



Holiday Luncheon Sets Records in Attendance and Profits

Leigh Sudbrink, Event Co-Chair

If you missed the Holiday Luncheon held at Greensboro Country Club on Friday, December 3rd, you missed an outstanding event. The luncheon hosted by Eva Cooke, Leigh Sudbrink and new member, Jean Kiser, began with Lora, a client of Family Service, reading her poem "I Believe in Me" (see p. 3). Her poignant poem expresses her courageous recovery from an abusive upbringing. The room fell silent as the intensity of her struggle became clear. At the conclusion of the reading, the attendees rose to give her applause.

The luncheon turned to a focus on celebrating the season. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- * 147 attendees and \$2,713 in net profit.
- * GSO Printing donated 450 invitations.
- * Floral arrangements were donated by 12 florists used as centerpieces valued at \$100 each. The designs were spectacular and were sold at the end of the luncheon for \$50.
- * Olivia Gillespie and Lex Kulman of An Extraordinary Event shared the top 5 reasons to use an event planner.
- * DressCode owner, Maribeth Hudgins, demonstrated 10 ways to wear a black dress.
- * The Fresh Market, a long time friend of the Guild, created interesting appetizers available to sample and presented wine to taste.
- * Replacements, Ltd. set three tablescapes and donated proceeds from their sales to the Guild.

The presenting businesses generously provided door prizes.

We offer a heart felt thanks to the participating florists:

Bloemenbinder The Flower Maker
Botanica Flowers and Gifts
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Scruggs Florist, Inc.
Anonymous



Presenters: Lex Kulman & Olivia Gillespie of An Extraordinary Event (above); DRESSCODE owner, Maribeth Huggins (below)



Jill Slatter (above, L) of Replacements Ltd. and her assistants set a perfect table!



Prize winners Rebecca Schlosser (above) & Janice Diana (below)



The Fresh Market's featured Chef, Sandy Tadlock of Chef's USA, and assistant, Katie Cooke, show how to make perfect appetizers (above); Don Poplaski and Heather Eberhart (R) of Ararat Importers & Distributors pair them with the perfect wine!



Event Chairs: Jean Kiser, Eva Cooke & Leigh Sudbrink (R); Dixie Culver & Joan Whitacre (below); and Julia Sypher, Jean Twilley, and Frances Bullock (below, far R)



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.

Welcome New Members!

Brenda Coffey

1400 Yanceyville Street 27405

Linda Egerton

806 Pebble Drive 27410

Mary Ingram

1 Dunaway Court 27408

Jean Kilpatrick

708 5th Avenue 27405

Perry Legaux

108 Nut Brush Road, East 27410

Lakeisha Ramseur

1400 Yanceyville Street 27405

Joan Stevenson

4507 Kingbridge Drive 27410

An Strickland

1400 Yanceyville Street 27405

Lori Thompson

1400 Yanceyville Street 27405

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

President's Message

Judy Roy

The year 2010 has turned out to be an outstanding time for the Guild of Family Service of Greensboro, and I am honored and proud to be a part of this organization. If you were present at our November membership meeting, you had a rare opportunity to see how one counselor can have such a profound effect in the life of her client, showing her how to believe in herself and have hope for her future. Listening to Lora read her poem reaffirmed my commitment to help Family Service continue their vital work to build safe and healthy families in Greensboro.

Our membership has continued to grow this year, and we now have 101 Guild members and 70 Junior Guild members. The Guild directory has been published and is available to be picked up at all Guild events...get yours at the January 18 membership meeting. Thank you to **David Hamilton** for editing our directory this year, and to **Cyndy Hayworth** for keeping track of the contact information for each renewal and new member.

The Holiday Luncheon was a huge success this year, thanks to the efforts of **Eva Cooke, Jean Kiser** and **Leigh Sudbrink**. They planned an interesting program of fashion, food, party and home design ideas, and they arranged for the donation of 16 amazing table centerpieces from local florists. Everyone in attendance had a fabulous time, and we were able to raise over \$2700 for the agency.

As busy as we all have been this fall, our spring calendar will be crazy but fun!! Our Healthy Start Baby Shower will be held at **Fay Hoggard's** home on February 9. Then it's Love Serving Love, a community awareness event for the tennis community on March 9, though it is not limited to tennis players. The annual Oyster Roast will be on April 29, and that is another big event for the Guild working with the Foundation. Your input and assistance is appreciated for any and all of these events, and they are a great way to get to know fellow Guild members a little better.

May you all enjoy the blessings of peace and happiness in the new year. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meetings and events.



Membership Report

*Cyndy Hayworth,
Membership Coordinator*

The November 16th membership meeting at the home of Sylvia Merritt was a great success! The weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the luncheon as we had a "full house!" The food was great, thanks to Senn Dunn (provided by Sarah Doggett). Lora presented a poem she had written to Family Counselor Janet Cecil in appreciation for her support during her therapy. All present were touched by the poem (see p. 3). Lora received a standing ovation for her courage and strength in overcoming her circumstances to emerge a much stronger individual.

Several members brought guests with the hopes of them becoming new members. As of this date, we have 101 members and the list continues to grow.

Welcome to all of the new members. Let's keep the momentum moving to acquire new members. The Guild offers friendship, great food (at meetings), wonderful events and powerful women working toward the same goal...helping families in the Piedmont.

Warm wishes to each of you this holiday season.



Junior Guild members enjoy the holiday spirit at the Tea.

Junior Guild Tea Brings Members Together

Every December the Guild hosts a Tea for Junior Guild (JG) members and their mothers. This year, the event was held at the lovely home of Judy Roy, Guild President. Guild and JG members and moms enjoyed tea and homemade cookies. The JG exchanged secret santa gifts and enjoyed shopping for jewelry that was donated anonymously by a Guild member. The JG made a total of \$325 in sales that will benefit Agency programs. We appreciate all those who made purchases in support of Family Service and the JG members that manned the tables.



Amy Heutel; Clay Smith; Lori Aycock; Liz Burns; Jody Susong



(Above,R) Carla Robinson, Jody Susong and Leigh Sudbrink collect the donated toys for children served by Family Service.



(Above) Carol McKenzie and Karen Armstrong browse the jewelry for last minute Christmas gifts. (R) Group photo of the JG & Moms



Dixie Culver & Amy Heutel



Guild to Host a Baby Shower for Healthy Start



The Healthy Start Baby Shower will be held on **Feb. 9, from noon until 1:30**, at the home of Fay Hoggard. Formal invitations will be mailed in early January. The baby shower is an annual event to collect baby items for the clients of Family Service whose babies to preschoolers are in need.

Along with new items, you may donate GENTLY used furniture, such as, cribs, bassinets, playpens, car seats, etc. Gift certificates from Target, Wal-mart and Babies R Us are also greatly appreciated. If you cannot attend the shower, you may use one of the following places to drop off your donations:

1. Lorraine Bacon, 1 Portico Court (Westridge/Westminster area) - 299-3830
2. Dixie Culver, 2318 Kirkpatrick Pl. (Irving Park/Kirkwood) - 288-7578
3. Julie Newcomb, 5807 Bayleaf Lane (Lake Brandt/Lake Jeannette) - 908-1704
4. Libby Gabriel, 3918 Starmount Dr. (Starmount Farms) - 294-6766
5. Washington St. office of Family Service

Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments. Please contact Fay Hoggard at fhoggard@triad.rr.com 288-8501 or Frani Olson at dwoflo@aol.com 852-6015 if you would like to prepare appetizers, desserts, sandwiches, etc.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

You are invited to attend

Our next Membership Meeting on
Tuesday, January 18th
at the home of Libby Gabriel,
3918 Starmount Drive, 27410

Program: Doris James of the Family Preservation Division will be speaking about Family Preservation in general, and about Thriving at Three, her particular program.

Donations of school supplies will be accepted for the children of clients receiving Family Preservation services.

Recognitions, Remembrances & Celebrations

The Guild offers a warm Thank You to the following individuals for their generous support:

Contributions:

- *Senn Dunn (Sarah Doggett) for providing lunch for the November 16th membership meeting.
- *Sylvia Merritt for the use of her home for the November membership meeting.
- *To the many members that provided toys and donations to the Family Counseling children's waiting room at the membership meeting.

Donations:

- *Susan Macheledt to the Agency at the Luncheon
- *Kristie Hobson in honor of Bonna Jean Jernigan
- *Heather Kuzmier in memory of Lydia and Bill Gatling
- *Carla & Stephen Robinson in honor of Doris & Richmond Bernhardt
- *Carla & Stephen Robinson in honor of Nancy & Steve Joyce

Remembrances:

- *Sincere sympathy to Sandra Kaye for the loss of her mother.
- *Wishes for a speedy recovery to Susan Rose and Fay Hoggard.

Congratulations to:

- *TJ Roy, son of Judy & Mark Roy, and his wife, Lizzy, who are expecting a baby, due June 6th. Mark & Judy's first grandchild!
- *George Holder, son of Carla and Stephen Robinson, on his engagement to Brandy Nicole Scott. A fall wedding is planned.
- *Rick, son of Peggy & Marion Follin, and his wife, Reagan, who are expecting their first child, a girl, on June 7th.

Healthy Start Workshop Report

Libby Gabriel, Volunteer Coordinator

The Healthy Start Workshop on November 18th went well. Guild members provided sandwiches, chips, dessert and drinks for 20 people. Judy Roy and Allison Bentsen provided babysitting for mothers attending the workshop.

Babysitters Needed

Carol McKenzie

Many thanks to new member Jean Kilpatrick who has jumped right in to babysit for mothers at Clara House. 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

I believe in me

*She believes in me,
endlessly without limits*

*She believes in me
She believes I can be free,*

*free from the memories that haunt my thoughts and leave dirty stains of regrets
all over my heart. She believes in me.*

*She believes in my dreams of a better day, while yet helping me to accept the
reality of this day. She believes there is good within me, despite the recording
of, "bad girl, bad girl" that seems to be embedded deep within my mind. She
believes in me.*

*She believes past my own personal feelings of worthlessness past a childhood
that I could not prevent, that regardless of what has happened to me it does not
determine the worth of my existence. She believes that because I exist that the
life I live has made me priceless. She believes in me. She believes that I am
lovable and deserving of love. She believes that life is beautiful and despite all
my desire to die, she yet believes that I deserve to live and live free. She
believes in me. Believing in me meant believing that all things were possible
even to a life full of what seemed to be impossibilities. She believes in me. She
believes that nothing is impossible to me, if I would only take her faith in me
and believe past all that I can see and feel and believe.*

I believe in me.

*I believe that I can be free, I believe that my best days are ahead and that the
past does not define my future. I believe in me. I believe that I am not a victim
but a survivor who is conquering her past one day at a time, to obtain my great
destiny. I believe in me.*

*I believe that nothing is impossible to me and all things are possible because I
believe in me. I believe that I exist with a great purpose and it is the greatness
of that purpose that will change lives. I believe in me. I believe in my freedom
that will complete who I am and cause me to walk in wholeness, I believe in
me. I believe that my yesterday is gone, my today is now and my tomorrow is
my chance to walk in my great destiny.*

I believe in me.

Dedicated to my Counselor Janet Cecil

Katelyn Powers, JG President

JUNIOR GUILD

We have achieved so much in the past year with the Junior Guild (JG) and are still working hard to help make this holiday a thoughtful one. We are so excited about the number of new young women who joined the Guild this year. The Junior Guild began their year with our annual snuggle blanket making at Magz King's house. We made lots of comfy blankets to warm the tenants at Clara House and donate to Healthy Start. The members completed more than 20 blankets adorned with ribbon. Our next working meeting included all of our members putting their baking skills to the test as we all prepared various items for a Thanksgiving feast at Clara House. We had the wonderful opportunity to take a tour of Clara House to find out what really goes on behind closed doors and how our contributions help out when we delivered our meal. The process the women and children go through and the effort that Clara House puts forth to help these women who are in a difficult situation is amazing. The tour gave us an opportunity to see the need that Clara House fills in our community and how the Junior Guild can help to fulfill the needs of the families served by Clara House. After the tour we all had dinner at La Bamba & many of the girls continued the night's activities with a sleepover...what a great bonding experience! We went to Target to buy matching pajamas & then on to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church for our first Junior Guild Jammie Jam. We watched movies, stayed up late talking and even had a late night Cook-Out run! This experience accomplished bringing us all closer. We all hope this can become an annual event! Our December meeting was also a meeting involving giving back to Clara House. All the members of the Junior Guild gathered and stuffed bags with items the women of Clara House need such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes and make up. We hope these small gift bags will bring a little sunshine to these women on Christmas Day. In January, we are meeting to make memo boards for Healthy Start moms and artwork for the agency. We will keep you updated with the exciting progress we are continuing to make and are thankful for all of the support!



Delivering the Thanksgiving meal to Clara House



Event and activity planning require a lot of time and careful preparation, as well as a bit of humor and fun!



Pajama Jama Jam



Good friends, yummy food, and scary stories make for a great Jama Jam evening!



Thanks to the JG, their mothers, and Guild members that participated in Operation Elf. Operation ELF let us "play Santa" for Family Service clients who would not otherwise be able to buy gifts for their families during the holidays.



Agency News



Jody Susong
FS Marketing & Development Officer

We received word from the Department of Justice that we have received a grant for Harmony House. As you know, we had to close this program due to lack of funding, so we are excited that we will now be able to offer Harmony House services again in Greensboro, Jamestown and High Point. Harmony House provides children of separated parents with a safe, monitored environment for supervised visitation by the non-custodial parent, and exchanges between parents. The total grant is \$400,000 over three years.

We also received new federal funding to support our anti-foreclosure Home Protection Program of CCCS. This program provides interest-free loans to homeowners who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own, so they can continue to make mortgage payments while searching or training for a new job. As you can imagine there is a great need for such assistance right now, and CCCS is currently working on more than 100 applications from unemployed homeowners.

Thanks so much for all your wonderful gifts this holiday season. From Bundles of Giving, to Annual Campaign, to Operation ELF, you all are always so supportive of Family Service and the work that we do. Through Operation ELF, we were able to provide Christmas for over 75 children this year.

Bundles of Giving

Clay Smith, 1st V.P. of Fundraising



WOW! The Guild GEMS, Bundles of Giving is so close to our goal of \$25,000.00! To date, you have contributed \$23,500.00 to Bundles of Giving for our fundraising events with this planned giving option.

As a reminder, the Bundles of Giving program was created in 2009 as a way to simplify your financial support of Family Service and the Guild by allowing you to make one donation to cover all the year's events. 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. If you have not had an opportunity to respond you still have time; we will be accepting Bundles of Giving donations and pledges through December 31, 2010. Please note that if you choose not to participate in Bundles of Giving, you may still elect to support each event separately and at your discretion.

If you have questions or need a new reply form, please feel free to contact Clay Smith, at 404-7058 or Judy Roy, President, at 656-7993. Don't forget you may also select your Bundles of Giving at the Family Service of the Piedmont website: www.safeandhealthyfamilies.com.

And no matter how you choose to give this year...whether it is your time, talent or resources, simply give.

Thank you for making Bundles of Giving so successful!!!

Annual Campaign

Pat Cross, Campaign Chair

Thanks to the 47 Guild members who have generously donated to the Annual Campaign for the Greensboro Foundation supporting Family Service of the Piedmont! Those dollars are already at work making Guilford County a safe and healthy community. The campaign will extend into May, so submit your donation to Daniel Todd or me anytime. Submit it in December and get that tax deduction most of us could use. ... and congratulations to **Frani Olson** whose name was drawn from our donors for a gift card to Ruth's Chris .

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TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM
GUILD CO-HOST KIM HOLLEMAN 336-230-0891

Love Serving Love

The event will be held **March 9th**, at the Koury Convention Center. Please mark your calendars to attend!

This year, the area tennis pros will be auctioned off for a pro-am tournament which will be held on March 19th at Starmount Forest Country Club. So start saving your money and get creative with your teammates so you can "buy" the pro of your choice and have a great playing partner for the tournament!

This year's host is Greensboro Country Club; they will be working with the Love Serving Love committee to bring you a fantastic event filled with raffle and door prizes, an opportunity to connect with other teams, and information on Family Service of the Piedmont.

For more information and to register, please visit www.safeandhealthyfamilies.com/LSL or feel free to contact one of the co-chairs below.

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Co-Chair - Amy Kemp, 587-3300;

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GUILD CALENDAR

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

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January

12th- 8:00 p.m. **JUNIOR GUILD Board Meeting**, at the home of Magz & Chandler King, 3706 Wynnewood Drive, 27408

18th- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Guild Membership Meeting**, at the home of Libby Gabriel, 3918 Starmount Drive, 27410

Program: Doris James of the Family Preservation Division will be speaking about Family Preservation in general, and about Thriving at Three, her particular program.

26th- 8:00 p.m. **JUNIOR GUILD Full Member Meeting**, at the home of Magz & Chandler King, 3706 Wynnewood Drive, 27408. Supplies will be provided to create artwork for the Agency & memo boards/calendars for residents of Clara House & moms in the Healthy Start program.

February

9th- 12 noon - 1:30 p.m. **Healthy Start Baby Shower**, at the home of Fay Hoggard, 3307 Waldron Drive, 27408

15th- 11: 30 a.m. - 1: 00 p.m. **Guild Board Meeting**, Tannenbaum Board Room, 4th floor, 315 E. Washington Street, 27401

18th- **Newsletter Deadline**; March/April issue

SAVE THE DATES!

Love Serving Love
March 9

Oyster Roast
April 29th

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 (601-6998; chayworth@centralncja.org).

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