



HAPPY HOUSE TIMES

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More than 300 Children Served Through Holiday House



With the support of our sponsors and more than 100 volunteers, Holiday House 2021 was a huge success. Holiday House took on a new look with a smaller, boutique-style shopping experience that remained open throughout December. This allowed for a safe shopping atmosphere for our families, including those families that were adopted through our Adopt-A-Family program.

At the close of Holiday House, more than 100 families and 300 children received toys for Christmas from ACS. Thank you for your support.

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Wilma Kate Rowe Educational Scholarship Fund

Miss Wilma was a lifelong educator beloved by many preschool and kindergarten students in Atlanta. Miss Wilma, a mother and grandmother, obtained her degree from Oglethorpe University. She taught preschool at



Midtown's Atlanta Canterbury School until she retired at 85.

To honor Miss Wilma and her legacy, her family started The Wilma Kate Rowe Educational Scholarship Fund on what would have been her 100th birthday.

Her love for teaching and learning lives on in many of her students, and her love for family sustains through her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She understood that well-trained and educated teachers are foundational to the success of each student, so in her memory, the Scholarship Fund is designed to support the educational opportunities for the childcare workers at the

Atlanta Children's Shelter. The WKR Scholarship Fund provides a unique opportunity for our educators to access secondary education to improve their skills and craft and to become even better educators for our early learners! We are grateful to Miss Wilma's family for creating an amazing opportunity for ACS educators.



The Wilma Kate Rowe Educational Scholarship Fund

The Wilma Kate Educational Scholarship is the culmination of Miss Wilma's love for children and her understanding that well trained and educated teachers are foundational to the success of each student.



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Click the donate button above to support the scholarship fund. In the "apply my donation to" drop down box, please select *The Wilma Kate Rowe Educational Scholarship Fund*.

Women Helping Women! Holiday Brunch

Every year to show our appreciation to the parents

and children of ACS, we host a holiday brunch.



We were so grateful to have Women Building Women sponsor our event this year! Women Building Women is a nonprofit organization that strengthens underserved communities through mentorship and career counseling.

The founders, Karen Gamba and Frank Carisi, reached

out to us to connect and see how they can empower the parents we serve. Within a short time of learning about our mission and our need, Karen and Frank mobilized and gathered the support needed to make this year's brunch a success.

A special thanks to the volunteers, K & K Soul Food, and Women Building Women for making this year's holiday brunch a success.



Community Spotlight



A special thank you to our long-time community friends, the Belsky Family, for their continued support! Led by their amazing daughter Alex, the family collected toys, clothing, and household items for Holiday House from friends, family, and neighbors. Thank you, Alex, for your empathy for our mission.

A special thanks to our amazing friend and quarterback for the Georgia Tech football team, Jeff Sims, for stopping by and spending time with our kids. In addition to reading to the kids, he also donated toys to Holiday House. We appreciate your support, Jeff!



A special thank you to Paul Yuwachit for his overwhelming generosity during the holiday season! He donates toys and electronics to kids in need every holiday season in memory of his father, who owned a free community clinic. Thank you, Paul!



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