



Inspiring under-served children to achieve hope-filled dreams.

Fall Greetings to All!

Do you know about Y.O.L.O.? a.k.a. "You Only Live Once"?

I have heard this phrase a lot from my children and their peers - middle class children who attend good schools with a bunch of options available. But I wonder how those same four letters might make you feel when you are a child of poverty and your choices are limited?

Path To Shine is focused on helping children in elementary school with their home-work, and in the process, expanding their choices. We stress the importance of staying in school and we bring in outside speakers who share their life experiences to demonstrate what you can do if you work hard.



We have five locations operating with 74 children enrolled, and 49 volunteers providing healthy doses of love and attention. Our model focuses on using existing resources to keep our costs low so that expenses don't get in the way of serving children.



Our journey began in the fall of 2010. Three years later we are excited about how much we have accomplished but we know we are a long way from being done.

**Please take a moment to think about the children with limited choices, and then make a contribution to Path To Shine so that we can continue growing and reaching more children. You can make a donation on-line via PayPal at [www.pathtoshine.org](http://www.pathtoshine.org) or you can send a check.**

On behalf of the children we serve, we thank you.

In faith,

Lesley-Ann Drake  
Executive Director

Path To Shine is a self-sustaining ministry of St. Benedict's Episcopal Church, located at 2160 Cooper Lake Road, Smyrna, GA 30080, providing after-school mentoring and tutoring for elementary school children. For additional information go to [www.pathtoshine.org](http://www.pathtoshine.org) or contact Lesley-Ann Drake, Director at [lesleyann@pathtoshine.org](mailto:lesleyann@pathtoshine.org)

## 2013 Milestones



- Episcopal Charities Foundation awards a \$3000 grant for summer activities for four program locations, impacting 139 children.
- The Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta visits the Marietta and Macon programs.
- Four children are fitted with prescription eye-glasses.
- Path To Shine becomes a registered trademark.
- \$10,000 grant awarded from Betty & David Fitzgerald Foundation.
- Our fifth location opens; more are on the way!
- Estafania wins the 2014 ICM Art competition.
- We continue to operate with a small annual budget: \$35,000 for 2013 including our Executive Director's salary, training for all volunteers, our Board and Director, office expenses and program supplies.
- Visit our website to learn more, and/or sign up to volunteer at [www.pathtoshine.org](http://www.pathtoshine.org)



"Fireworks" by Estefania