



# Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House

THE HOUSE WITH A HEART

## FROM THE BOARD

To our friends, guests, and supporters, Wow, what a year for the Hospitality House! We have served more guests, built stronger and deeper relationships with our referrers, been helped by many wonderful volunteers, been supported by major members of the Atlanta foundation community, welcomed the assistance of old and new board members, and perhaps most of all, been lead by a terrific and committed staff. For all of your support, the Board, the staff, and I are truly grateful. Thank you.

The demand for our services continues to grow. Atlanta's world class health care attracts and provides great care for a growing number of people from outside of Atlanta. To come to the "big city" and successfully navigate a frightening health care crisis requires not only top flight care, but family members, friends, or loved ones who provide the support, love, and foundation for the patient to get better. To get here and be a part of the care process, many family members or loved ones need shelter, food, and a safe place to sustain themselves during this time.

This is where the Hospitality House steps in: A place to stay, a meal, a place to share experiences, or simply a place to just get away from the hospital for just a moment. For those with less means, it may mean the difference of being able to be with a family member to be that support or it may mean that the family member who needs the care can come to Atlanta at all. In either case or others by being here the Hospitality House makes it just a little easier for those who provide the all important support to those who are truly ill.

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## AHHH Serves 3,963 Accommodations in 2007

*by Melissa Connor, Executive Director*

Each year since reopening in 2005, we have grown our accommodations by 1,000 and 2007 was no exception. We had a goal of 4,000 accommodations and we came within 37 guest stays of our goal. With 15 beds for our guests, we averaged almost 11 guests per day, giving us a 73% occupancy rate and increasing our accommodations by 23% over 2006.

### Expansion at AHHH to Help More Guests

In the fall of 2007, AHHH launched a capital campaign to raise \$650,000. Over half of this money, \$369,000, will be used to rebuild the dollhouse/cottage to serve guests who are handicapped, guests with children and those families who require more privacy. Our 1,800-square foot cottage will have four bedrooms and two bathrooms, one of which will be handicapped accessible. We'll also have a resident manager's apartment and storage. This will increase our occupancy from 17 to 25 guests per day. "We're very excited about the expansion at the AHHH," says Nancy Eder from the Marcus Institute. "We'll be able to grow our feeding disorder and autism programs at Marcus to care for families who are from out of town. The families will have a place to stay at the AHHH for several weeks while their children are receiving care." As many of you know, we have a beautiful iron and brass staircase at AHHH. We average over 10 guests per month that can't stay at the House because they cannot navigate the stairs. Now with the cottage we can help those families. Families who need more privacy will also have accommodations at the AHHH.

The rest of our capital funds will be spent building a commercial kitchen (we served over 4,000 guest meals in 2007), replacing the windows in our House (original 1926 windows leak like a sieve), and repaving our driveway (which is full of potholes).

We will begin construction of the cottage this summer and begin the other projects in early 2009. As of this printing, we are \$200,000 short of our capital campaign goal. We also have a challenge grant from a foundation that (when we raise the \$200,000) will give us \$150,000. This is an opportunity to make our capital campaign successful. If you have not honored us with a gift, please consider enclosing your donation in the envelope provided.

### Total Overnight Accommodations January - December 2007 Hospitals Served:

Emory University Hospital	1516
Kindred Hospital	762
Veterans Administration Medical Center	613
Select Specialty Hospital	178
Wesley Woods Center	163
Shepherd Center	156
Crawford Long Hospital	132
Center for Rehabilitation Medicine (Emory)	121
Piedmont Hospital	95
Grady Hospital	66
DeKalb Medical Center	55
Atlanta Medical Center	42
Radiotherapy Clinics of Georgia	28
Regency Hospital	14
St. Joseph's Hospital	8
Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	6
Kennestone Hospital	6
Decatur Hospital	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,963</b>


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Looking forward to this year and next, we are excited about the level of capital support we have received to sustain and grow our mission. We are excited about new affiliations with the Marcus Center. In a small way, we will be able to help the Center expand their important work with children and their families. All of what we are able to do, though, depends on you. Over 500? individuals and groups helped us last year sustain our operations. We need that help again. It is through your generosity and faith that the House is able to do such good work. In that spirit, we ask you help again. Every donation helps. Fund a day in honor of a friend or just let us hear from you. We appreciate all you do to help us help our guests, so they can help their family members or loved ones. Thank you in advance.

On behalf of the Board,



CJ Bolster

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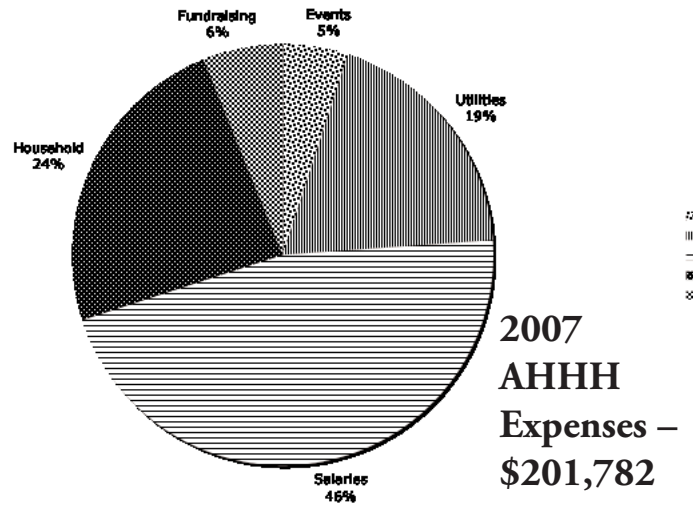
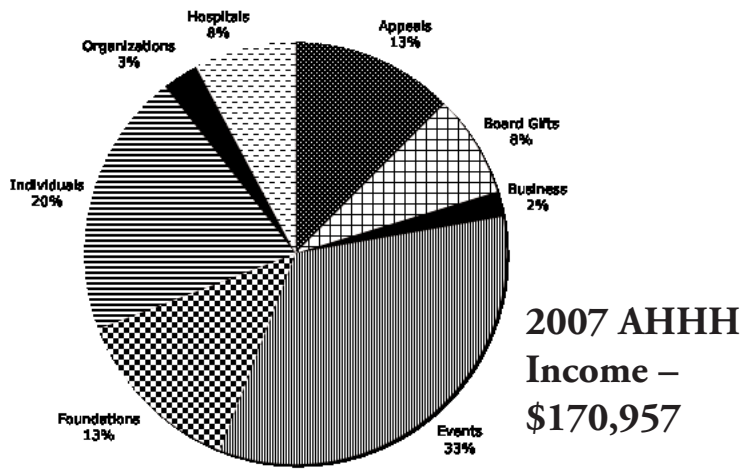
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### Niebel Family Celebrates a Much-Loved Daughter

The first time I met John Niebel we were sitting at the table at the AHHH enjoying a few quiet moments before many of the guests were joining us for dinner. He introduced himself as “John, the chicken farmer from Columbus, but they call me ‘Jack.’” We began talking about why he was here and who was in the hospital. I listened as he told the story of his daughter, Felicia, who had been in a recent car accident and subsequent surgery, but now was battling a strange and rare blood disorder. “The docs at Emory don’t know what to make of this thing,” he said. “They have other docs coming from around the country to see if they can help figure it out.” Then with tears in his eyes he described how hard it is to watch your child suffer. “That’s my baby, girl,” he said. By that time we were joined by other guests who were also eating with us and we were all teary when ‘Jack’ spoke of his beloved Felicia.

Felicia died on March 7, 2008. She was loved by many and had touched the lives of others throughout her short life. She worked as a case manager for the State of Georgia’s Department of Family and Children’s Services. She was an accomplished woman with an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and a masters degree in criminal justice and public administration. She’ll be remembered as a giving, loving and cheerful person who was always seeking to serve others. One of her co-workers said, “Felicia exemplified the joy we are all charged to display.”

John told us that many times he’d have to say to Felicia’s doctors, “Would you tell me everything so that a chicken farmer could understand it?” One of the doctors was great at keeping this complicated disease on an understandable level. John found out later that the doctor’s dad was a dairy farmer. So whenever John needed help understanding the treatment, he could always depend on the dairy farmer’s son. John could depend on us too. We would have dinner waiting for him when he was back from the hospital, a few moments of kind conversation, a computer to play mind-numbing solitaire on, a warm bed to sleep in, and a safe and loving home away from home.

We are grateful that our community of support helps us help families like the Niebel’s. You can know that every dollar that you give to the AHHH is cherished, just like the Niebel’s lovely daughter. This year we served almost 4,000 accommodations, please help us help others by sending a donation to AHHH in the envelope provided. We promise to honor your donation with a grateful heart.

### THANKS! 2007 Volunteers worked over 1,000 hours

We cannot operate the AHHH without the time spent by these generous volunteers! We appreciate you!

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## Yes, I want to join the 44 Club!

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Please make my gift in:

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Make your check payable to:  
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# Join the 44 Club!

Become a member of the **44 Club** by donating \$44 to cover the expense of one guest for one night. This is an easy way to know that your donation goes directly to the care of someone in crisis. If you've never had a loved one in the hospital critically ill, you are blessed. For those in this situation, the AHHH steps in to help them by providing food, lodging and companionship. Without hesitation we take in families who need us. You can become a part of the AHHH family. Please join our Club, send \$44 today!

Did you know that it costs  
AHHH \$44 per guest, per day  
to operate the House?

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