

Path To Shine

February 2011



First Semester Report Card

- Attitudes toward school improved by 7%
- Attitudes toward math improved by 9%.
- Reading levels improved on the school assessed tests
- 100% of the children like participating in the program (last August it was only 75%).

Feb. 19

A huge array of NEW, boutique, children's clothing at warehouse prices! Go on-line for more details at www.attheworks.net. \$5 gets you in the door for amazing deals. Spread the word! A portion of the proceeds will go to Path To Shine.



Ministry Fair March 12

At the Cathedral of St. Philip. Over 50 workshops including Lesley-Ann's about Path To Shine. Learn how to start this program in your own faith community. Register at www.episcopalatlanta.org/content/ministry_fair.asp

Paper Mill Market

A European-style market, March 26 & 27, showcasing fashion, art, food, jewelry, and what-nots. While there don't miss the Silent Auction! All proceeds will go to Path To Shine. Go to www.papermillmarket.com for details.

The Statistics

Only 51% of teen moms have a high school diploma compared to 89% of girls who don't get pregnant as teens. School disengagement is one of the 4 main reasons that teens get pregnant. It's also one of the top reasons that children run away from home. And 90% of runaways become part of the sex industry. Sadly, Atlanta is one of the biggest hubs for this

in the United States.

75% of State prison inmates are high school drop outs. Once released the chance of a former prisoner experiencing homelessness is 1 in 11, compared to 1 in 200 for the general population.



Between 2008 and 2009, homelessness in Atlanta in-

creased by over 6% compared to about 3% for the national average.

Being actively engaged in school reduces the chances of being homeless, ending up in prison, getting pregnant as a teen, or running away from home.

Being actively engaged in school increases a child's chances of being successful as an adult.

May Madness Makes Money for Path To Shine



May 7 Antiques Road Show; Yard Sale; School's May Day Festival

Stop by for your chance to pick up some great bargains!

- Donate items to be sold (drop off on Friday afternoon), OR
- Rent a 10' x 10' space with 6' table for \$50 to sell your own articles, AND
- Bring your treasure for an appraiser's approximate valuation. If it is the "real deal" you can follow up for an official appraisal knowing that a donation will be given to Path To Shine for each appraisal conducted.



Summer Camp

Four weeks of fun and educational enrichment will begin June 23 with one full day excursion and 4 half days each week. A morning snack and lunch will be provided each day. Tons of opportunities to volunteer, and/or donate food, books and supplies. More details on line.

May 16 Ugly Pants Golf Open at Dogwood Golf Course

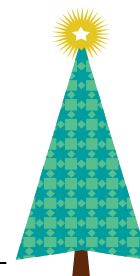
Your \$100 ticket gets you a round of golf, use of golf cart, lunch and goodie bag. 9:30am shotgun start. Bring some extra cash to buy your C.H.E.A.T.S. (Christians Helping Everyone Achieve Tee Success) package and raffle tickets. Limited sponsorship opportunities available.

Save the Dates:

Oct. 22/23 Artist's Market, Wine Tasting, Ragtime piano
Dec. 3 Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales

The Giving Tree

When I saw Kimberly after the Christmas break she ran up to me and asked, "How did you know I needed a new jacket?" Thanks to the generosity of many people, 42 wishes were fulfilled this past Christmas for families connected with the Path To Shine program. Father Christmas came to visit after all.



How You Can Help

- Donate: Send a check, or visit our website and donate on-line through PayPal.
- Be a Weekly Mentor: More mentors means more children receive more attention.
- Help with Summer Camp: Can you commit to 1 week? June 23, June 30, July 5, and July 12
- Friend us on Facebook! Please find us and "like" us. We need 25 people to "like" us in order to get an easy-to-remember web address.

For more information about Path To Shine, or any of these articles in particular, please contact us.

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