

Path To Shine

August 2013

\$10,000 Grant Awarded



The Betty and Davis Fitzgerald Foundation has awarded a grant of \$10,000 to Path To Shine. The Foundation's Executive Director, Jackie Stradley, cited research stating the 3 most important steps we can take to support "at-risk" school-age children are: (1) provide after-school programs; (2) provide summer programs; (3) ensure the children attend school. And that is the foundation of Path To Shine. Ms. Stradley was excited about the growth of Path To Shine and the potential to help more children. We are too!

Thanks for Summer

Thank you Episcopal Charities Foundation for the \$3,000 grant that allowed us to rent vans and buy supplies. Thank you vol-



unteers; you came to chaperone, read stories, play games and help with crafts.

Canton participants went to Tanglewood Farms, to the playground, to the



movies and they went on a hike.



Children from the Marietta and Smyrna programs went to the Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, to an Atlanta Braves game & the movies. They also enjoyed 3 weeks of fun, educational activities.



In Macon, Vacation Bible School at Lynmore Estates had 94 children attend vs. just 8 children two



summers ago. Path To Shine is a large part of the reason for this exponential growth, and the success of other programs in this neighborhood. A similar dynamic is happening in Canton with increased VBS enrollment this year and more neighborhood involvement.



Thanks for Supplies

Imagine going to school and being the one child who does not have the right crayons, the required composition notebook, or the requested tubs of Lysol wipes.

Each location works to ensure the children have what they need to start the year off right. If you donated to this effort, thank you!



Ugly Pants is for Everyone!

Ugly Pants is a golf tournament but there is plenty to do even if you don't play golf. The big day is Friday, September 20th and we invite you to have fun while raising money to support the outreach programs at St. Benedict's—including Path To Shine, Holy Comforter Church and MUST Ministries. Wear your

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Ugly Pants, really! There's a prize for that! Participate in the 50/50 raffle. Bid on the Silent Auction items. Enjoy dinner with friends—you don't have to cook and it's a Friday night so stay a while. Dance with your children. Take photographs. Be a sponsor and promote your business. And if you'd like to play golf, we'd love to have you join us. Reservations available on our website.



Fall 2013 Programs

"Here in Macon we are anxiously awaiting the beginning of our fourth year," says Derek Stokes. While some of our programs are not that old yet, the mixture of excitement and anxiety is present at the beginning of every school year—and Path To Shine is just the same. In addition to the new children joining each Path To Shine location, all of the eligible students are returning. This year we will work with children in **Canton, Macon, Marietta, and Smyrna**. We will have **new programs** starting in **Norcross, Morrow and Tucker**. If you would like to get involved with any of these programs, please visit our website for more specific information about each location (click on the "Programs & Locations" tab). Here you will find direct links to the program coordinators and the churches that are involved.



Book Donors

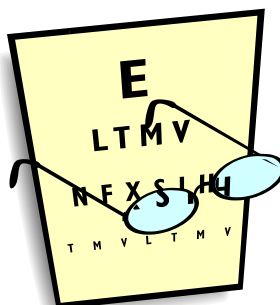
Thanks Catherine Anne Thomas and St. Luke's Presbyterian Church in Dunwoody. Thanks Kathyrne MacKenzie and Mortar Board: National College Senior Honor Society. And thanks for the many people who donate books throughout the year. As new locations begin it is always wonderful to have books to give to them to get started.

School Discipline

At the Statewide Summit for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Dr. John D. Barge, State School Supt. opened the conference with some powerful findings: When PBIS was implemented in Bartow County, the first school in which it was tried cut discipline referrals in half in the first year. In the next year, that same school went from worst to first in the county in reading. These findings support the work done by our Board Chair, Robert Rhodes Esq., Director of Projects for the Georgia Appleseed Center for Law & Justice, a non-profit organization.

You Can Help

- Volunteer: Be a weekly tutor. Previous teaching experience is *not* necessary.
- Be a Guest Speaker: Share the story of the challenges you overcame as a child.
- Donate: Visit our website to use PayPal.



Seeing Clearly

Thanks to a women's league in Canton, three Path To Shine children were fitted with much needed prescription eye-glasses for the first time during summer break.

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