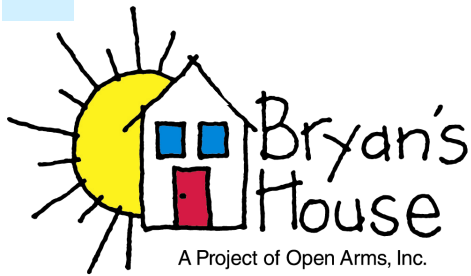


Winter 2010



Bryan's Bulletin

The Holidays Meant so Much to Them

Something about the holidays brings people together. At Bryan's House, the Client Holiday Party brings our families together. This past December, our families, staff members, and board members came together to laugh, dance, and enjoy each other's company. It was a time for everyone to get to know each other a little better. Families sat with other families and shared stories and holiday cheer.

Iris is a school age girl who comes to Bryan's House when school is out. She needs to come to Bryan's House during spring break, winter break, summer months, and holidays. Her younger sister has a learning disability, and the family needs child care to allow their mom to stay at her full time job and go to school at the same time.

Iris only gets to see her Bryan's House friends when she attends the medically managed child care program. Natassia, Iris' mom, said that she could not believe the enthusiasm Iris had in the days leading up to the holiday party. Iris went on and on about meeting up with her friends Justine, Marcos, and Tara. They all keep in contact with one another throughout the year, but seeing each other again during the annual holiday party was a great opportunity for them to catch up. They shared stories, laughed together, and enjoyed the party's upbeat atmosphere. This year, they all made a new friend. Candace, the daughter of one of our board members, is about the same age and has similar interests, so she found her way into their circle.

As the kids danced and played, Natassia had the opportunity to talk and catch up with the other mothers. They all had similar comments and questions, such as, "they are getting so big," "they've outgrown all their winter clothes," and "is she wearing make-up?"

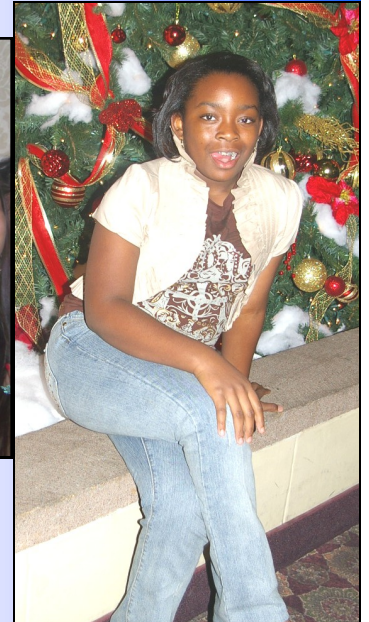
It was during the holiday party that the kids were just kids. They were not children at risk.

They were not children with special needs. They were kids dancing and laughing the night away. Natassia and the other parents were, for one night, free to laugh and relax. The stresses they face every day did not seem to be such a big deal on this night.

As Natassia was rounding up her girls, she overheard Iris say good-bye to her friends: "Bye, I'll see you guys at Camp Kuumba." Natassia had debated whether or not she would take the girls to the Bryan's House camp this year since it interfered with her school schedule. But after hearing her daughter, she knew they would be going again.

The holiday party, Camp Kuumba, Summer Day Camp, and other such client-focused events are occasions that Bryan's House children and families look forward to. These are a few examples of what you make happen when you reach out to Bryan's House.

Natassia and Iris extend a big heart-felt thank you.



**"Snowflakes
are one of
nature's
most fragile
things, but
just look
what they
can do when
they stick
together."**

Vesta M. Kelly

Alternative Winter Break

A word from our Executive Director...

Throughout the history of Bryan's House, volunteers have taken care of our children, cooked their meals, cleaned their rooms, rocked them in their arms, and sealed envelopes to help with fundraising.

For well over a decade, for example, the Junior League of Dallas has provided volunteers who have cared for our babies and staffed the kitchen. Employees from Ford Motor Credit help every spring. Kristin Pryor pitches in often on development projects. These generous and committed individuals are examples of the thousands of volunteers who have helped over the years.

It's hard to thank them all. As we approach volunteer appreciation week, April 18-24, it's time to say "thank you!" to all of the wonderful people who volunteer their time here.

David Thomas

Texas A&M Alternative Spring/Winter Break volunteers did not hesitate in making Bryan's House their destination this January. On their faces was the look of eagerness and determination. Their greatest concern was making sure they were put to work where it was needed most. They braved the cold weather and did what was asked of them - everything from sorting through donations, organizing baby food, moving furniture, assisting in classrooms, raking leaves, storing holiday decorations, and helping with mass publications.

Alternative Spring/Winter Break groups are college students from different universities who voluntarily give up their break from classes to work at non-profit organizations throughout the country.

Thirteen college students made it a point to be at Bryan's House for an entire week right after the new year began. They gave up their

time when most college students return home and relax from hectic class schedules.

This group worked for five straight days. They contributed to Bryan's House the best way they could.

We are so grateful for their volunteer work as well as for all our year-round volunteers. In 2009, 560 volunteers logged over 4000 hours of work. In addition, Bryan's House Board Members and individuals who help with fundraising events give generously of their time.



"I really enjoyed my time at Bryan's House because of the warm welcoming environment. It was great to see how this place is able to enrich the lives of children who need it the most because of the passion that everyone has. The hardest part of the week was having to say goodbye!"

-Brittany Crump, Group Leader

"I truly enjoyed the time I spent with Bryan's House staff and kids. I feel like I suddenly have lot of little siblings."

-Yen-Nan Lin, Volunteer

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Bryan's House Open Golf Tournament



MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010
 GLENEAGLES COUNTRY CLUB
 5401 W. PARK BLVD • PLANO, TX 75093
 (18 HOLES OF GOLF, DINNER, LIVE AUCTION, SILENT AUCTION AND RAFFLE)

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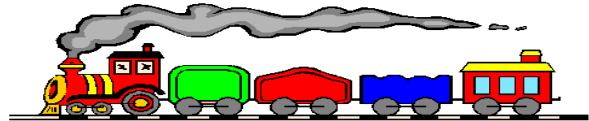
CHRIS FLANAGAN
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If you are interested in becoming a corporate or individual sponsor or securing a golf spot, please contact Debbie Diamond at 214.559.3946 or email ddiamond@bryanshouse.org

The 2010 Bryan's House Open Committee planning is definitely underway. This year our title sponsor is Forest Park Medical Center. Join us for a day of golf, dinner, and a live and silent auction, all benefiting Bryan's House programs.

Who's on Board!



Bryan's House Board of Directors would like to welcome "on board" four new members, Julie Anne Chandler, Barbara D. Christian, Helen M. Dorsey, and Christopher Williams (former board member).

Each member will serve a two-year term and will perform important roles in the guidance of Bryan's House in development, public relations and finance.

Julie Anne Chandler is an associate attorney at K&L Gates LLP, where she practices in the firm's corporate section, as well as the firm's Asia practice group. Ms. Chandler's practice includes advising the firm's publicly-held clients on matters related to SEC reporting and com-

pliance, as well as corporate governance matters, and transactions related to mergers and acquisitions. She is an active member of the Junior League of Dallas and a graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School. Ms. Chandler is honored to be elected to serve as a Board Member. She says, "I believe that Bryan's House fulfills a major need in the Dallas community, and I am looking forward to joining the many who are already dedicated to this important cause."

Barbara D. Christian is a retired Senior Vice President who has 20 years experience with JPMorgan Chase and predecessor banks, as well as InterFirst Bank Hous-

ton, N.A. (n/k/a Bank of America).

Helen M. Dorsey is the former Manager of Corporate & Social Responsibility at Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, where she oversaw the development and successful launch of the CSR efforts for the North America region. She was directly responsible for the community relations programs for the corporate offices and over 200 manufacturing plants across the United States.

Ms. Dorsey holds a B.A. degree in Journalism from the University of Houston and is a Leadership Dallas graduate. In addition to her work with Bryan's House, she is active in the community with several nonprofit organizations, including the BEST

Foundation and North Garland Parent Teacher Association. She is a Marketing, Public Relations and Event Management Consultant.

Christopher Williams is a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He is the North Texas Market Leader for PricewaterhouseCoopers' Information Technology Audit and Controls practice. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. Mr. Williams is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants, the National Association of Black Accountants, and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association.

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Anonymous Foundation
Broadway Cares / Equity Fights AIDS
City of Dallas
Communities Foundation of Texas, Inc.
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Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS
Hillcrest Foundation - Bank of America
Junior League of Dallas
Leo and Rhea Fay Fruhman Foundation
Leo Buscaglia Foundation
Levi Strauss Foundation

Macy's Foundation
McKesson Foundation Inc.
Moody Foundation
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Texas Pediatric Society Foundation
The Dallas Foundation
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