

# SPRING / SUMMER EDITION

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## WORDS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BRIAN EVANS:

For the past three years, we at the Georgia Industrial Children's Home have been part of a wonderful project to extend the reach of our mission far beyond the State of Georgia. We have been involved with several children's homes in the Ulyanovsk Region of Russia. This is a beautiful part of the country located on a wide expanse of the Volga River. Our purpose is to help our Home by helping the children in Russia.

Nearly 80 percent of all the children raised in children's homes in Russia will end up in a state of prostitution, or imprisoned as an adult. The shame of this is that by our standards, it takes very little money to help a child there. In the Ulyanovsk Region, the average household income is \$200 per month or less and it is very common to have at least three generations in one home.

So the question became, how can a small children's home in Macon, Georgia have a reach that continues the mission of service to families here, yet expands our ability to touch children internationally? The answer came on a trip to Russia where we saw the amazing artistic talent that the children in these homes possess. We have embarked on a mission to sell the artwork created by the children of Russia to help them help themselves.

Today, through our "Connections" program we have been able to purchase and sell in the order of \$3,000 worth of Russian art produced by these children. One third of all the money goes directly into accounts set up specifically to the child in Russia who is the artist. Another third of the money goes to the children's home where they reside and the remaining third of the money is directly put into the operating account of the Georgia Industrial Children's Home. The money that is directly deposited in the account of the children gives them the next 'egg' they need to begin a productive life once they leave the homes.

There is a possibility that we may be able to expand this program to a children's home on the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. I have been in contact with officials from that region who are interested in our program and are discussing the idea with the people who run a small home there. The future of this international effort looks bright.

We have been very lucky this year. Mr. Glen Davies of Davies Higher Education Services is working with us to be the conduit to sell our artwork through his 17 College and University Bookstores throughout the Southeast. In addition, we have been featured twice in the Active Lifestyles Magazine this past year with great articles and pictures of the art.

We are expanding our program this year to begin an exchange program. We will bring two children from Russia and two interpreters over to Georgia to live with foster families and see what life in the United States is truly like. Next year, we will expand this program by sending two of our children to Russia at the same time two will be here with us.

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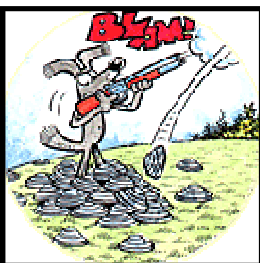


**GICH's 3rd Annual Benefit Auction** was held at the Cupola at Plantation Center on November 3, 2006. GICH raised **\$10,390** at this event!!!



**At Clays For Kids**, a clay shoot and luncheon benefiting GICH, the Home raised **\$9,747**.

**1st Place A:**  
Kevin DeMichiel  
**1st Place B:**  
Craig Bowman,  
who also won the television raffle prize.  
**1st Place C:**  
Derry Burns



## In Memory of Mason Zuber Lions



Mason Zuber -MACON, GA - Mason Zuber died Saturday, February 17, 2007. He was born in Savannah, GA on March 24, 1908. -Mason was the son of the late Mary G. and Hinton Crawford Zuber. He came along in the days when one could work hard and make something of themselves. At age 10 he sold newspapers on the streets of Macon in the wintertime, while barefoot. His first real job was with the Railway Express Company. While driving an express truck he witnessed the plane that fell on Cherry Street in the 1920's and told the story many times. His next job was as an office boy with W. D. Griffith & Son Insurance Agency. He became a partner in the company on May 1, 1957 and later became the sole owner of the agency in 1986. -He was educated in the public schools of Bibb County. He did not finish high school but later returned to receive his GED on January 22, 1970. He took the GED in order to sit on the Bibb County Tax Equalization Board. -He and his wife owned a cabin on Lake Sinclair, where they spent many happy days. They traveled a lot. He worked tirelessly for the YWCA at Camp Joycliff for many, many years. He walked seven miles to the camp, worked all day and walked back to Macon. In 1980 he was awarded a plaque by the Bibb County Sheriff's Office "for being a true and loyal friend." He served as a trustee on the old Macon Hospital Commission for seven years and was awarded many plaques for his service. -Mason was a member of the Macon Lions Club serving as its secretary from 1944 to 1976 and he later became president of the club. He received the Melvin Jones Fellow award in 1992 from the Club. Mason worked diligently for the Georgia Industrial Children's Home for 60 years and was made a Trustee Emeritus on June 18, 1993. They also honored him with naming the Lions Cottage "The Mason Zuber Lions Cottage" in 1998. He started the AMFICO Club which in May of 1942 when he carried six friends on a fishing trip. Today the club has over 50 members and celebrates its 65th year, in 2007. He had been a member of the Idle Hour Country Club and the River North Country Club, both in Macon, the Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, FL, and the Kingwood Golf and Country Club, in Clayton, GA. He was also a member of the First Baptist Church, on High Place, in Macon. -In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Mason Zuber Lion's Club Cottage, at the Georgia Industrial Children's Home.  
- Obituary courtesy of The Macon Telegraph

The Mason Zuber Lions Cottage was constructed in 1937. Originally named Lions Cottage after the Macon Lions Club, the cottage was dedicated to Lions in 1998 and renamed the Mason Zuber Lions Cottage in appreciation for the generosity and diligence he bestowed upon GICH. The cottage contains a living room, dining room, kitchen, bathrooms and seven bedrooms. The cottage houses ten children.



## NEW BUILDING COMING SOON!

Thanks to the generosity of the Peyton Anderson Foundation, the first NEW multi-purpose building will be constructed at GICH in over 50 years.

On Friday, February 9 at 3 p.m., a groundbreaking ceremony was held onsite where the new building will soon be constructed.

We at GICH would like to thank all of you for coming out and sharing in this celebration with us. We look forward to utilizing the new building.

## Remembering Jake Rocker

Jake Rocker of Macon, friend and supporter of the Georgia Industrial Children's Home, died on April 17 due to injuries he sustained from a car wreck in Warner Robins, Georgia.

Rocker is the father of former Atlanta Braves pitcher, John Rocker.

Rocker was assistant general manager of the Georgia Farm Bureau and retired after 32 years of service. He was also a major sports fan. He coached Little League for many years and enjoyed playing golf with his friends. He and his wife spent many hours on the road following John around from baseball field to baseball field, which culminated in seeing his son pitch from the mound at Turner Field.

A Macon Telegraph article from May 19, 1998 recorded Rocker's reaction to his son's major league debut.

"This is the most humbling experience I've ever had," Jake Rocker said, "to see your kid on the mound in Atlanta and realize it took him four years to get there.

Our prayers go out to the family. We are truly sorry for your loss and are thankful for the support that the Rocker family has shown GICH throughout the years. Thank you John, Judy, Ronald and Donna.

## Fashion Show Takes Center Stage

The inaugural fashion show to benefit the Georgia Industrial Children's Home and Women in Missions will be held on Friday, June 22 at 7 p.m.

The children from GICH will take center stage and model the latest fashions. The event will take place in the Mumford Hall dining room. Light refreshments will be served.

If you want to be a part of the show, there are a few ways to contribute and participate. You can be a sponsor for the event or come be entertained.

The purpose of this event is to raise money for both GICH and Women in Missions, increase the self-esteem of the children participating in the show and to flaunt the season's newest fashions from local vendors.

See you at the runway.

## THE RUSSIAN CONNECTION

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

This partnership led to the idea that artwork done by the children in Ulyanovsk, could be sold in the United States.

ALL of the proceeds will be split between the child

who created the art, the orphanage in which they grew up, and the Georgia Industrial Children's Home.

The artwork featured to the right is just one example of the wonderful skill that the children have.

If you have specific questions regarding the artwork or about purchasing the art, please call Kimberly Beach or Tammie Greene at 478-474-



8220.

You can view additional artwork at our website: [www.gich.org](http://www.gich.org)

Thank you for your support.

## Employees of the Month

April Hall  
March 2007

Janice Jones  
April 2007



*"Our greatest natural resource is the minds of our children."*

- Walt Disney

## Spotlight

Jim Filush  
Director of Finance



Jim has served the children on this campus for five years.

Thanks Jim for all your hard work and dedication. We appreciate you.

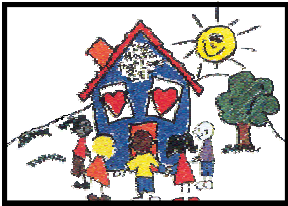
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[www.gich.org](http://www.gich.org)

*Over 100 Years of  
Giving Kids a Chance!*



*In Loving Memory of  
Harriet Yetter*



In Harriet's 4 years of complete dedicated and loving service, she was not only an employee. Harriet was a mentor, a friend, a team player, a good cook, a wonderful mother and wife, and has been and will continue to be missed by the GICH family & children since she left us to be with our Lord on October 31, 2006. WE LOVE YOU!

Dear "GICH" Friends,

As Spring and Summer arrive, we are looking forward to exciting times for our children! Our commitment remains the same...to care for abused, neglected, abandoned and troubled children from all over Georgia who come to us from troubled family situations. We are very proud of this Home and are keeping up-to-date methods and approaches to quality care and commitment with our belief in God. However, we need **your** help!

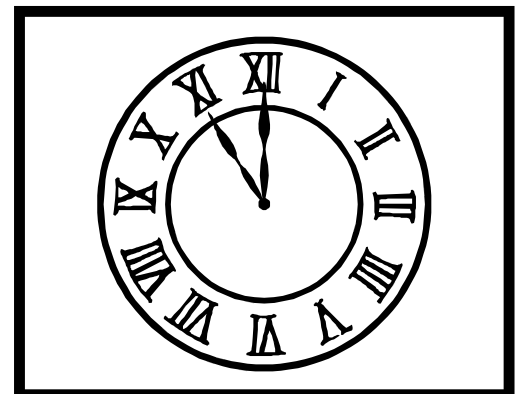
The Home is in constant need of care for our beautiful 172-acre campus. We are embarking on our 108th year of taking care of children. There is excitement with plans of summer vacations, trips and activities. There are continuous possibilities of an athletic field, swimming pool and new construction of a multi-purpose building. There are currently 50 children in our care. It is through the generosity of our donors like "**you**" that we together can fulfill the dreams of these children.

The Georgia Industrial Children's Home is a non-profit organization and is reimbursed through fees for services at approximately 73% of the cost to provide quality care. Thank **you** for giving these children chances as well as a cherished memory by helping us meet the challenges of caring for these very special children. However, there is no price on the care, love and stability that we strive to give our children everyday.

You can help us obtain a positive and healthy future for each child through your financial support and obligation. Your monetary tax-exempt donation will most definitely make a difference in the life of a child. I have enclosed a postage-paid envelope for your convenience or you can call and we can process a credit card. I wholeheartedly encourage you to visit and tour our beautiful campus anytime! "*To what lengths are you willing to go to help us grow?*"

In faith and thanksgiving,  
Tammie M. Greene  
Director of Development & Public Relations

**The Mission** of the Georgia Industrial Children's Home is to protect and care for troubled children and their families in a safe, stable environment while providing quality care to help others help themselves.



After a hundred years of change, our commitment remains the same.