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Our House is a Very, Very, Very Fine House

by The Rev. Claiborne Jones

On the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, a prophetic friend of the poor, Bishop Alexander will join with Emmaus House friends at 4:00 p.m. to dedicate the completed Muriel Lokey Center. The afternoon of celebration will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a guided walk through Peoplestown to learn first hand about the needs of our neighbors, followed by the dedication ceremony. Afterwards you are invited to join



us for a wonderful meal as well as tours of both the Lokey Center and the newly redesigned arts center, Ford Hall.

Muriel Lokey, a parishioner of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, has been associated with the work of Emmaus House for some forty years. Her advocacy on behalf of racial justice, economic security and family well-being is renowned. Fittingly the Lokey Center's first floor will house the Emmaus House walk-in help center which provides Georgia ID's, job searches, adult classes,

food, clothing and other assistance and referral. Some 13,000 people are helped each year.

Upstairs will serve as an inner-city retreat center with overnight accommodations, kitchen/living room, and a large multi-purpose room. The



retreat center will enable Emmaus House to broaden our ministry with groups of youth, adults and college students whose lives are transformed after spending a week, a week-end or a summer living and working among the "least of these." We are very grateful to our many donors, to Young Goldstein Architects and to RedBrick Homes for bringing this building to fruition. It is not only a beautiful building but also a "green" building according to Earthcraft standards.

This October 4 celebration welcomes all ages and there's no need to RSVP. Come, see and celebrate. And, if the Spirit moves you, bring a thank-offering of canned meat or household cleaning supplies to be distributed later to those in need.

FUN IN THE SUN

AND THE SHADE!

Summer Camp at Emmaus House and Beyond

by Mrs. Willie Mae Parks, Summer Camp Director

We all know that Atlanta's temperature in June and July never fell below the 90 degree mark. The temperatures are always hot, sizzling, scorching, and of course dry. But those conditions did not stop the 125 bright-eyed, enthusiastic, and clever campers who attended Emmaus House Summer Camp. Dr. Willie Davenport, the illustrious principal of D.H. Stanton Elementary School, welcomed us back with opened arms.

All of the campers participated in extensive reading, writing and math activities, as well as extra-curricular ones such as art and physical education, all provided by our energetic and compassionate teachers. Educational field trips were also planned for the campers and we had guests and outstanding interns who always were willing to lend a helping hand. Last but not least, our magnificent café employees provided the campers with two delicious and nutritious meals each day for six weeks.

At the end of the six weeks, our campers went to 7th Heaven Week at St. Martin in the Fields, where they attend arts and crafts classes, saw a play and on the last day, went swimming. Then it was off to Camp Mikell for four days!

Thank you all for a wonderful and successful camp season!

The Camp Mikell Experience

by Rev. Stephanie Hankins, Volunteer and Program Coordinator

On August 3rd the Emmaus House staff, college interns and fifty-eight enthusiastic kids boarded a bus headed to Camp Mikell for the most anticipated week of the summer. All year long, no matter what time of year, when I run into an Emmaus House camper I am always prepared to hear "are you going to Camp Mikell this summer?"

The kids' enthusiasm for our Camp Mikell week is unending and who can blame them? The Camp Mikell staff and counselors love the week as much as the kids do. And we get to sing and eat and play and dance and sleep (*this is overrated for the campers but not the adults!*) and most of all we get to swim every day! The Camp Mikell experience is like no other!



Fun Day: Face Painting



Mrs. Cosby and Mrs. Ross



Emmaus House~Camp Mikell Family: Charlotte, Claiborne, Stephanie, Mikell Counselors and last but not least, the ones who make Camp Mikell an experience of a lifetime, the campers!

SUMMERTIME AT

EMMAUS HOUSE!

Perspective on Emmaus House from our College Interns

by Whitney McLaughlin, Wallace Benton and Ryan Wilson

“My internship at Emmaus House has been a very fulfilling experience. I’ve learned the importance of fostering communication within the community to bring about change and community action. Working with the children at summer camp has opened my eyes to the struggles and successes of many of today’s youth. I hope to have a career in which I can help address issues that affect children, especially those from underprivileged backgrounds.”
Whitney, UNC-Chapel Hill



Whitney greets arriving campers at Camp Mikell



Wallace and the YouthWorks team give sandwiches to those in need.

“Working at the Emmaus House over the summer was probably one of the best experiences that I have ever had. Even when times were rough, I always knew that there would be someone at the Emmaus House that could either cheer me up or be a friend to talk to. Whether it was one of the kids from the summer day camp, a senior citizen from the Senior Strollers, the volunteer groups that I worked with, Mr. Gates cracking jokes about my volunteer groups, or the interns and other staff members, there was always a smiling face and an open heart at the Emmaus House. My friends have been asking me how my summer was, and all I can tell them is that I worked at a place that I would enjoy coming back to during the following summer.” *Wallace, Ga. Tech.*



Meta and Ryan smiling after a job well done.

“This past summer was my second at Emmaus House as an intern and I was excited to enter this summer with some experience and knowledge. Throughout the summer, I worked with the Summer Camp at D.H. Stanton, planned various activities including 7th Heaven and Camp Mikell, and worked in the Poverty Rights office. The Poverty Rights Office was a place where I always looked forward to being. Working with Ms. Pat, Mark, and Meta taught me a great deal about how to be an effective resource to our clients. In the past several months, I have become encouraged to pursue a career in education, and my experience at Emmaus House has both inspired me and given me the tools to use for the process.”
Ryan, Wake Forest

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Welcome Home Summers Away Campers!

by Amy E. Booth

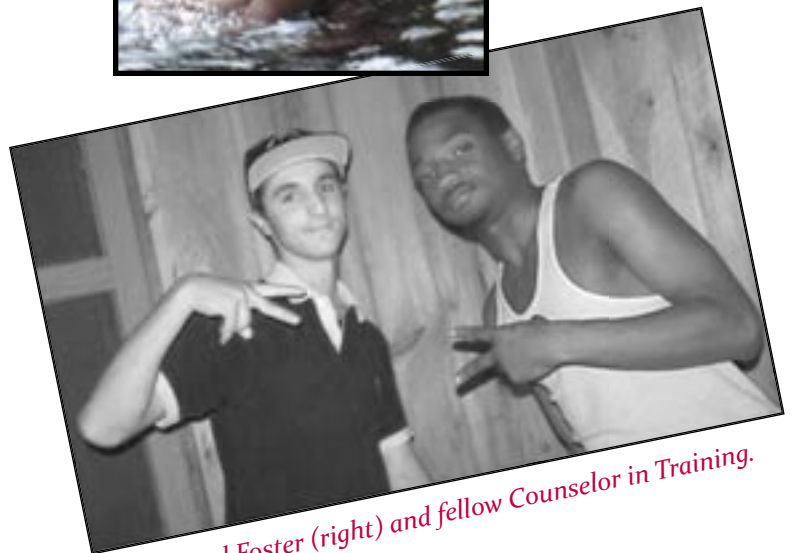
Welcome home to all our campers that ventured to New England this Summer! The Summers Away program was once again successful due to the efforts of all our volunteers, community leaders, parents and campers.

We had a great year. Our veteran campers showed leadership and compassion, as they mentored the new campers. This helped our new campers adapt quickly and before you knew it, they were having a wonderful time. D'Andre' Johnson, a first time camper, won camper of the year at Camp Quinebarg and three of our veteran campers, Christian Johnson, Sparticus Foster and Demond Foster served as counselors in training and will be full fledged counselors next year if they so chose.

Thank you all for your kindness, compassion and generosity! Let's make next year an even better year than this one!



*D'Andre Johnson,
Camper of the Year.*



Demond Foster (right) and fellow Counselor in Training.

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