



Families First

LOVING *the* LEGACY

Where are they now?

SAVE THE DATE

March 30, 2023

Loving the Legacy is our new signature fundraising gala supporting Families First. Join our Honorary Chair, Ambassador Andrew Young, for this inaugural event in support of our programs and families we serve. Loving the Legacy will be hosted at the Atlanta History Center on March 30, 2023. The elegant evening will celebrate Lucy C. Vance and her dedication to Families First.

The gala will be filled with inspiring stories of several families' journeys - highlighting "Where are they now?" We will recognize the accomplishments of clients who received much-needed services and exceptional care from the Families First Behavioral Health, Navigator, and Parenting programs.

Please join us as we celebrate 132 years of impact fulfilling our mission to help children and families thrive. Loving the Legacy will celebrate the thousands of families served by Families First. We can't wait to see you there!

To purchase your tickets and learn more, please visit www.familiesfirst.org/get-involved/loving-the-legacy or contact us at give@familiesfirst.org.



LUCY C. VANCE
HONOREE



AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG
HONORARY CHAIR

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**Thank you to our donors for sponsoring families during this season.
Your support helped brighten the holidays for families in need!**

The holidays can be an especially difficult time for many of the children and families we serve. Our "Gift-a-Family" program (formerly known as "Adopt-a-Family") connects supporters like you with our clients to bring holiday cheer.

With the help of friends like you and our volunteers, we provided meaningful holiday experiences to many families.

A special thank you to Macy's for sponsoring Gift-a-Family 2022!

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHT: ATLANTA WOMEN'S CHORUS



Residents of the Families First Second Chance Home were invited to celebrate with the Atlanta Women's Chorus for a Winter of Wonders concert in December.

Our Second Chance Home offers housing and support services for teen mothers with a child between infancy and pre-school age. The program assists young mothers in developing parenting

skills and completing their education. The young mothers enjoyed the holiday music, highlighting the joy of the season.

The Atlanta Women's Chorus generously provided holiday gifts for the young mothers and their babies. We are grateful for the support of this organization and its members.

We are pleased to announce that the Atlanta Women's Chorus will perform at our Loving the Legacy fundraiser!

OUTREACH FOR FAMILIES FIRST RECAST SERVICES

As part of our outreach services, Fr. Jorge Carranza, a Catholic Priest in Gwinnett County and Behavioral Health Specialist at Families First, met with the St. Marguerite d'Youville community.

Fr. Carranza spoke on the impact of trauma and shared about the Families First "Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma" (ReCAST) services in Lawrenceville.



Through Navigator and Behavioral Health programs, Families First "ReCAST" services aim to assist high risk youth and families in the City of Lawrenceville, while promoting resiliency and equity among its residents.

Community engagement opportunities like this allow families to learn about Families First programs and services!

8TH ANNUAL NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH CELEBRATION



This past November, Families First GACRS program (Georgia Center for Resources & Support) celebrated the 8th Annual National Adoption Month. A total of 76 adults with 70 children joined online for this year's virtual experience.

The GACRS team presented responses to a survey sent to all attendees regarding their adoption journey and led meaningful discussions alongside partners like DFCS, Georgia Families 360, and Amerigroup.

In addition, families were invited to celebrate with inspirational speakers, games, scavenger hunt, family dance-off, and more!



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Remembering Ms. Shakenna Gray



As another year passes, the Families First team remembers Ms. Shakenna Gray, Parenting Plus Program Manager. Ms. Gray passed away on December 23, 2021. She had a heartwarming smile and was loved by all at Families First.
We miss her dearly.