



## SHARING YOUR NEWS

**APPALACHIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER** Snowflake Ball 2016. Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 6:00-9:00pm at Willow Creek Falls, Blue Ridge, GA. ~ INDIVIDUAL, \$50.00 | COUPLE, \$85.00 TABLE (10), \$450.00. Please call Andrea Gibby 706-273-2225 for more information.

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB** would like thank everyone and let all of us know that they reached \$100,000 goal which was matched by a donor and they are close to reaching the total fundraising goal for the new building.

**GEORGIA CENTER FOR CHILD ADVOCACY** is in search of local facilitators for the Darkness to Light's "Stewards of Children" - Prevention Curriculum. Training for adults in child sexual abuse prevention available, contact Steve Fallin at 678-269-7917 or stevef@gacfa.org

**GEORGIA MOUNTAINS HOSPICE** wants everyone to know tickets are on sale for Mardi Gras in The Mountain. The event is February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Chattahoochee Tech. For question or more information call 706-253-4100 or visit mardigasinthemountains.org Mila Lane as Mardi Gras Queen Nominee and Jack Dunn as Mardi Gras King Nominee are raising money for votes to win and donate to the event.

**PREVENT CHILD ABUSE PICKENS** would like to discuss having you as a Board Member. Please contact Margy Lohman if you are interested. 706.253.6488

**QUALITY RATED** is a systemic approach to assess, improve and communicate the level of quality in early education and school-age care programs. Contact Brittney Everett at [Brittney.everett@qualitycareforchildren.org](mailto:Brittney.everett@qualitycareforchildren.org) or 678-792-3516 about child care and parent resources for quality child care throughout Georgia.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FAMILY UPLIFT PROGRAM** The Family Uplift Program has been in existence at our Lady of the Mountains Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) in Jasper, Georgia, for over ten years.

Unlike most programs that provide temporary, short term help to families in need, the Family Uplift Program is a long-term program designed to help families change their lives forever. Through education or job skills improvement training, the Family Uplift Program gives families the tools and opportunity to be self-sufficient. Program participants generally enroll in a course of study at a technical college or accredited program in the area; enrollees must attain a B average throughout the program. Candidates must have GED or high school diploma, and must be eligible for the HOPE and Pell Grant. What they need, and could never achieve on their own is financial assistance with their living expenses (rent, utilities, transportation, child care, etc) over the course of their education. Annual cost per student per year ranges from \$5,000 to \$10,000 depending on family size.

The students have entered into a formal agreement with SVdP, which outlines the specific details of the program, including the time period, parameters of the program, the amount of financial assistance to be given each month, and the mentoring process. The students are required to contact their mentors once a week, and meet monthly to go over their budget and discuss any concerns they might have. Failure to comply with the terms of the agreement, results in termination from the program. Please call the SVdP at 706-692-7604, leave a message and your phone number and ask that Mike return the call.

**SALVATION ARMY** wants to remind everyone their Family Store and Service Center are open in Canton. Donations of clothes and household items are appreciated. Families can receive free food, clothing, rent and utility assistance, call 770.720.4316.