



*I would like to personally thank each person who made Santa's Toy Run 2009 toy drive and fundraiser an absolute **resounding success**. I estimate that \$8800 will be collected for Speedway Children's Charities through personal donations, pledges made for the laps completed in the 9 hour endurance race and Race Car Ride Along, outstanding! My hat is off for those who worked so diligently to make this happen ☺*

*To top it off, a truck load of toys were collected, distributed and greatly appreciated by Gwinnett Children Shelter, Haven House, A Friend's House, Piedmont CASA, Noah's Ark plus a number of families in crisis. All of these organizations and recipients were very grateful for the toys which made a very positive impact for kids in need this Christmas; especially since the demand has almost doubled this year. Everyone that took part in Santa's Toy Run 2009 should feel good about themselves knowing there will be lots of smiles on kid's faces on Christmas morning. We owe a great deal of appreciation and admiration to the directors and staff of NASA-Southeast for their unwavering support to this unique event for the kids; Jim and Julie are great people.*

*We are looking forward to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Santa's Toy Run at Road Atlanta on December 3 – 5, 2010. Contact Ron Rigdon at 404-925-7350 or [ron@circleheartracing.com](mailto:ron@circleheartracing.com) to get involved with this successful event.*

**TOGETHER** we have made a difference in a child's life this Christmas.

*Many thanks and God bless all of you,*

*Ron & Debbie Rigdon*

*Circle Heart Racing*

#### **Speedway Children's Charities** – [www.speedwaycharities.org](http://www.speedwaycharities.org)

The mission of Speedway Children's Charities remains true to the ideals it was founded upon in 1982; to care for children in educational, financial, social, and medical need in order to help them lead productive lives. SCC provides funding for hundreds of qualified and carefully chosen non-profit organizations that meet the direct need of children. Our vision is that every child has the same opportunities no matter what obstacle they are facing;

**Tools to build a better, brighter and healthy future.**

#### **Gwinnett Children's Shelter** – [www.gwinnettchildrenshelter.org](http://www.gwinnettchildrenshelter.org)

The youth are served through crisis and stabilization services, ages 5 – 17, runaway, homeless youth, or suffering from abuse, neglect, and abandonment as well as other family issues. These services include emergency shelter, life skills training, comprehensive child and family assessments, individual and group counseling, education, and are open 24 hours 7 days a week.

#### **Haven House** – [www.henryhavenhouse.org](http://www.henryhavenhouse.org)

All Services provided at no cost for any victim of family violence and has an 18 bed safety shelter. These services include a 24 hour crisis line, legal advocacy, case management, safety planning, COPE (A one on one program for children in domestic violence situations), professional counseling, resettlement, plus follow up services.

#### **Noah's Ark** – [www.noahs-ark.org](http://www.noahs-ark.org)

Noah's Ark Child Care Home serves a culturally diverse group of children for long term residential care and is located in Locust Grove, GA. They are licensed to provide professional residential care for 24 children, 20 on a permanent basis and 4 on an emergency basis. Some children may stay a night or a day or a weekend, and some may stay for years; the average stay for a child is 18 – 24 months.

#### **Piedmont CASA** – [www.piedmontcasa.org](http://www.piedmontcasa.org)

Piedmont CASA is the sole organization in the counties we serve that recruits, trains and supervises community volunteers who are the voice for foster children in Juvenile Court. CASA volunteers provide critical feedback and information to Judges overseeing juvenile cases, and also provide a helping hand to foster children in their new foster homes, at school, and in all areas of their lives. Whenever possible, CASA volunteers work to return children to their homes when it's safe and secure for them to do so.

#### **A Friend's House** – [www.afriendshouse.org/friends-house/](http://www.afriendshouse.org/friends-house/)

A Friend's House is dedicated to meeting the emotional and physical needs of children in crisis. Services such as counseling, medical treatment, academic assistance and recreational opportunities are available for the children. In 2008, the Henry County Department of Family and Children Services received 2,146 reports of child abuse, neglect or abandonment. That averages 179 reports each month! The statistics are heartbreaking considering these numbers have more than doubled since 1998.