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## **VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS**

**The vision of Children's Restoration Network** is to continually seek to enhance its ability to offer significant resources to homeless children and mothers and make a demonstrative difference in their lives by creating strong partnerships and attaining financial stability.

**The mission of Children's Restoration Network** is to offer hope and support, enabling children and their mothers to break the cycle of homelessness by empowering them to become part of mainstream society as active, productive citizens through programs and special events designed to uplift their spirits and address their academic, emotional, and physical needs.

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

**Children's Restoration Network (CRN)** is a non-profit agency focusing on the plight of homeless children and mothers in our community. In addition to helping meet basic needs, CRN conducts programs and special events to provide a broad range of positive experiences for over 3,000 children residing in shelters and group homes each year. CRN began its 14<sup>th</sup> year of service to metro-Atlanta's neediest children in September 2006.

During its productive and innovative history, CRN has dedicated its efforts to fulfilling its vision and mission statements, working with over 100 shelters and group homes throughout metro-Atlanta that house over 2,000 children on any given night. While children are our main focus, we also realize that assisting the mother is usually the best way to help the child. Programs are therefore directed towards both children and their mothers to ease their transition through homelessness.

In-shelter, one-on-one tutoring programs give the children who have fallen seriously behind in basic skills because of their situation a needed boost to their academic achievement. Special attention and understanding fosters greater self-esteem and personal responsibility in the children. Mothers are offered resume and job preparation workshops to increase their likelihood of success in the job market. A growing corps of dedicated, community-minded volunteers help CRN's small staff implement its programs and special events.

When possible, CRN provides assistance to shelters for basic necessities by subsidizing rent and utilities and supplementing their food pantries. CRN also works to provide food, furniture, house wares and other assistance for families recovering from homelessness.

To provide needed support for its programs, Children's Restoration Network recruits volunteers and solicits contributions, sponsorships and in-kind support from individuals, clubs, organizations, and the business community. A CRN representative would like to talk with you about financial and/or volunteer support for one or more of these events and activities. Year-round volunteers are particularly needed for job training/placement and tutoring programs. **PLEASE HELP!**

## **Special Events -2007**

- ☺ **LEAP (Leadership, Employment, Achievement, Prosperity)–begins in February, 2007:** Career preparation workshops are designed to encourage homeless mothers and help them to gain the skills needed to prepare resumes, take part in job interviews, and find successful employment so they can return to mainstream society.
- ☺ **Spring Fling – April 8:** Homeless children are treated to a day of fun, games, a traditional egg hunt and a catered buffet meal. The children receive new outfits including shoes, and volunteers interact with the children.
- ☺ **“Celebrate the Children!” Ball – July 28:** A Black-Tie-Optional Dinner, Dance, and Silent Auction held at The Westin Buckhead. Proceeds benefit Children’s Restoration Network’s Annual Back 2 School Campaign for Homeless Children.
- ☺ **Back 2 School Readiness Campaign & Program – July/August:** Homeless children are prepared for the school year with gifts of book new bags filled with school supplies and personal hygiene items. Free health, dental, and vision screenings are provided as well as the necessary inoculations to enter school. Speakers address the importance of staying in school.
- ☺ **New Hope Scholarship Program:** Eligible, deserving students in shelters write a one-page essay explaining why they should be chosen. Essays, grades, and recommendations determine the \$2,000 scholarship winners.
- ☺ **Thanksgiving Food Drive –November 1 - 21:** Schools, businesses, and neighborhoods collect canned foods, cereals, and turkeys for holiday food baskets. Each shelter requesting help receives all the trimmings for a fine Thanksgiving Dinner, and food to fill their pantry. Volunteers can share Thanksgiving dinner at a shelter.
- ☺ **Twelve Days Of Caring Campaign - December 1 - 24:** Collecting new toys, clothes, and gifts for over 3,000 kids in shelters. Businesses, churches, schools, etc. participate in collections. Volunteers sort collected toys, match them to the children’s wish list, and wrap them at our annual “Wrap Party” (December 20th-22<sup>nd</sup>) and also deliver gifts and throw parties for the shelters. True sharing and caring Holiday Spirit!
- ☺ **Adopt a Shelter Program:** Holiday “Wish Lists” are sent to more than 100 shelters. Corporations, organizations, clubs, church groups, etc. adopt individual shelters or families. Each can then choose a specific child on the list and brighten his/her holiday season by purchasing the gifts the child requests.
- ☺ **Project One-On-One (ongoing):** Teams of volunteers meet with groups of children to help with homework and basic skills, while developing safe, positive relationships. Children’s Restoration Network currently conducts a once a week, in-shelter, academic mentoring program for homeless children in shelters located in Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, DeKalb and Cobb counties. As volunteers are recruited, the program will be expanded to additional locations.
- ☺ **Digital Bridge (ongoing):** New and used computers are set up in shelters and group homes. Volunteers install donated computers and help kids with computer basics.
- ☺ **Friends Indeed (ongoing):** Churches, businesses, individuals help with clean up, paint up, fix up at shelters and group homes. Other activities include sports outings, bowling, ice-skating, pizza parties, etc.

**Approximately 2,000 children reside in the shelters we work with at any given time.**

**More information on these projects can be found on our website: [www.childrn.org](http://www.childrn.org)**

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