



Moving into her 1st Apartment: A JFH Success Story



More than anything, a graduate stands as a testament to the power of our services. Ashley, 20, who has been with Jackson-Feild Homes since August, 2004 was packing her belongings and preparing to move into an apartment living program. Ashley originally came to Main Campus and stayed until graduating to the Independent Living Program at Eleventh House in Richmond.

While at Eleventh House, Ashley graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School and began attending classes at J. Sergeant Reynolds Com-

munity College. While in college, Ashley worked a part time job and took 12 credit hours per semester.

When asked what her goal was for herself in five years Ashley said, "Hopefully I will be finished with school. And, hopefully I will have my own house, not a mansion, but a nice little house."

We plan to keep in touch and find out how she is doing. Ashley has also set short term goals and says of her next year, "I want to keep up my grades, buy my first car, and move out on my own."

Gwaltney School Has Largest Graduating Class Ever



Del. Roslyn Tyler delivered the commencement address at the Gwaltney School graduation.

As high school seniors everywhere prepared to graduate, none were more proud of their success than the 15 girls who participated in the June 8, 2007 graduation ceremony at Jackson-Feild Homes. This was the largest graduating class in the history of Gwaltney School, which was established in 1998.

For many of the at-risk girls at Jackson-Feild, graduation was merely a dream, not necessarily a reality if left in their former environments. Graduates and their guests received encouragement from Special Guest Speaker, Del. Roslyn Tyler (D) from the 75th District.

Through the generosity of one JFH donor, all graduates received a Gwaltney School class ring in a special ring ceremony. Another generous donor provided a savings bond, a savings account, a retail gift card and a dozen roses for each graduate. These gifts helped to make graduation day a very special occasion for our graduates.

With a mission to educate, equip and empower young girls for a brighter future, JFH offers a full range of vocational programs including Certified Nursing Assistant, Horticulture & Floral Design and Occupational Food Service.

As these graduates pursue

their dreams of attending college, enrolling in a technical program or entering an exciting new career, we wish them a life filled with success and happiness.



Stephanie proudly displays her graduation diploma. She is currently enrolled in the Horticulture and Food Services vocational programs.

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Spiritual Corner: Notes from Rev. Jones



A Loving Luau - Vacation Bible School in the Chapel.

I work to provide Christian counseling, spiritual activities, and continuous encouragement to the residents and staff of Jackson-Feild Homes. Each resident is assured that she is prayed for on a regular basis, and, that if she has any prayer concerns she is welcome to discuss them with the chaplain.

During the last several months many exciting programming opportuni-

ties and activities have been made available to all of our residents. Every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. residents and staff join together in the chapel for worship. Visiting churches occasionally participate in Sunday services, and they bring a sense of variety that the residents enjoy.

Resident participation each Sunday gives the girls an opportunity to participate in the leading of the service in various ways such as acolyting, reading of the Scriptures, musical offerings, and praise dancing. The girls are also invited to attend "Sunday Night Movie in the Chapel" on a regular basis. They watch a "movie with a message" and seem to leave with new thoughts to consider.

Baptism information classes are offered on a regular basis, and we recently celebrated the baptisms of a resident and new baby. Additionally, residents had a fantastic time at Vaca-

tion Bible School in August. This year's theme, "A Loving Luau" afforded the girls enjoyment of Bible teaching, crafts, games, music, snacks and various other activities. We had several community volunteers who helped with the VBS program. We look forward to many more opportunities to discover God throughout our lives and how it is that we might serve God.

We look forward to a special "Mommy and Me" one-day Vacation Bible School later this year. We also anticipate beginning a Bible Study in the fall based on the book *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs. There are a lot of thought-provoking opportunities in which the residents will discover more about who they are now and who they can be in the future with God in their lives. We hope you'll support us in all that we do through all that you do. May God richly bless you!

Life in Pictures: What's Happening on and off Campus

A resident (right) prepares a table for dinner guests in the simulated restaurant on the Jarratt campus. Students in the Occupational Food Service program learn health and safety aspects of food preparation, food management and proper serving techniques.



Foundation Board President Jimmy Chisman (above, left) and Tom Bell prepare to welcome JFH students to the 2nd annual fishing outing at a private lake in Isle of Wight County. The girls were treated with professional advice from Dr. Julie Ball (below) World Record Holder, Master Angler and one of the best saltwater anglers on the East Coast.



As participants in the JFH Horticulture program, two residents evaluate a crop of garlic. Students share garden plots where they grow a variety of regular and organic vegetables. They maintain records on the success of their plantings.





Jackson-Feild Homes is thankful to have a talented pool of board members ensuring our success. Recently we have said good-bye to a few and welcomed a few more. We are grateful to **Outgoing Trustees** Carol Wingo Dickinson and John Sim (pictured above) and to Helen Sue Agee and Susan Mahieu-Phillips (not pictured) for their loyal service to the board.

Board of Trustees Transitions

At the same time, we are excited to announce the following **New Trustees**: Ms. Tamara Griffin, from Capital One, in Richmond; Ms. Faithe Hart, with CARQUEST University, in Raleigh, NC; Mr. William Northen, II, with Sterling International Ltd., in Richmond; Ms. Beblon Parks, with the Virginia Education Association, in Richmond and Ms. Charleen Whitehead, Community Volunteer, from Richmond.

The officers for the 2007-2008 Year are:

President – Ms. Anne Gordon Greever (pictured on the right)
 Vice-President – Ms. Lora Lynn Jones
 Secretary – Ms. Jacquelyn Stearn
 Treasurer – Mr. James Chisman
 All of these transitions mean lots of energy on the Board.

The Jackson-Feild Homes Foundation Board also held an annual meeting in June and welcomed previous Board Member, Ms. Tillie Smithers of Arlington as a new Trustee. Both groups are dedicated professionals who donate time and talents to help further the lives of at-risk girls in our care. Their generosity is outstanding.



JFH Board Approves Strategic Plan

At the June Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a new strategic plan. Below you will see the **Eight Goals**. Taken together the plan represents the collective vision of the staff and board and will provide us with a roadmap for our future.

Quality System of Care

1. Deliver child and family centered services that empower and strengthen the youth and her family.
2. Provide a safe, nurturing and therapeutic environment which maximizes the ability of young girls to grow physically, emotionally, spiritually and educationally while living in Jackson-Feild Homes.

Operational Excellence

3. Strengthen our stewardship of Jackson-Feild's financial resources.
4. Increase our operational efficiency to support long-term organizational sustainability.
5. Implement outcome measures for all programs and services to evaluate effectiveness and ensure quality assurance.
6. Become an Employer of Choice by attracting, developing, and recruiting a highly competent, diverse, and qualified staff.

Community and Stakeholder Involvement and Partnership

7. Strengthen our value to our consumer and client stakeholders and the communities we serve.
8. Increase support from contributors and volunteers through education, relationship development, and partnership.

Supporters Corner

Did you know that Jackson-Feild Homes now accepts **credit card gifts**? This is an easy way to support the lives of the girls at Jackson-Feild Homes. Whether you make a one time donation or a monthly gift - rest assured we appreciate your generosity. **Want to get started?** Call Ann Chaffins at 804-354-6929 or Cecelia Blythe at 434-634-3217.

Tom and Bettie Lou Harmon and Arlene Thacker (pictured above right) stopped by Jarratt this month to drop off 14 bags of new items donated by the Scarlett Scamps Red Hat Club. Bettie Lou and Arlene spent part of their childhood at Jackson-Feild Homes when the organization functioned as an orphanage. They enjoyed the tour of our campus and savored the chance to give back to the place they used to call home.



We want to take this opportunity to thank a few very special groups. **Christ and Grace Episcopal Church in Petersburg, VA** regularly calls us to come pick up mounds of clothes that our girls enjoy. **Simply Soles** (pictured below) donated a truck load of new name brand shoes! The girls quickly snapped them off the shelves.

Special Thanks

Items for Infants and Babies
Baby Books – For recording milestones, Bottles, Baby Wash, Shampoo, Blankets, Pacifiers, etc.
Baby Toys – We need LOTS of these! Baby Clothes – Newborn to 3 years.

General Items
Batteries – All types, Wal Mart Gift Cards, Luggage - large and small, Portable CD Players, PG & PG 13 DVD Movies, Karaoke Machines, Plain White T-Shirts, Hair Accessories, Board Games, Computer Games, Play Stations, Hats, Gloves & Scarves, Robes, Slippers and Pajamas, Make-up, Nail Polish & Remover, Gift Bags and Gift Cards, Stamps.

Wish List

At Jackson-Feild Homes we depend on the generosity of churches, clubs, and individuals. In-kind gifts fill a niche for our girls providing them with needed items. Below is our current wish list. If you or your organization is interested in making a donation, please contact Ann Chaffins at 804-354-6929.

In-kind Gifts Make A Difference



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546 Walnut Grove Drive
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