

Path To Shine

August 2012

Welcome to our Third Year



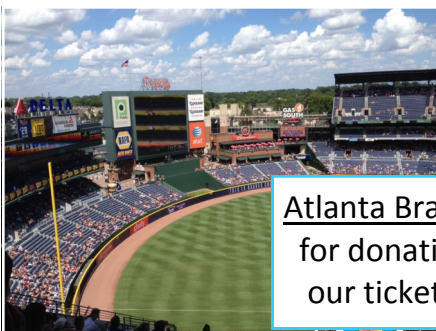
It is hard to believe that we will be starting the third year of Path To Shine in a few weeks. We were delighted with the strides made by the participants in the program last year. We witnessed a new sense of confidence and a lot of progress in school.

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Thank You for a Fun Summer



Atlanta Braves
for donating
our tickets.

Heartfelt thanks go to Episcopal Charities Foundation for our grant to fund summer activities, as well as to these other wonderful organizations who worked with us to make it all happen.



"All of the children were so attentive & well-behaved. They are welcome to come back any time." Gigi Graves

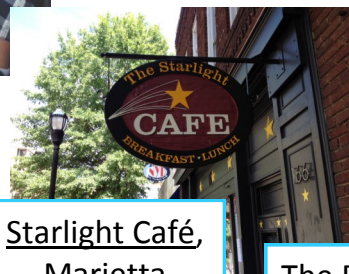


St. Benedict's
for Sprit Week



Our Pal's Place for
teaching us about
caring for animals.

Olive Springs Baptist Church
for sharing your
fellowship hall.



Starlight Café,
Marietta



The Earl Smith Strand
Theatre, Marietta



Historic Marietta Trolley



Christ Episcopal Church, St. Francis Episcopal Church,
and Southside Community Church in Macon.

Volunteers Live longer



“Civic engagement and volunteering is the new hybrid health club for the 21st century that’s free to join” according to Thomas H. Sander of the Saguaro Institute at Harvard University, quoted in a 2007 press release from CNCS. Research consistently shows overall health benefits of volunteering including greater longevity, depression, and less incidence. A University of Michigan study that inspire people to volunteer reported altruistic values or a desire for social connections as the main reasons for wanting to volunteer, the health benefits were notable. However, if benefits to self became the main motive for volunteering, volunteers didn’t necessarily see those same health rewards.

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higher functional ability, lower rates of heart disease. published in 2011 shows that the motives of heart disease. volunteer are important as well. If volunteers

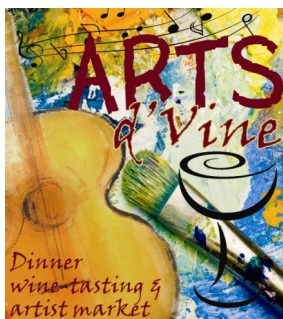
One of our volunteers recently said, “I realized it is not about life being easy or hard but the results that you produce with that life.” So whether you volunteer for Path To Shine or another organization, we wish you health and happiness through donating your time and talent to someone else.

Hobbies To Share



One of the unique experiences we had this summer was making paper. A long time passion

for our friend, Alice Ball, it was a morning to remember. If you have a hobby that you are willing to share with the children, please let us know. Alice had a lot of fun and we bet you will too.



Arts d'Vine, Sept. 29th

Arts d'Vine was an especially popular event last year. The food was delicious, the art was wonderful, and the wine was good too! Purchase your tickets on-line at our web-site using PayPal, or send in a check.

For \$25 per person you can enjoy dinner and wine tasting from 5—8PM, while supporting local artists. *Advanced reservations please!* We want to be sure to have enough food for everyone. See you there!



You Can Help

- Donate: Visit our website and donate on-line through PayPal, or send a check. We are particularly looking for sustaining donors. You can sign-up through our web-site.
- Volunteer: Be a weekly tutor. Previous teaching experience is *not* necessary.
- Be a Mentor: Share the story of the challenges you overcame as a child.



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