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Gilgal Living

Where lives are transformed!

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2008 Year- In- Review

2008 has truly been a year of blessings. We stand in awe as we look at what God has done in the lives of our residents in the last 11 months. As we prepare to close out this year, we look back on the blessings with thankful and grateful hearts.

Here are just a few notable events and accomplishments so far in 2008 at Gilgal:

- 18,500+ meals served through November
- Our 16th resident completed requirements for graduation
- Maintained a waiting list of 10-12 women for the majority of the year
- We are about to take our 100th resident (since opening in May 2006)
- Began renting the neighboring "church building" to hold classes and relocate our offices
- Prepared & served almost 5000 sack lunches for the homeless in conjunction with City of Refuge
- REFLECTIONS: Our 1st official Fundraiser with OMEGA PSI PHI as the largest financial sponsor
- KAPPA ALPHA PSI Undergrad Leadership Institute chose Gilgal for community service project
- Received a $709,000 HOF grant to purchase both of our residential properties
- HANDS ON ATLANTA Volunteer Day -Oct 4
- CREW (Commercial Real Estate Women) Volunteer Days & Cookouts
- Lynn Moorman Schneider (CREW) sponsored Gilgal to receive her wedding shower donations
- Cordie Swift and her friends volunteered at Gilgal in lieu of a formal Birthday Party for Cordie
- The Potter's House Drama Team began performing at Gilgal the first Wednesday of every month
- Georgia State Nursing School Health Fair & Veteran's Volunteer Day
- Residents began volunteering every Tuesday at Redemption Church clothes closet.

Gilgal Staff (l-r): Linda Crew, Jean McLaren, Delbra Thomas, Val Cater, Mary Held & Francine Jackson

- Residents walked in the 5K Breast Cancer Walk
- Many residents voted in 2008 for the first time!
- Interns from Georgia State University, Morehouse College, Beulah Heights University, Spelman College, Regent University, and Mercer.
- Our residents attended the Passion Play at the Civic Center, the Women After God's Own Heart Sisterhood Conference, and Discovering Your Destiny Weekend Retreat at Simpsonwood.
- They also attended the Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence, the Family Heritage Foundation Benefit Gospel Concert, and were guests at several church Mission Fairs on Sunday mornings including Peachtree Christian Church, First Baptist Atlanta and One Heart Church.
- We are blessed by over 20 Active Volunteers
- Floyd Brothers donated office cubicles
- Began receiving weekly bread donations by Great Harvest Bread Company in Smyrna

We know its impossible to list them all. If your contribution or event did not get listed, please know how important you are to us!

WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Be sure to turn the page to see what's to come in 2009…We hope you'll be a part of it!

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

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From the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers and Residents of Gilgal wish you a Joyous Christmas! May His Perfect Love and Perfect Wisdom guide you in the New Year!

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Francine Jackson, Office Administrator - Mary Held, Development Manager - Linda Crew, House Manager - Jean McLaren, House Manager

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

We cannot let this Holiday issue of GILGAL LIVING pass by without saying MERRY CHRISTMAS to you and also giving a special Happy Birthday wish to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, both of without whom Gilgal would not be possible.

While there is question as to whether December 25th is the actual birthday of Jesus, it has become the day that Christians all over the world celebrate His glorious birth. Today we symbolically give gifts to each other as a way of honoring the occasion, just as the wise men brought Him gifts while He lay in the manger long ago.

This season, we want to remind you that as you give gifts to Gilgal, you are actually giving to Jesus Himself. And as a result, we are able to witness the unwrapping of the most important gifts of all - the destinies of our residents. The gifts you have given to Gilgal throughout the last three years have gone toward the raising up of those who had been knocked down. Through the Word of God their lives are being restored.

At Gilgal, everyday is like Christmas when we can look "under the tree" and see all the beautiful packages that are ready to be unwrapped into clean and sober lives full of destiny!

THANK YOU JESUS FOR THE GIFT OF OUR SUPPORTERS,
AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

...WHAT'S IN STORE FOR 2009?

The Staff, Residents, Volunteers and Board of Directors of Gilgal are excited to see what exciting things the Lord will do in 2009! We are always in a mode of "continuous improvement" and aware that we can never settle into the mindset that "we have arrived". We know the Lord desires *all* homeless and addicted to be saved, served and restored. With that in mind, some dreams and goals for 2009 are:

- Continue to work with Churches, government and other agencies to remove barriers that homeless, addicted women face in getting treatment
- Expand and improve the programming for our residents to include intensive counseling
- Develop programming for alumni of Gilgal
- Develop an on-site drug/alcohol treatment program
- Capacity building: Full-time Development Manager, Improve Information Technology Systems
- Purchase the 'church building' ($275,000) which houses our offices & classes, and renovate it to be more cost effective ($150,000)
- Develop a "For-Profit" arm of our ministry where residents can work and revenue can be generated into the ministry (still in the prayer stages - no details yet. We are open to prayerful suggestions!)
- Obtain a 15-passenger van or 25-passenger mini-bus so we can transport all of our residents to various events.

We have witnessed God's faithfulness over the last 2 1/2 years and have learned that we cannot underestimate His power! We must not be afraid to dream big, knowing that if something is His will, it will be done. We thank you for your prayers as we walk in faith in 2009!

HOW YOU CAN HELP

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...
IN THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS

Would you like to help our efforts and make a difference in the lives of our residents? There are many ways to do that!

A. Pray for the Gilgal residents, staff and Board
B. Invite your friends to your home once a year and let us share about Gilgal.
C. Make a one-time or monthly contribution (see enclosed form and envelope)
D. Arrange a speaking engagement at your church, place of employment or other gathering
E. Volunteer your time and talents (volunteer application is on the website: www.womenofgilgal.org)
F. Host a Food and Paper Products Drive at your church, place of employment or other gathering

For more information, or to discuss your ideas, please contact Val Cater at *val@womenofgilgal.org* or 404-305-8007. THANK YOU!

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