

2007 Volunteer and Donor Award Recipients

“Helping Hand” Volunteer of the Year Award
Annette Harlow

“Save the Day” Award
Bob & Elaine Feldberg

“So Kind for In-Kind” Award
MopDog Advertising + Design

“Meet the Need” Award
The Inner Circle

“Count on Me” Award
Janet Underhill

Thank you to all of our committed volunteers!

Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities... Support CFR!

With schools out for summer break, many families that depend on free and reduced breakfast and lunch for their children are now faced with the ever-rising cost of providing every meal for their family. Your support of CFR during this time will allow for our food pantry to provide food for families and help offset the increased requests that CFR will see during the coming months. There are many ways to get involved with CFR! Visit our website at www.TheCFR.org to find out more!

Movie Nights at East Cobb Park
Adopt-An-Apartment
Thanksgiving 2008

Be a CFR Mentor
Teach a Class
GED Scholarships

Join a Task Force/Committee
Rent a Room at the Mansour Center
Host a Food Drive

Get Involved!

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 website at www.TheCFR.org for volunteer opportunities.



New and Upcoming Events June 2008

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Our Values Come FIRST

Family

We believe strong families build better communities.

Integrity

We adhere to the highest standards of ethical conduct and responsible stewardship of resources.

Results

We work to obtain the highest level of personal and organizational performance.

Service

We are passionately committed to service and embrace the tradition of leaders serving from the heart.

Teamwork

We cultivate superior leadership and collaborate to mobilize the caring power of our community.

Letter from CFR

Dear Friends,

The excitement of summer break is here and we hope that you and your family are enjoying summer vacations, football and marching band camps, and weekends at the lake.

The first few months of 2008 have been exciting for CFR. We are thrilled to invite you to visit our website at www.TheCFR.org to read our **2007 Annual Report** and you can also stream our new **CFR Video**, courtesy of WSB-TV. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to producers Jocelyn Dorsey and Ronnie Hoof. The video offers a priceless opportunity that allows you to hear success stories first-hand from our dedicated clients and community leaders.

And there is no better time to tell that story than now.

Rising prices at the pump and in the produce and dairy aisles have created difficult financial situations for many of our neighbors in Cobb County. Many families have found their way to CFR, seeking assistance for the very first time. Walk-in and telephone calls for assistance increased **43 percent** in the first quarter of 2008 as compared to the same time period in 2007.

We hope that you will continue to think of CFR this summer. Your loyal support to CFR makes a huge difference - right here in your own backyard! Please review highlights from our first quarter on the next page. Without you, providing help and hope to hundreds of individuals and families in Cobb County each month wouldn't be possible.

Thank you for sharing our vision.

Warm Regards,

Bruce Clayton, Board Chair 2008

Jeri Barr, CEO

CFR's 2007 Annual Report is available online!
www.TheCFR.org

1st Quarter Highlights

- 4,158 walk-in and phone call clients assisted (43% increase from 1st quarter of 2007).
- Assisted 57 families with rent or utility payments, totaling \$35,792.03.
- Fed 663 households, 1,841 people with food from the food pantry.
- 78 percent of the families that exited the Short-Term Housing Program went into either Transitional or Permanent Housing.
- Christ Episcopal Church in Kennesaw donated Easter food baskets with grocery store gift cards to 12 clients in the housing program.
- Two apartments were sponsored by Solvay Pharmaceuticals and Chestnut Ridge through the CFR Adopt-An-Apartment Program.
- St. Paul United Methodist Church in Marietta donated 100 Easter baskets to the children in the housing program.
- 46 individuals attended 2 CLD alumni workshops: Project Implementation and How to Organize Your Community



Annual Dinner 2008: Celebrating CFR



Marion Taylor (left) stands with Jennifer Cain, Development and Volunteer Coordinator. Taylor received the President's Call to Service Award for **more than 7,000 hours of volunteer service** committed to CFR over the last 10 years. Thanks Marion!



Doug Chaffins (right) announces the creation of **The Legacy Circle**, a dedicated group of former board members. The group has raised nearly **\$5,000** through an "Adopt-An-Apartment" campaign to provide household items for 13 apartments for families entering the CFR Housing Program. *To learn how YOU can "Adopt-An-Apartment," contact CFR today!*

CFR Gives Inaugural Presidential Service Awards

For the first time in its history, CFR presented **Presidential Service Awards** to 38 committed volunteers. In 2003, President Bush created the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation to find ways to recognize the valuable contributions of volunteers. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor individuals, families, and groups who have volunteered in their community. The recipients were recognized for giving 100 hours of service or more to CFR, with special distinctions made at 100, 250, 500 and 4,000 hours of total service. We extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to these outstanding volunteers!

Bronze Award Recipients (100+ hours)

Dorothy Lawrence	Brian Noyes	Lou Little	Don Robertson
Gail Rotters	John Mansour	Larry Terry	Mella Thomas
Richard Cope	Jarad Crimens	Bob Kiser	Lynda Ausburn
Bob Lewis	Rick Ramsey	Fred Beloin	
David McGinnis	Christopher Keylon	Don Madden	

Silver Award Recipients (250+ hours)

Jonathan Chung	Cassy Ferrell	Pete Wood	Ron Simon
Kathy Mooney	Bruce Clayton	Mary Karras	Vickie Haney
Debbie Abernathy	Carl Huddleston	Annette Harlow	

Gold Award Recipients (500+ hours)

Felecia Sveda	Rachel Manget	Nancy Mann
June MacGregor	Gary Bottoms	Clifton Moor
Mary Williamson	Jack Lawson	

President's Call to Service Award (4,000+ hours)

Marion Taylor

Client Spotlight

Michelle Llanos came into CFR's Short Term Housing Program in April 2007. She had just lost her job and she and her 2-year-old son had been evicted from their apartment. Although she was able to begin a new job within a few weeks, it was not enough to catch up on rent and continue to pay daycare. Saddled with **debilitating debt**, including the eviction, Michelle could not obtain an apartment in her own name.



Additionally, when she and her son entered CFR's Housing Program, the young boy was suffering from behavior issues and speech delay. She was referred to the Babies Can't Wait Program for testing and treatment. As part of the case management process, Ms. Llanos completed Life Skills Classes including Problem Solving & Assertiveness.

Due to a significant barrier to employment, Ms. Llanos continued to have difficulty keeping jobs. She continued to work with CFR case management and after leaving the program she began working a temporary assignment in January 2008 that became permanent after several months. She has now been **on the job six months**, remains in her own apartment, and just started attending Oglethorpe University to complete her Bachelor's degree. **She would like to have a career in social services**, and has begun working in the community in her spare time. Her son has been receiving speech therapy and continues to improve.

A Day at the Ballpark: Thank You to the Atlanta Braves



Above: Mentor Jamee Lawson (left) enjoys the game with her mentee Corinthia Hamilton. Right: Mentees Peyton Foley and Justin Jones (l to r) cheer on the Atlanta Braves.



On Sunday, May 18, five CFR mentees and their mentors traveled to Turner Field to see the Atlanta Braves take on the Oakland A's.

CFR would like to thank the Atlanta Braves for providing the tickets for a day of fun at the ballpark as the Braves bested Oakland by a score of 5-2.

Go Braves!

Movie Nights at East Cobb Park

Friends for the East Cobb Park has partnered with CFR for Friday night movies in the park. Guests enjoy live music and inflatable games beginning at 6 p.m. Films begin at 8 p.m. To support CFR, guests are encouraged to bring a donation item.

June 27th – Notebooks & Pencils
August 22nd – Pasta & Rice
September 19th – Pork & Beans
September 26th – Canned Fruit
October 3rd – Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
October 24th – Laundry Detergent

This year's Movie Nights program is expanded from the 2007 series, which featured just three films. The 12 movies for this year's series were selected by Cobb residents through an online poll, and range from classic family films to more recent releases. The series takes place on 11 select Friday nights – and one Sunday evening - through November.

Sign up for e-news alerts at www.eastcobbpark.org to get the movie schedule and reminders.

