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OUR VISION

To empower families to care for their medically fragile children at home, improve their quality of life, and benefit the State of Georgia, the tax payers and health care institutions by providing a more effective way to care for these children.

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From Our Family to Yours...

Instead of extended hospital stays, these three boys have benefited from specialized care at Georgia's first patent-pending pediatric "step-down" facility with 24-hour nursing and skills training to help both child and family prepare for the transition home. The Lilburn, Ga. Dream House *Family for Keeps*® Transition Care Home is licensed as the only Children's Transition Care Center in the nation. Up to six medically fragile children may be in residence for short-term stays.



Three-month-old Francoise is tracheostomy-dependent, and receives nourishment via a feeding tube. This infant was placed with Dream House for transition care. His family lives in Decatur County, in south Georgia.

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Ten-year-old Thomas transitioned at Dream House instead of staying in the hospital to receive antibiotic treatments through a central IV line for a brain abscess. Slated for six-weeks of treatments, Thomas healed so quickly he went home after just 21 days, and was cleared to return to school two days later!

This Program relies on generous financial support from individuals, foundations, and businesses. Dream House uses \$0.80 of each dollar donated, and 100% of Program related grants, for the children and families we serve.

Thanks to you, during the first quarter of 2011, 14 kids from 7 Georgia counties were placed for transition care, or benefited from a respite care scholarship.

The Dream House staff spent all of February

traveling the State, sharing the Referral Process to make it easier for case managers to access Dream House transition care programs and services for their clients. This team visited each DFCS regional office, presented to Peach State Health Plan of Georgia, as well as met with clinical staff and case managers at many medical centers. During this time, Dream House also began discussions with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Georgia officials to explore becoming a provider to serve their pediatric clients.

Since making naming rights available for key areas of the flagship *Family for Keeps*® Transition Care Home, Dream House is pleased to report the following areas are now funded:

- Meditation Garden in honor of Marjorie Nail, by Charles Nail;
- Physical Therapy Room in memory of Stephen Pettet, by Blake and Leslie Lewin;
- Tree House-themed Bedroom by American Legion #65.

We are so very grateful for all our supporters and volunteers because you help us help these precious children!

Please call 770-717-7410 or visit www.DreamHouseforKids.org to learn of other funding needs.



Four-month-old Emanuel is tracheostomy and ventilator dependent, and receives nourishment via a feeding tube. On doctor's visit days, it takes two caregivers half an hour to get both he and his equipment loaded in the vehicle! His health is exceedingly delicate and requires constant, vigilant attention. Placed with Dream House for transition care, this baby's family lives in Bibb County, in central Georgia.



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- Dream Mail eNews distributes by email every two weeks. Sign up at www.DreamHouseForKids.org or call 770-717-7410.
- Support a local community fund raiser that benefits Dream House, or contact us with your fundraising idea. Top needs are financial donations, gift cards to grocery stores and gas stations. Events open to the public are:
 May 1, 2011 — Family Fun Trail Ride
 October 1, 2011 — Dream House 500 Ride
- 8th Annual Dream House Golf Classic — April 19, 2011
- 7th Annual Boot Scootin' Barn Raiser — October 22, 2011

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