

New Beginnings

Our house plans include much more than most.



A whole-way house.

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Summit House Statewide Golf Tournament

The Summit House First Annual Statewide Golf Tournament was played on Monday, June 21, 2010. The day was balmy, the course was beautiful and the sponsors and participants donated over \$6,000 for the families of Summit House! Thank you to our Senior Sponsor Glen Raven, and to all of our Hole and Team Sponsors, for supporting the mothers and children of Summit House!

Everyone had fun purchasing mulligans and putting them to good use as evidenced by the impressive scores of the day. The 50/50 raffle tickets were a big success, netting both Summit House and the winner \$127.50!



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Fourteen teams vied for the NC Statewide trophy which was ultimately

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won by Carolina Panther Kenny Moore's team. Shooting 14 under par, the team was all smiles and Kenny plans to participate in an even bigger way next year. The Murphy Group, also shooting 14 under par, placed second.

The highlight of the event was Dee, a Summit House class of 1991 graduate. She bravely shared her personal journey with all of the participants: how she was treated and felt about herself prior to coming to Summit House and what she and her children learned while in the program. Dee is currently studying to become a certified substance abuse counselor and is serving her internship at Summit House Piedmont. We're proud of all of Dee's accomplishments!

The success of our *First Annual Statewide Golf Tournament* would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors!

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The African American Atelier

Murals, Minds and Communities

When we're fortunate in life, we meet people who make our lives so much richer. During this past Summit House Piedmont Mother's Day Tea, artists from the *African American Atelier* volunteered their time and talent to create art projects with children attending the tea. Summit House has had the pleasure and good fortune to continue a partnership with this illustrious group, culminating in a summer project that has caused even the house to be richer!

Members of the Atelier and teen artists who participated in their summer art program have left a legacy that will forever capture the attention of all who enter the Summit House dining room. Summit House partnered with the Atelier to house ***Murals, Minds, and Communities***, a three-week summer arts camp that provides a creative venue for teens to explore hands-on arts and crafts and examine art in public places while exploring multiple artistic mediums. Students explored composition, design, visual applications and processes of two-dimensional imagery in public art.

Local artist Tara Hunt guided these young artists in designing and painting the mural that now adorns one entire dining room wall of Summit House Piedmont. Unveiled on August 11 to an audience that included many of the art students and their supportive



Left to right: Rep. Alma Adams, artist Tyreek, artist Tara Hunt and Piedmont Site Director of Summit House, O'Shelia Williams

parents, board members of the Atelier, and founding member NC Representative Alma Adams, the reception was as inspirational as the artists themselves. Measuring some 28 paces long and over 8' high, this mural depicts a life of growth and change.

"This mural represents possibilities. The women of Summit House must know that the possibilities are endless when it comes to their lives and the lives they make for their families. *Ashes to Beauty - Keeping*

Families Together, represents the mission and goals of the Summit House," said Atelier summer program director Megan Sulton, who spearheaded this project.

Thank you to everyone at the *African American Atelier* for this incredible legacy gift to the families of Summit House! And thank you also for hosting an 8-year-old Summit House child in your summer program designed for younger children, what a wonderful opportunity! ▮

Community Partners

The Leon Levine Foundation continues its partnership with Summit House. The commitment and consistency of over 13 years of support of the Leon Levine Foundation continues to encourage and sustain the mothers who work so hard to change their lives and the lives of their children.

Wachovia/Wells Fargo Foundation has partnered with Summit House through their Community Grant Initiative. We applaud Wachovia/Wells Fargo's commitment to their community and look forward to a continued partnership in changing the lives of mothers and children.

Spotlight on Charlotte

Introducing Gwendolyn Hester Cohen New Charlotte Site Director

Gwendolyn Hester Cohen loves Charlotte, North Carolina. So much so, she decided she needed to return to the place where she had learned so much. After growing up in the Queen City and living in various parts of the United States, Gwen returned to Charlotte in 1996 and began re-connecting with the city and the people she grew to love.

Gwen earned a Bachelors Degree in Social Work and Sociology at La Salle University; a Master of Divinity degree, and a Master of Business Administration in Global Management. She is also Bereavement Facilitator and Diversity Trainer. Recently, Gwen was appointed, by the Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners to serve on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Juvenile Crime Prevention Council.

She resides in the University area with her husband Elliott. They are the proud parents of Shavonna and George, and the awesome grandparents of James (17), Anthony (11) and Jemina (6).



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Thank you to Charlotte Academy of Music owners Jeff and Regina Ziliani for bringing this raffle to the Charlotte community in support of Summit House. Jeff has been a member of the Summit House Charlotte Board of Directors for six years and has also been a member of the Summit House Corporate Board of Directors for five years. Jeff is a CPA working in private practice. We are grateful for his and Regina's time and incredible talent. //

Welcome New Summit House Board of Directors

Summit House is honored to welcome many new members to our corporate and community boards:

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Carolina Panther #81 — Kenny Moore

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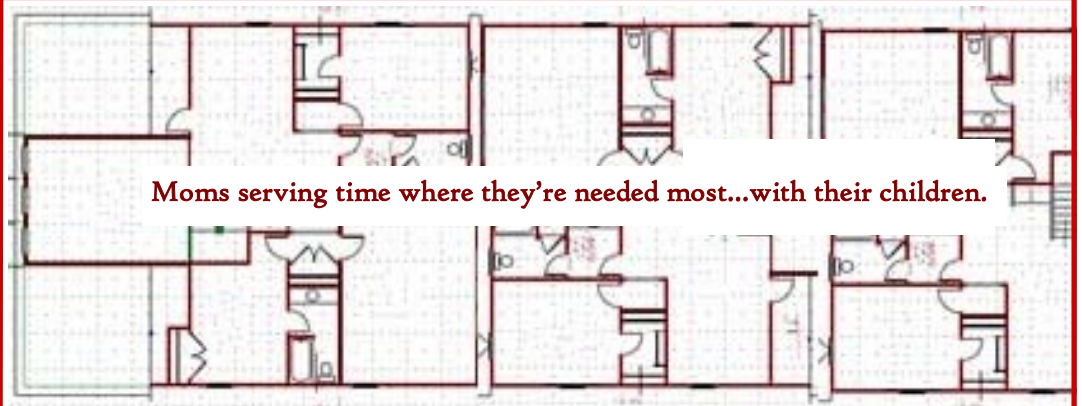


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Moms serving time where they're needed most...with their children.

About Summit House

Summit House, a residential alternative-to-prison program for mothers convicted of a non-violent crime and their minor children, is a non-profit that serves all 100 North Carolina counties and saves state tax payers over \$million net annually. With locations in the Triangle*, Piedmont and Charlotte, Summit House empowers convicted mothers to break the multigenerational cycle of poverty, violence, and substance abuse that is their history, and to create a new life for themselves and their children. Summit House strives to keep families together by maximizing healthy bonding between mothers and children. The organization is committed to working with women who have the desire and dedication to change their lives through counseling, life and job skills training, and substance-abuse counseling, rather than sit out a prison sentence.

More information about Summit House can be accessed through www.summithouse.org.

* The Triangle home is in transition to a new location

Summit House is a White House Presidential Award Winner

**Summit House
Statewide Golf Tournament**

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Thank you to all of the teams and players for participating in this wonderful event. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

