keep the racers entertained. The race passed through the large, open spectator and sponsor area at least once every lap, so non-racers could stay up on the action.

Macon Madness is a cross-country Mountain Bike race; the event included classifications for all skills and ages of mountain bike enthusiasts. A Kids' Race on a short course helped get the future racers and their parents involved. Prizes were awarded in adult classes and medals were awarded to all Kids' Race participants.

Macon Madness is part of the new Georgia State Champi-



Professional and expert class riders bolt from the start line at the GICH.

onship series, a statewide race series running from April to August.

Races in this series usually attract 250 to 450 participants from all over Georgia and surrounding states. Events also attract non-racing spectators as well.

The GICH Development Department sold hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks during the race. They raised \$501.

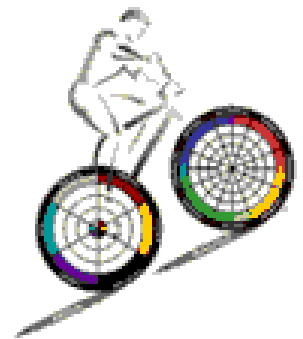
A special thanks to Bill

Lathrop, Casey Callegan, Brian Evans, Burke Bembridge, Maria Gatling, Maria's children, Marisa Welsh, Alexis Klima and Bruce Klima for their help with the set up and sell of the hamburgers and hotdogs.

We look forward to working with Macon Madness in the future.

Thank you OMBRA Chapter and Gone Racing, Inc. for your generous donations.

The Georgia Industrial Children's Home raised \$501 by selling hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks at the Macon Madness Bike Race.



CHURCH FROM TENNESSEE HELPS CLEAN UP THE CAMPUS



The Wetmore Baptist Church from Delano, Tennessee did mission work at the Georgia Industrial Children's Home on Thursday, July 12. The group of volunteers helped clean up Mumford Hall and beautify the campus.

The church is led by Reverend Ed Earl and the mission group was headed up by Renee Webb. We are very thankful for the work and time the mission group donated to GICH.

They are a true blessing to the home. Thank you.

Upcoming Events

13TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

NAIFA is hosting the 13th Annual Golf Classic at Idle Hour Country Club on September 17 at 1 p.m. This is a charity event to raise money to benefit the Georgia Industrial Children's Home.

Registration begins at 11:30 p.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

This tournament is a four person scramble. Cost per team is \$480. The price includes greens fees, cart fees, range balls, lunch sponsored by Chick-fil-A,

dinner sponsored by Out-back Steakhouse, awards and prizes.

Prizes will be given for first, second, third low gross; first, second, third low net; four closest to the pin; longest drive and a hole-in-one contest sponsored by BMW of Macon.

Immediately following play, dinner will be served and awards will be handed out.

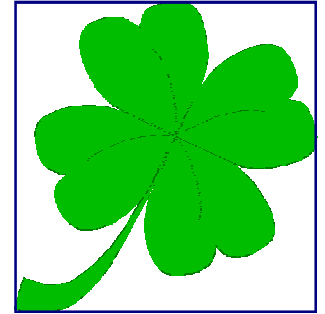
A silent auction will be held and mulligans will be sold at registration.

Registration forms are available at gich.org under the Fundraising tab.

Print the form, fill it out and mail it in with a check made payable to NAIFA-Macon Golf Tournament to 2484 Ingleside Avenue, Suite 103A Macon GA, 31204.

Hurry, tournament play is limited to the first 30 teams.

For more information please contact the GICH Development Department. 478-474-8220 ext.152, 144, 122, or 168.



IRISH SINGER COMES TO MACON

Join us for a Christmas celebration.

Singer/Songwriters Harry O'Donoghue and Carroll Brown will perform their Acoustic Celtic Christmas on Monday, December 10 at 7 p.m. at the Cox Capitol Theatre, 382 2nd Street Macon, Georgia.

The show will feature spiritual, Celtic, southern and traditional seasonal songs, complemented by stories and recitations.

Tickets are on sale for \$15 a piece. You can purchase tickets from the Cox Capitol Theatre Box Office or from the Development Department of the Georgia Industrial Children's Home.

We look forward to seeing you at the performance.

For additional information, contact Alexis Klima at 478-474-8220 ext 168 or 122. You can also check out our Web site www.gich.org

Hurry! Get tickets before we run out.

CRUISING FOR A CAUSE



Ready to cruise the open seas, relax and make a contribution to your favorite charity?

Then please join us February 9 through February 14 as we cruise to the Bahamas on Carnival Cruise's Celebration.

The Celebration features three pools, a casino, numerous lounges and dance clubs, a piano bar, theater, a library and various restau-

rants.

The cruise will depart from Jacksonville, Florida; dock at Key West, Florida and Nassau for daily excursions and then return to Jacksonville, Florida.

The price is \$450 for an interior room and \$490 for a room with an ocean view. This rate is based on double occupancy and includes room, port fees and food. Rate does not include parking, alcohol, or gratuities.

Please purchase your tickets through the Georgia Industrial Children's Home

today. Hurry, space is limited.

A verbal confirmation is needed to Marisa Welsh as soon as possible and a \$50 deposit is due by September 15 to reserve your room.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to support the Georgia Industrial Children's Home and enjoy a relaxing vacation.

For more information or to purchase tickets please contact Marisa Welsh at 478-474-8220 ext. 152.

Don't forget your sunscreen.

SCHOOL IS IN SESSION



A special thank you to everyone who contributed to our back to school appeal. You were all so generous in your monetary donations along with the many in kind donations we received of school supplies. We are extremely grateful.

It is always a little stressful letting go of summer vacation to start a new school year. However, because of your contributions, our children were able to have all the supplies that they needed for their new classes. They were well prepared. Thank you.

NEW SHIPMENT OF RUSSIAN ART

In July 2006, GICH and several orphanages in Ulyanovsk, Russia formed a partnership to enrich the lives of the children in Russia as well as our children here at the home.

This partnership led to the creation of the Russian Connection, an idea where art created by Russian children would be sold here in the U.S.

The proceeds from the sell of the artwork is split three ways between the Russian child who created the artwork, the Russian orphanage and GICH.

It is our mission at the Georgia Industrial Children's Home to not only serve children locally, but also to reach out to children

worldwide.

It is hard to believe, but 80 percent of Russian children who live in orphanages spend some length of time during adulthood in prostitution or prison.

We can change this statistic, simply by purchasing artwork created by the Russian orphans.

Checkout the artwork we recently received at gich.org under the fundraising section.

You can make a difference in the lives of children internationally.

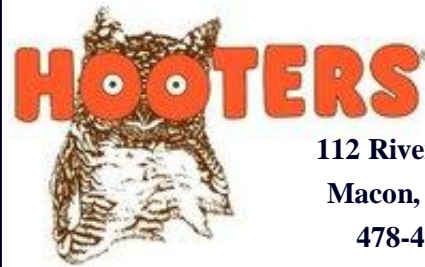
If you have any questions regarding the artwork, please don't hesitate to contact the Development Department of GICH at 478-474-8220 ext. 152, 144, or 168.



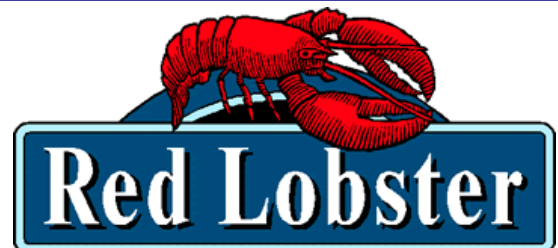
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A special thanks to the above businesses for their continued support of the Georgia Industrial Children's Home.

FORMER GICH RESIDENT SPEAKS AT APPRECIATION DINNER

Tiwanna Gifford, former GICH resident, gave a moving speech at the Friends of GICH Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, August 9.

She spoke of how she enjoyed her time at the children's home and appreciated the rewards she received for her good behavior.

"The children's home

changed my life," said Gifford.

Gifford is currently a student at Spellman College in Atlanta where she is majoring in Psychology and Pre-Law.

This was our first ever Appreciation Dinner. It included inspirational speeches, information on charitable giving trusts and a brief description of

upcoming fundraisers and events.

The dinner was sponsored by Ryan's Steakhouse and included ham, green beans, turkey and chicken.

We will continue to host an Appreciation Dinner every year to show our contributors how much their support means to the children's home.

See you at the next dinner.

Thank you Tiwanna Gifford for speaking at the dinner. Your words touched those who were there.

Also thank you to the manager and staff of Quality Inn on Chambers Road for donating the use of their banquet room. We really appreciate the hospitality you showed.

Vespertine Rumble and Vespertine Crawl



On Saturday, August 11 the inaugural Vespertine Rumble Motorcycle Ride and Vespertine Crawl Music Festival roared through the streets of Macon.

The Vespertine Rumble started at 11:30 at Geico, 4295 Ocmulgee East Blvd., and snaked a 60 mile run through Macon stopping at three other locations before ending at AP's Hidden Hideaway, 4274 Broadway, where riders enjoyed food, live music by Big Mike and the Booty Papas, traditional poker run cash prizes, 50/50 raffle and other prizes and giveaways.

Nathan Dees, organizer of the motorcycle ride, combined two of his passions when planning this event.

"I love to ride motorcycles and wanted to be an active part of the community," said Dees. "So, I had the idea to put together a fun ride that would also contribute to a de-

serving organization."

The proceeds from the ride, \$2,300, benefited the Georgia Industrial Children's Home, one of the stops along the route. Here stunt riders performed for the children and participants.

Marisa Welsh, director of development and public relations for the Georgia Industrial Children's Home, was excited when Dees approached her with the idea of the motorcycle ride.

"I was thrilled at the prospect of having such an innovative event benefit the Georgia Industrial Children's Home," said Welsh. "I was around motorcycles quite a lot growing up and I will never forget the rush that I felt from riding, like I was completely free."

The cost was \$15 to ride. The festival package including the ride and music festival was \$30, which saved the participant \$5.

The Vespertine Crawl Music Festival began at 7 p.m. and continued late into the night. During the festival, 25 bands performed at five venues, five bands per venue.

A special thank you to Nathan Dees for all his hard work and dedication. Without him, the motorcycle ride wouldn't have been possible. We look forward to working with him and his great team of volunteers in the future. Also, thank you to Alice at AP's Hidden Hideaway. You were so generous.

DEAR GICH FRIENDS:

I am the new director of development and public relations for the Georgia Industrial Children's Home. Please allow me a few moments to share with you what I have learned since accepting this position. It is a story of hope, understanding and most of all love, and it involves you.

Mother Teresa once said that "The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty." I have learned that this statement is especially true when it applies to children. The mission of the Georgia Industrial Children's Home is to care for the abused, abandoned and neglected children and adolescents across Georgia. Your support enables the home to survive.

Working at the Georgia Industrial Children's Home has made me realize what you, as donors, already know: the children living at the GICH are actually society's children. Statistics show that children who come from abuse will be more likely to abuse their own children, live in poverty and commit violent crimes. In other words, we can allow this vicious cycle to continue, thus paying for future legal fees and government assistance for these children and future generations, or we can help them to heal while we there is still a chance.

Please understand that each and every thing that you do for the home makes a difference in some way. Your support, whether through volunteer hours, donations of supplies, monetary giving, or much needed prayers, goes farther than you could ever imagine.

I know that you are asked to donate to numerous other charities on a regular basis and yet you have decided that the Georgia Industrial Children's Home is worthy of the money that you work so hard to earn. I hope that you realize how much your support means to the children of GICH and thus, the rest of society. As the only non-affiliated children's home in Middle Georgia, it is your support which keeps us going. These are your children!

You will be hearing a lot from us over the next several months. The new development office has big plans for enabling the community to protect and care for our troubled children. Please feel free to contact the development office at any time. We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas, or to give you a tour of our beautiful campus.

Thank you for continuing to give our kids a chance. I have complete faith that the Georgia Industrial Children's Home will be around for another 100 years thanks to your support.

Thank you,

Marisa E. Welsh

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Director of Development & Public Relations

**One generation
plants the trees;
another gets the
shade.**

-Chinese Proverb-

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