

New and Upcoming Events

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Dear Friends,

We are delighted to wish you a Happy New Year and hope that you are staying warm and enjoying the first months of 2008. We also hope you'll enjoy our first newsletter of the year and take time to review our successes and upcoming events.

Our community continues to be impacted by the news of 2007 including increased foreclosures, the continual drought, and economic uncertainty. While those occurrences have consumed our national and local attention, we remain encouraged because of "news" that may not have reached the masses. The news is... CFR continues to strengthen families because of support from friends like you.

The Board and staff of The Center for Family Resources want to say thank you for what you have done to impact the lives of families and individuals. Your loyal support to CFR has made a huge difference - right here in your own backyard! In an effort to keep you posted on your investment, you can review our 2007 program highlights on the next page. Providing help and hope to thousands of individuals and families in Cobb County, our work improves the lives and helps to build a strong, healthy community.

As we enter our 48th year, The Center for Family Resources promises to continue to be good stewards of your support by providing programs and services that really work. We couldn't do it without all of you - our donors, volunteers, partners and friends.

Thank you for sharing our vision.

Warm Regards,

Bruce Clayton, Board Chair 2008

Jeri Barr, CEO



We are so excited to "roll out" the new look and logo for The Center for Family Resources. We would like to recognize the zealous and creative dedication of MopDog, an Atlanta-based advertising and design firm. The MopDog team, lead by Bill and Cheryl Musial, has worked tirelessly with our staff to refresh and revise the CFR logo and website.

Their time and effort will allow greater access and information for CFR services and programs for families and individuals in need, volunteers, donors, and community members. A big THANK YOU to the staff of MopDog!

Visit our new website at
www.TheCFR.org



2007 at a Glance...

The Center for Family Resources provides many programs and services to help those in need break the cycle of poverty and become independent and self-sufficient. During 2007, CFR provided the following:

- Assisted 293 families with rent or utility payments, totaling \$182,204.95;
- Fed 2,716 households, 7,949 people, with food from the food pantry;
- Housed 239 individuals (90 adults and 149 children) through the Short-Term and Transitional Housing Programs;
- Encouraged 29 youth through the Mentoring Program, which serves at-risk youth with the help of community volunteers;
- Partnered with 59 people from 4 neighborhoods in the Community Leadership Development Program, which empowers communities with the knowledge and skills needed to work together to solve neighborhood problems;
- Conducted GED classes, life skills training, career counseling, and job skills training for 340 people; and
- Welcomed community and individual volunteers, who provided more than 8,300 hours to assist CFR programs and services - a dollar value of nearly \$157,000.

New Board of Directors for 2008

The Center for Family Resources (CFR) is pleased to announce the following newly appointed Board Chair and members to its 2008 Board of Directors

Bruce Clayton, Genuine Parts Company - Board Chair
Larry V. Terry, PBS&J - Chair Elect
Lou Little, WellStar Health System - Treasurer
Brian E. Noyes, Brock Clay Government & Public Affairs - Member-At-Large
Debbie Abernathy, E. Smith Heating & Air - Past Chair
Lynda Ausburn, Walton Communities
Frederic S. Beloin, Beloin, Brown, Blum, & Baer, LLC
Richard A. Cope, USA Cargo Services
Deonne Decker, CBeyond
Cigdem Delano, Georgia Technology Authority
Cassy A. Ferrell, Vinings Bank
Joe Garner, Clear Channel Outdoor - Atlanta
Vickie Haney, Bank of North Georgia
Carl R. Huddleston, Huddleston Properties
Mary D. Karras, Bank of North Georgia
Bob Kiser, Moore Colson
Judson Langley, Bank of North Georgia
Bob Lewis, Marietta Board of Lights and Water
John Mansour, Ayoub & Mansour, LLC
David H. McGinnis, Security Exchange Bank
Rick Ramsey, Lockheed Martin
Donald B. Robertson, The Walker School
Mary S. Williamson, Georgian Bank
Pete Wood, City of Smyrna Councilman

2008 Annual Board Retreat



From left to right: Bob Irving, CFR Academy Taskforce Member, Rick Ramsey, Mary S. Williamson, Judson Langley, Vickie Haney, Larry Ceminsky, Former Board Member, Felix LaCroix, Finance Committee Member, and Bob Lewis participate in the 2008 Annual Board Retreat.

2008 OSCAR NIGHT® AMERICA

WHAT

The Center for Family Resources
12th Annual Gala - OSCAR NIGHT® AMERICA
for 80th Annual Academy Awards

WHEN

Sunday, February 24, 2008
6 pm

WHERE

Cobb Galleria Centre

Individual tickets - \$150; Tables of eight - \$1,200



For the seventh consecutive year, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has given The Center for Family Resources the honor of hosting Atlanta's only official Academy®- sanctioned party. The event, co-chaired by Bob & Elaine Feldberg and Jerry & Cheryl Nix, will evoke the excitement and carefree spirit of the 'Roaring 20s.' The evening will include live jazz entertainment and silent and live auctions. Attendees watch the live telecast on two big screens and will receive official Academy Awards® ceremony programs. All proceeds benefit low-income and homeless families in our community.

Sponsorships for the event are still available and items for the silent auction are currently being accepted!

Call 770.428.2601 or visit www.TheCFR.org to make your reservation.

In Someone Else's Shoes



On January 22, CFR welcomed 21 members of its board and five committee members to kick off the 2008 Annual Board Retreat. The day's program included a session on increasing the fundraising capacity of non-profit organizations presented by Chuck Loring, CFRE of Loring, Sternberg & Associates. Additional time was spent reviewing current fundraising strategies at CFR.

Members spent the afternoon participating in The Center for Family Resources Experience. Members of the Board of Directors were given the opportunity to experience CFR and its programs from the perspective of a client seeking assistance. Armed with a real-life scenario of former CFR clients, the members, veteran and new, spent time navigating the intake process and witnessing the critical role played by CFR case managers.

Above: New board member, Deonne Decker (right) participates in The CFR Experience as a single mom seeking shelter and employment services. Kathleen Flora, Housing Services Case Manager (left) discusses the intake process and program requirements for assistance.

Volunteer Spotlight

The Center for Family Resources recognizes the invaluable efforts put forth by our many volunteers. In 2007, CFR and its clients benefited from more than 8,300 hours of services provided by committed volunteers that included members of our Board of Directors, committee members, Junior League members, Oscar Night® America 2007 volunteers, Thanksgiving volunteers, mentors, professional organizations, and individual community members.

Whether they were assisting with in-take, offering a helping hand around the office, or teaching one of our educational classes, volunteers continued to play an integral role in the day-to-day operations of CFR.

Volunteer commitment increased during 2007, with more than 270 volunteers participating in CFR's Thanksgiving Program, more volunteers than ever in the event's history.

Seventeen volunteers committed more than 50 direct hours during 2007. Of note, Annette Harlow completed the greatest number of hours of all the volunteers during 2007. Also, local Boy Scout Tom Loizzo spent six weeks on the CFR premises completing a garden and landscaping as part of an Eagle Scout project.

Interested in Volunteering at CFR?

Various opportunities are available for individuals and groups to enrich the lives of others while enriching their own.

In addition to providing a place to meet new people and make new friends, CFR volunteers discover the personal rewards of sharing their gifts and talents, expertise, and experience.

The Center for Family Resources offers one-time projects for individuals and groups, short-term activities, and ongoing, everyday tasks. Corporate and civic organizations are also welcome to give their time and talent to help CFR meet its mission of strengthening individuals, families, and communities. Contact us at 770.428.2601 or visit our new website at www.TheCFR.org for volunteer opportunities.

Did You Know?
The 8,334 total hours completed by CFR volunteers during 2007 was worth **\$156,429!!**



Above: Boy Scout Tom Loizzo puts final touches on his Eagle Scout project.

WE NEED MENTORS!

Interested in impacting the future of Cobb's youth?

The CFR Mentoring Program matches disadvantaged youth, grades six through 12, with a caring adult.

Your participation in the Mentoring Program will include involvement in enrichment activities with your 'mentee' that include character education, leadership training, conflict resolution, tutorial sessions and computer training.

If you are interested in making a difference in the the life of one of Cobb County's youth, call 770.428.2601.