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# Working Toward Bright Futures

This has been a frenzied year so far! It began last July when the Raintree Village board of directors made the decision to pursue re-accreditation through the Council on Accreditation. Hundreds of hours were spent preparing the self-study, collecting on-site documents, writing and re-writing policies, and getting the campus prepared for the July 2016 site visit. The COA peer reviewers spent two full days on campus inspecting our work, comparing what we do with the high standards of COA. All of our hard work should pay off when our re-accreditation is formally announced!

In addition, we have been busy preparing for our new signature fundraising event – the First Annual Benefit Dinner & Live Auction, scheduled for Saturday evening, October 8th, at the Rainwater Conference Center in Valdosta (more details in this Newsletter). This process has involved talking with similar organizations that have conducted such an event, meeting with our auctioneer to plan the event, and daily corresponding with our marketing experts to pick the best time for community involvement.

But, while these two major events have been time consuming, our work with children and youth has been a blessing! Our kids have found themselves coming and going with appointments, fun activities, jobs, summer classes, etc. We've welcomed service groups on campus, hired additional house parents to meet the needs of children in care, celebrated the accomplishments of a high school graduate, rejoiced in the "new births" of five youths through baptism, and experienced an overall positive summer break with very few incidents. God has blessed us beyond measure!

What lies ahead? That's anyone's guess! However, I trust in God to sustain us. And, I know, from years of experience, that our supporters will not fail us. I have two favors to ask of you: 1) Get behind our signature fundraising event by purchasing tickets, soliciting donations for the auction, and promoting the evening, and 2) Give a generous financial contribution today! In doing so, you help "make a difference" in the lives of these children. Without us, their lives would be frenzied, chaotic and dire.

***Kenny Holton***
Executive Director, Raintree Village

Our Mission
"Offering children and youth an opportunity for a future by instilling within them a strong faith in God, a hope for a better tomorrow, and a love for self and others."

# New Bargain Barn Thrift Store Manager

We are happy to announce the hiring of our new Bargain Barn Thrift Store Manager, Barbara Bundrick! Barbara and her husband, Larry, are no strangers to Raintree Village; both having worked in our thrift stores in the past. Larry and Barbara are faithful members of the Central Avenue congregation in Valdosta, and have lived in the Valdosta community for many years. While Barbara is our "official" manager, Larry works right alongside her and is invaluable.

All sales proceeds go directly to Raintree Village and to the daily care of children and youth. The store is located at 530 S. Patterson (Valdosta), and is open Tuesday through Friday 10:00a.m. to 4:00pm, and every other Saturday. Please call the store at (229) 244-5537 if you have any items you wish to donate, or would like to volunteer. We will be glad to pick up your donations and provide you with a tax receipt!

All "gently used" items are needed including: clothing, household items, furniture, bedding, appliances, books, lawn care items, and all miscellaneous. If you would like to donate a used car in running condition, please call our office: (229) 559-5944. All contributions are tax deductible, and greatly appreciated!

Come meet Barbara and Larry at the Bargain Barn! Better yet, shop with us! Your charitable giving provides quality care to children and youth.

# Carl S. Brinson – End of an Era

Carl Brinson worked at his job at Raintree Village on Monday, July 18th. He told his supervisor that he had to go for a doctor's appointment on Tuesday. Carl got a good report from the tests, but fell while preparing to leave the doctor's office. Carl died on Wednesday at the age of 84.

Carl's death was a shock to us all. He and his family have been associated with Raintree Village for more than two decades. His late wife Carolyn worked in the office as receptionist for years. His daughter Anita also worked in the office. Carl and Carolyn drove the food route several months. Many of you in the churches will remember them as they came by to pick up your food collections and household items. They also managed our Bargain Barn thrift store for several years.

Carl came back to Raintree Village after retiring to work as one of our part time maintenance workers. He could be seen every morning till noon with a hedge trimmer, weed-eater, or rake in his hands. He was always dependable and on time. Even at the age of 84 he willingly climbed a ladder (though he should not have!) and cleaned the roof gutters. Carl was one of those Christian servants who did whatever needed to be done. We will miss him.





Raintree Village
ANNUAL BENEFIT
Dinner & Live
Auction

# Raintree Village Auction Announcement

Raintree Village is proud to announce its **First Annual Benefit Dinner & Live Auction** scheduled for Saturday evening, **October 8, 2016**, at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center in Valdosta, Georgia! This will become an annual signature event designed to raise much-needed funding for the work and to bring awareness of this organization to the local community. This fun-filled evening will include dinner, a silent auction, testimonials from children served, and a live auction as the highlight of the event! Doors will open at 6:00pm, with the event scheduled to end by 9:00pm. For more information, visit our website at www.raintreevillage.org.

We are hoping to have some 200 guests at this event, and we are asking businesses, individuals, corporations and churches to help us make the Raintree Village Annual Benefit Dinner & Live Auction a success! Here is how you can help us:

- **Purchase a ticket (or tickets)!** Tickets are $25 a piece. Call the Raintree office for more details.
- **Purchase an entire table, and fill it with 10 of your closest friends!** $250
- **Become a Corporate Level Sponsor!** For a gift of $1,000 or more, you will be recognized in our Auction booklet, an upcoming Raintree Village Newsletter, and your Name/Company logo will be prominently displayed at the event. You can also purchase a table of 10 for $250, fill it with your employees and their families and, if you wish, have your logo displayed at the table.
- **Donate Auction Items – BIG and small!** Some suggestions: Vacation rentals (houses, condos, timeshares), Gift certificates (Restaurants, Beauty Services, Hunting/Fishing activities, Golf outings), Unsold inventory from companies, Services from companies (Installations, Maintenance, etc.), Items with Celebrity Value (Autographed paraphernalia, etc.), Tickets (Movies, Concerts, Sporting events, Amusement parks, etc.), Gift Baskets
- **Attend the Auction and be ready to bid!**

Proceeds from this event will be used to meet a number of needs including: Improved campus security to insure the safety of our children, upgrades to our cottage interiors, renovations to our campus facilities, new signage, upgraded transportation, and overall care of children and youth!

If you have items you wish to donate for the Auction, please call Kenny Holton (Raintree Village Executive Director) at **(229) 559-5944 or (229) 460-5248**, or email him at kholton@raintreevillage.org. Items can be delivered to the Raintree Village campus Monday-Friday (8am-5pm): 3757 Johnston Rd., Valdosta, GA 31601 (Physically located in Dasher, GA), or Raintree Village will be glad to schedule a pick up of your donated items! If you live in Lowndes County, pick up and/or delivery should be completed by Wednesday, October 5th. If you live outside Lowndes County, delivery and/or pick up should be completed by Wednesday, September 28th, in order to assure arrival in time for the Auction.

***Raintree Village, Inc. is a 501©3 Corporation. All donations are tax deductible, and tax receipts will be provided upon request. Please help us spread the word! Thank you!***

# 2016 Mother's Day Special Collection

Our donors – churches, businesses, individuals, and other stakeholders – came through for us again! We've come to expect great participation in our annual Mother's Day Special Collection, and we were again, not disappointed! This year's total amount given was $75,489! Although this represents a slight decrease from last year's total, it was still one of our largest contributions in ten years!

There were 452 donors participating in this annual event. The following congregations and businesses also participated: Bainbridge, Beattie Rd. (Albany), Blakely, Bogart, Buford, Byron, Callahan, Central Ave. (Valdosta), Chestnut Mountain, Dasher, Eastside, Eastpoint, Ellijay, Fayetteville, Fellowship (Thomasville), Forest Park (Forest Park), Gordon, Hentown, Lee County (Albany), Macland Rd. (Marietta), Middle Fayette, North Atlanta, Northside (Roswell), Oak Hill (Rome), Piedmont Rd. (Marietta), Quitman, Sandersville, Seven Hills (Tallahassee), South Cobb (Mabelton), Statesboro, Thomaston Rd. (Macon), Thomasville, Timberlane (Tallahassee), Warner Robins, Williams Rd. (Americus), Woodstock, Citizens Community Bank (Valdosta), Duffey's Inc., Fiveash Real Estate, Hall Mower & Saw, Lang Insurance Agency, Physicians Medical Center Northside, THBoyd Communications

Note: Other churches may have participated, but we were unable to connect some individual donors to specific congregations. We appreciate so much our generous supporters! Thanks to each of you, our annual Mother's Day Special Collection was a huge success!

# A High School Graduate!

Dayshonze "walked across the stage" this past May to receive his High School diploma from the Lowndes County Board of Education as part of the Lowndes High School class of 2016.

Dayshonze came to live at Raintree Village when he was a sixth grader (along with his younger brother and sister). As our longest-tenured resident, Dayshonze is "our child" in every sense of the term, and we are extremely proud of him and his accomplishments! Although his physical presence can be overwhelming due to his size (he's big!), he is truly a "gentle giant" with a big heart, a soft-spoken demeanor, and a strong desire to be a good person. At a recent campus celebration event, Dayshonze expressed his deep gratitude for Raintree Village, and publically recognized the good influence his house parents and administrative personnel have had on his life. Dayshonze is a handsome young man with great potential! Although his plans are not set in stone, he has indicated a desire to preach. We know Dayshonze can do whatever he sets his mind to do, and we congratulate him on this milestone in his life! He would love to hear from you! You can write him in c/o Raintree Village, Attention: Dayshonze Cole, 3757 Johnston Rd., Valdosta, GA 31601.





# Raintree Village is Seeking Live-in House Parents

**Raintree Village is actively seeking two couples to serve as full-time live-in House Parents; one in the boys' cottage and one in the girls' cottage. Openings are available immediately. Ministry involves being the "Dad" and "Mom" in the home for up to eight children, and working with a team of social services professionals to direct the child "in the way he or she should go."**

## Ministry Description

Couple will be expected to provide a home-like environment; which includes maintaining a clean, sanitary and safe home, providing nutritious meals, maintaining healthy standards regarding sleep, food, and exercise, providing consistent supervision and guidance, and serving as moral leaders within the home. The job will involve transporting children to/from school and appointments, completing documentation in a timely manner, working closely with the senior management staff to implement case plans designed to teach and guide children and youth, and demonstrating through word and actions strong moral character. In summary, this ministry position is for couples willing to serve as "parents" in any, and every, capacity needed.

## Ministry Qualifications

First and foremost, couples must be faithful members of the church and active in a local congregation of God's people.

- Must have a Bachelors Degree or higher
- Must be physically, mentally, and spiritually fit
- Will need to submit to a Criminal Records Check and Fingerprinting
- Must have a deep love for children, willing to serve
- Should possess godly characteristics of love, patience, kindness, mercy, peacefulness, gentleness, honesty, etc.
- Must be willing to work as a team member for the good of the child, possessing a cooperative spirit.
- Must be able to control one's tongue, exhibiting confidentiality and respect for all.
- Should view this work as a ministry requiring one's full attentions and efforts.

## Ministry Benefits

- The joys of knowing you are "making a HUGE impact on the lives of 'at-risk' children!"
- 14 days on; 7 days off rotation: Workweek is from Monday to Sunday. You will be "on-duty" 35 weeks out of the year, with 17 off weeks.
- Room and board provided, as well as most living expenses (groceries, transportation, utilities, etc.)
- Beginning salary for a couple: $75,110 annually.

## To Apply:

Call the Raintree office and ask for an application: **(229) 559-5944**, or Email our Director, Kenny Holton, at **kholton@raintreevillage.org**, or Download the application from our website: **www.raintreevillage.org**, complete it, scan and email to the address above, or complete and mail to:

**Raintree Village**
**ATTEN: Kenny Holton**
**3757 Johnston Rd.**
**Valdosta, GA 31601**

We hope and pray to have both positions filled by the end of this year!

# Memorials

Raintree Village gratefully acknowledge the following memorials and honors made between 3/23/16 - 7/27/16

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**Linda Feltner**
By: M/M Tim Feltner
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By: Ms. Phyllis Lowe
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**Grandchildren & daughter**
By: Ms. Delores H. Ford
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By: M/M Ronnie West
**Isela Grayson**
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**Sara Harman**
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By: Dr/M John Hunt
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1. School supplies
2. Paper products (towels, napkins, plates)
3. Snacks
4. Dishwashing Detergents
5. Laundry Detergents
6. Money for back-to-school clothing
7. Monthly donors
8. Bedding
9. Meats (chicken, pork, beef)
10. Light jackets and coats

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# An Alternative Child Care Method!

UNICEF estimates that 100 million children are "street children" many between the ages of 10-14 and most are older teens. Brazil has 7 million and India has an estimated 18 million. But, it is estimated that 1.3 million live on the streets of the US of A! These are homeless children, seriously at risk. Most of them live in urban areas.

Article27 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child asserts: "States (must) recognize the right of every child to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development." Homelessness and street life have extremely detrimental effects on children. Deprivation of food and shelter adversely effects their bodies, but the worldly rules of street life impact their morals and spiritual survival. They are open to sexual exploitation and psychological manipulation. These children are most at risk when they think their pimp is their best friend!

How do Christian people respond to these tragic statistics? What can we do to help…at least a few of the more than 325,000 who become homeless each year in America?

In 2011 postings on Facebook by the police of Brazil reported one method: murder them! Pictures and stories revealed how the police took to the streets to "clean them up of street children" in preparation of the World Cup competition. In the early days of Georgia, shipbuilding was very large on the east coast. A very important, but very dangerous job on these war ships was to "run" dry gun powder from the belly of the ship to the firing canons. Several "expendable" powder-boys who were taken from the streets of Savannah died running the powder.

Jesus had a different solution: take care of those who cannot take care of themselves! (A paraphrase of James 1:27). Children in need of physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social opportunities must have our care and concern! You can do your part by supporting good works that care for homeless children. Raintree Village is such a work. Helping just one, is far better than helping none! God bless.

***– G. R. Holton***
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