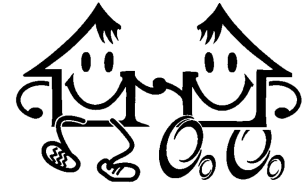


Our Neighbor, Inc.



July 2009

Open Doors, with your help, is at the threshold of making Gainesville/Hall County a leader in Georgia for the disabled!

Something out of the ordinary happening in Gainesville!!

- **Georgia's national ranking is 30th with regard to community based services (for people with disabilities.)**
- **In 2006 Georgia ranked 32nd in placing people in homes like Randy's House.**
- **Georgia's list for people with disabilities who need services has climbed to 7,000; ONLY 350 GOT HELP THIS YEAR!!**

Just think, graduation is a time to celebrate a beginning — NOT FOR SOME!! For a young adult with a special challenge, graduation is the end

- the end of socializing with people their age
- the end of active days
- the end of a reason to get up each day!

What is the "Open Doors Project?"

It is to be a *community* outreach program providing a place to:

- Develop abilities

- Pursue interests such as painting, handcrafted items, gardening, music
- Groom folks for employment (writing resumes, etc.)
- Enhance socialization
- Bless those who are giving through their involvement
- Eliminate loneliness

Regardless of one's limitations and uniqueness, every person has value in a community!



OPEN DOORS TEAM ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS

Your gift of any amount designated to Open Doors:

- *Puts your name on a plaque displayed at the new location.*
- *Tells your neighbors their lives are valuable and they deserve happiness*

Team levels:

Friends — any amount to \$500.00
Neighbors — any amount to \$1,500.00
Family — above \$1,500.00;
offer of matching grant

If you want to donate to the work of Our Neighbor, enclosed for your convenience is an envelope or you can now give at our website: www.ourneighbor.org

Please open the door for these people! Give today.

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BOOKSTORE OPENING SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST!!!!

Books for sale at the temporary location of our bookstore. (615 Oak Street—follow the signs.)

Store opening times: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



Pictured at left: Getting ready for the opening of the bookstore (Left to right: Jason Hare, Sarah Caruso, Mike Reno.)

Below: The neighbors at First United Methodist Church built raised flower beds and Eagle Ranch Praise Home residents planted a beautiful garden at Terri's House. (Visit the residents and see what's been done!)



**NORTH GEORGIA SCREAMIN' EAGLES
Champions of the Southeastern League Championship
2009 in Carrollton.**

The Screamin' Eagles finished 5th in the USPSA National Tournament. Congratulations! The Eagles are looking forward to defending it's title as the Champions of the Southeastern

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

Presenting . . .

The world famous opera soprano
Indra Thomas
with Ron Evans of the North Winds
Orchestra!!



September 19, 2009 at The Riverside Military Academy Theater

“The American soprano Indra Thomas has been acclaimed as the next great Verdi soprano. “



Some thank you's to:

- **THE ROTARY CLUB OF GAINESVILLE** provided all the materials and labor to build a handicap ramp at our new office. Now our Residents can access the building to begin earning income through sales from their Books and Artwork.
- **STEVE SYFAN**, Director, for sponsoring two teams for Our Neighbor to bowl in the North Hall High School Tip Off Club. What a wonderful time of fellowship for our Residents and Board Members!
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** for sending their friends from the Waxhaw, NC Methodist Church to clean up the yards at both Randy's House and Terrie's House.
- **Praise Home of Eagle Ranch** (Niki Smith, Lindsey Brady, Ansley Janes, McKensie Brown, Jessica Cox, Shawn, Julie and Ben Janes) **and The Way Fellowship** (Ryan Bozarth, Caleb Stewart, Benny Braza, Nick Hires, Zack Blair) helped with moving books, boxes, furniture from Randy's House to our new office.
- **Jerry Vandiver** for his carpenter skills!
- A special thank you to those that made **monetary contributions** and came to the new office to help us get organized.

Thank you for your continued support to Our Neighbor, Inc.
Dianne L. Cammarata
President, Board of Directors

**What Our Neighbor, Inc. Can Mean to a Mom
of a Child with Disabilities . . .**

“Jason was born weighing 2 lb. 15 oz. (He) was diagnosed cerebral palsy, causing his muscles to be stiff. Jason had lots of friends all through his school years. Then graduation came, the one question everyone has . . . What's beyond graduation for me? Jason told us that he wanted to move out into an apartment of his own. Being in a small town like Toccoa, there is not much to offer. February 2006, a lady from Source in Gainesville, GA was telling us about Marty and Randy Owens. On December 11, (2006) Jason moved to 'Randy's House.' What an exciting day! Jason has felt so much more independence, living at Randy's House. He has met so many wonderful people. This is the life that he wants. Also, we don't have to worry about him. This was an answer to our prayers for Jason.”

Jean Hare

You can be a part of making Jason's reality a reality for others who share a disability. Won't you help us today? www.ourneighbor.org

*We now have one room available at
Randy's House.*

Memorial and Honor Donations

Donating to Our Neighbor, Inc. is a wonderful way to recognize special loved ones, and it will also benefit those people that Our Neighbor are helping. To make a memorial or honor donation, please mail it with the form provided and a check or credit card information, or call us. We also now have available the convenience of donating online at our website, www.ourneighbor.org.

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

Ruth Langdon (sister of Marty Owens) by Gordon Langdon & family, Rochester, NY

HONOR OR MEMORIAL DONATIONS

I have enclosed a gift of: \$1000 \$500

\$100 \$50 \$15 Other _____

Is in honor of

Is in memory of

Name _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please send memorial/honor card to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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OUR NEIGHBOR, INC.'S FIRST SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT AND HOMERUN DERBY

**When: August 22, 2009,
8 am – 11:30 pm**

**Where: Lanier Point Softball
Complex, Gainesville, GA**

Who: Teams in 2 brackets
Division A) Competitive Softball
– 12 team limit
Division B) Wacky & Fun
Softball – 12 team limit



How: Sign up your team of 10-15 players.

Registration Fee of \$400 per team.

**HOMERUN
DERBY**

- Entry Fee is \$25.
 - Hitter must provide pitcher.
 - East hitter gets 10 outs.
- Hitter with the most home runs becomes the Derby Champion for 1 year and receives The Derby Trophy.

Raise Money for Runs!!! Each team signed up for Division B can score runs before the tournament begins!!! For every \$50 raised by the team (in addition to their registration fee), they get 1 run. Each team must report to the umpire how many runs they want to put on the scoreboard before the game be-

Contact Zach Blair at 706-974-5374 or Steve Smith at 770-532-8445 to sign up your team today!!!