



Holiday Luncheon

*Hosted by
The Guild of Family Service
of Greensboro*

*Friday, December 3; 11:30-1:30
Greensboro Country Club*

Creative Holiday Hints presented by:
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*Please reply by Monday, November 29, by check made out to
The Guild of Family Service for \$35 mailed to
Mrs. Eva Cooke*

*6043 Lake Brandt Road
Greensboro, NC 27455. (545-3380)*

*Or go to www.safeandhealthyfamilies.com/guild
to reserve your seat.*

All proceeds benefit Clara House and Family Service.

- A message from Pat Cross, Annual Campaign Chair: **"Be on the lookout for your Annual Giving letter- so important to the Agency. Coming in late November!"**
- RSVP to reserve your place at the Holiday Luncheon table!
- BOG update, p. 3
- Membership reports on successful fall events with a 20% increase in membership (so far this year!)

Welcome New Members!

*Clarisse Kleinman
205 Manchester Place 27410*

*Michelle Crow
3402 Pickman Drive 27410*

*Janice Diana
3807 Camden Falls Circle 27410*

*Daniela Helms
310 Irving Place 27408*

*Julie Newcomb
5807 Bayleaf Lane 27455*

*Lisa Reynolds
3850 Lewiston Road 27410*

*Mimi Ziegler
3309 Madison Avenue 27403*

*Jenn Kilpatrick
708 5th Avenue, 27405*

*To learn more about the Guild,
or how to join, please contact
Cyndy Hayworth (601-6998)*

Focus on Membership!

We would like to acknowledge the following Guild and community members who donated their time and resources in September & October:

- **Dixie Culver** for hosting our September membership meeting.
- **Cyenthia Barker & Allison Bentsen** for their work on the Welcome Party.
- Sheriff BJ Barnes for speaking at our September membership meeting.
- **Cyenthia Barker**, NewBridge Bank, for providing lunch at the September Membership meeting.
- Premier Federal Credit Union for bringing school supplies to our meeting and for "Friending" the Agency.
- All who have contributed to the Bundles of Giving Campaign - *not too late!!*
- **Magz King & Liz Burns** for getting the Junior Guild year off to an *amazing* start!

Note the Date!

General Membership Meeting

November 18

at the home of Sylvia Merritt

Speaker: Janet Cecil, Family Counselor at Family Service

Donations of toys & books for the children's waiting room are appreciated.

Babysitters needed at Clara House!

Carol McKenzie

Many thanks to the volunteers who babysat Thursdays at Clara house this past year. Accolades go to **Leigh-Ann Safrit** who volunteered two days a month and also to **Olivia Gillespie, Allison Bentsen, Sylvia Merritt and Carol McKenzie.**

This volunteer activity involves one hour every two months and is lots of fun and rewarding. We usually only have two children at a time.

For more information, please call Carol McKenzie at 855-3569 or email her at WMCKENZIE001@triad.rr.com

President's Message

Judy Roy

It has truly been a whirlwind start for the Guild this fall, and I believe that is a sign of what is to come this year. The Black & White Mix & Mingle was fantastic! Thank you for opening your beautiful home to us, **Eva Cooke**. And thanks to **Allison Bentsen** and **Cyenthia Barker** for planning such a fun, welcoming event. It was great to see familiar friends and meet our newest Guild members that lovely evening.

Sheriff BJ Barnes gave us a fascinating talk on the impact of domestic violence in Guilford County as seen through the eyes of law enforcement. If you'd had any doubt about the value of our time and effort on behalf of Family Service of the Piedmont before that meeting, it is certainly clear that the most vulnerable among us need our help more than ever. Thank you, **Dixie Culver**, for hosting us at your beautiful home. Also, we appreciate the generous donation of lunch courtesy of NewBridge Bank, arranged by **Cyenthia Barker**. We also welcomed representatives of Premier Federal Credit Union: Lori Thompson, President, Brenda Coffey, LaKeisha Ramesur, and An Strickland, who brought along a cache of school supplies for the children at Clara House. Thank you Premier CU for adopting Family Service of the Piedmont as your charitable cause.

Please check the calendar for upcoming events and meetings, including the next membership meeting on November 16 at Sylvia Merritt's home. Our speaker will be Janet Cecil from the Family Counseling department at Family Service. When asked what our members might bring to the meeting to help the department, they replied "...that many of the toys and books for kids in the waiting room are torn and tattered and none of the toys are complete...it would be great to have educational books and toys for the waiting room". Friends, please put this on your shopping list for your next trip to Target or WalMart, and I look forward to seeing you on November 18.

Guild Recognitions

Thank you acknowledgements:

- NewBridge Bank (Guild member **Cyenthia Barker**) for providing lunch for the September general membership meeting
- **Dixie Culver** for hosting the September membership meeting
- Premier Federal Credit Union for adopting Family Service of the Piedmont as their charitable cause.

Member Recognitions:

- **Liz Burns** and her daughter, Claire, participated in a mission trip to Africa this past summer.

Looking Ahead into 2010

Healthy Start Baby Shower
January
Love Serving Love
March 9th
End-of-Year Celebration
May 19th



Black & White, Mix & Mingle Social

Cyenthia Barker

In September, the Guild kicked off a fabulous new and returning member social. The event was hosted by **Eva Cooke** and co-Chairs **Allison Bentsen** and **Cyenthia Barker**. The evening event was held at the lovely home of Eva Cooke with a black & white theme. Janet McNamera catered an incredible variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres for everyone to enjoy. We had 48 new and returning members attending and showing off their black & white attire. Everyone looked amazing! It was an evening of fun and fellowship amongst friends. Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed the theme idea.

The social was a success with **5 new members** joining our mission and several new member applications handed out. It is amazing what we can and will do as a group!

Thank you for all that you do to support The Guild and Family Service of the Piedmont!



Allison Bentsen, co-Chair; Eva Cooke, Hostess; & Cyenthia Barker, co-Chair.



Top L: Davida Hamilton & Jennifer Russell; Above: Lisa Liringis, Barbara Snavelly; Sherri Hill & Judy Roy; L: Kelly Bankhead, Julie Newcomb & Dixie Culver; Bottom L: Kim Holleman & Judy Roy.



Agency News



Jody Susong

F&CS Marketing & Development Officer

At our Annual Meeting, we presented this year's Julia B. Nile For Love of Family Award from Family Service of Greensboro Foundation to Guild member **Lynn Black**. Elizabeth Finch won the award for High Point.

Lynn's support of our agency goes back many years. She was Board Chair during the difficult transitional period when then President & CEO Tom Bonney was on medical leave. Lynn made special efforts to keep staff and board members informed during this period. At the same time, she devoted many hours (and some very early mornings!) talking about Family Service of the Piedmont to area Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, and other community groups. Lynn was also instrumental in helping craft Family Service's current five-year strategic plan.

We are starting our 2010 Annual Campaign direct-mail drive. Last year, thanks to help from the Guild, we raised almost \$58,000 from the Greensboro community. We hope to do even better this year! Thanks to Guild Annual Campaign Chair **Pat Cross** for taking on this important task.

Your financial support of the campaign is appreciated as always. You can also help by sharing names of people you know to receive our Annual Campaign letter. Please contact Daniel Todd at 387-6161 x1115.

We are very happy to have chairs in place for next year's Oyster Roast – thanks to **Kim Holleman** for serving as the Guild Oyster Roast chair. We are also happy to announce this year's Honorary Chair: long-time friend of Family Service and Guild member **Shirley Spears**. The committee has already met to discuss plans for the 2011 event. We are looking forward to another very successful Oyster Roast!



The Junior Guild (JG) met at the home of Margaux Ketner on September 12th for their annual Interest Party. Potential members learned about the Junior Guild and plans being made for the coming year; 22 young ladies joined! Plans were finalized at their September 22 membership meeting at Magz King's (Guild co-Liaison) home. Look for exciting updates from this enthusiastic group in the next newsletter!

Healthy Start Workshop

Libby Gabriel, Volunteer Coordinator

Family Service will be conducting an educational workshop for mothers on **Thursday, November 18th from 10:30 - 1:30 p.m.** We have been asked to please assist with lunch for about 20 mothers and for 1-3 volunteers to provide childcare.

Bundles of Giving!

Emerald

Anonymous (1)

Ruby

Amy & Garth Heutel
Clay Smith

Sapphire

Pat & Pete Cross
Debbie L. Reynolds
Judy & Mark Roy

Pearl

Lynn & John Black
Becky Brasloff
Magz & Bob King
Leigh & Craig Sudbrink

- We have already raised \$16,500.00 for our fundraising events with this planned giving option.
 - The Bundles of Giving program combines participation in all Guild events for the year, as well as the events that we co-partner with the Greensboro Foundation to support, The Annual Campaign and Oyster Roast.
 - *Donations to Bundles of Giving can be made by check to the Guild of Family Service, P.O. Box 9892, Greensboro, NC, 27429 or online at www.safeandhealthyfamilies.com/guild*
- Call Clay Smith, 1st V. P. Fund Raising (404-7058) or Judy Roy, President (656-7993) with any questions.
- If you choose not to participate in Bundles of Giving, you may still elect to support each event separately and at your discretion. No matter how you choose to give this year...whether it is your time, talent or resources, **simply give.**

Thanks to those who have contributed thus far!

Preparing for the 2011 Oyster Roast!

Kim Holleman & Daniela Helms,
Co-Chairs

Preparations are well underway for the 2011 Oyster Roast! And, we would really like you to get involved!

There are many opportunities to serve on various committees including:

- * Decorations
- * Facilities
- * Food
- * Hosts
- * Invitations
- * Logistics
- * Music
- * Raffle
- * Sponsorship

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the 2011 Oyster Roast Co-Chairs: Daniela Helms, danielahelms@triad.rr.com, mbl# 908-5322 or Kim Holleman, kimjholleman@aol.com, mbl# 339-7888.

Guild Purpose

To bring together members of this organization for the intent of promoting the welfare of families and children in coordination with Family Service of the Piedmont.

GUILD CALENDAR

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2010

November

10th- 8:00 p.m., **JUNIOR GUILD**; full member meeting at the home of Katherine Givan, 3033 Lake Forrest Drive, 27408; dinner prep for Clara House & pick Secret Santas.

16th- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Membership Meeting**; at the home of Sylvia Merritt, 12 Foxglove Lane, 27455. Speaker: Janet Cecil, Family Counselor at Family Service. Donations of toys & books for the children's waiting room are appreciated. Cash/check donations accepted in lieu of items if members prefer. (Items are in place of the \$50 honorarium previously given to meeting presenters.)

18th - 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Healthy Start Workshop**; 315 E. Washington St., 27401.

20th- 7:00 p.m. **JUNIOR GUILD**; Sleepover Pajama Jama Jam

December

3rd- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Holiday Luncheon**; Greensboro Country Club. *Creative Holiday Hints*, presented by: An Extraordinary Event, DRESSCODE, The Fresh Market & Replacements, Ltd. Please reply by Monday, November 29, by check made out to The Guild of Family Service for \$35 mailed to Eva Cooke, 6043 Lake Brandt Road, 27455. (545-3380) Or, go to www.safeandhealthyfamilies.com/guild to reserve your seat. All proceeds benefit Clara House and Family Service.

7th- 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m., **Board Meeting**; Tannenbaum Board Room, 4th floor, 315 E. Washington Street, 27401.

8th- 8:00 p.m., **JUNIOR GUILD**; Full member meeting for assembling holiday gift bags for women in Clara House.

12th- 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Holiday Tea with Junior Guild**; gift wrapping for client families and fellowship with the Guild, Junior Guild and their mothers. Location and details coming soon.

13th- 3rd Newsletter deadline (Jan. - Feb. 2011)

Agency Tours Available

If you would like to schedule a tour of the Agency, please call Jody Susong, Marketing and Development Officer (689-5297).

To join the Guild go to www.safeandhealthyfamilies.com/guild or contact Cyndy Hayworth, Membership Coordinator, for an application (544-0343; chayworth@centralncja.org).

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