

Gateway Celebrates Project Funded by Hall County Grant

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The groundbreaking for Gateway Domestic Violence Center's new Transitional Housing Facility, which was made possible through a grant secured by Hall County Government, will be celebrated at this weekend's 7th Annual Gateway to Hope event.

The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, April 12 at the Chattahoochee Country Club and will feature wine and beer, fine foods, live music, and spectacular silent and live auction items, including vacations, mountain getaways, specialty items and more.

Gateway Domestic Violence Center provides resources for victims of abuse in Hall County, including transitional housing where women and children can live rent-free for roughly six months while saving up money for their own place.

When the need for more transitional housing became apparent, several community organizations volunteered to help Gateway meet this demand. The Kiwanis Club of Gainesville donated land, Habitat for Humanity pledged to provide labor for construction, the Junior League of Gainesville-Hall County awarded Gateway its \$50,000 signature grant for the project and First Baptist Church on Green Street donated the proceeds of its 2011 Hearts and Hands Emporium to the transitional housing initiative.

As a capstone to this community-wide effort, Hall County Government applied for a Community Block Grant through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The application was successful and resulted in a \$500,000 grant to support this initiative.

That successful grant application, as well as the comprehensive community effort, will be celebrated at this year's Gateway to Hope event.

Tickets to Gateway to Hope can be purchased by calling (770) 539-9080 or by emailing Gateway Domestic Violence Center Executive Director Jessica Butler at jbutler@gatewaydvcenter.org.