

Dear Friends:

Thanks to so many of you, July was a joyful love-fest for the House!

Firstly, The Pay-It-Forward House was featured on the DeKalb County Master Gardeners Garden Walk and the gardens were gloriously beautiful! Thank you garden committee for all your hard work and dedication to watering and weeding our outdoor space. We received so many compliments and praise; it was truly a proud day for all of us, especially to have witnessed the amazing transformation of the yard and gardens over the past 4 years. Hundreds of visitors passed through and were astounded when they learned that everything was accomplished by the generosity of our wonderful volunteers and donors!

Secondly "MEET ME AT THE FAIR" our fourth annual summer fundraising event, was another delightfully successful and wonderful day! We were again blessed with good weather and many, many volunteers, friends, families, guests and visitors enjoying the fun games, marvelous entertainment, great food, awesome silent auction items, raffle prizes and all the fun for all! Our goal to raise \$7000 was thankfully achieved with all proceeds benefitting the House operations. There are so many people and businesses to thank for their contributions to this successful event that it would be too lengthy to post here. So please look for our letter to the editor in the Chronicle and to be posted on our website soon.

Fun photos from both events are currently posted at our website [_www.payitforwardhouse.org_ \(http://www.payitforwardhouse.org/\)](http://www.payitforwardhouse.org/) .

NEWS you can use:

1) Think you'd like to join our wonderful team of volunteers? Attend a one-hour orientation session to learn more! Monday, August 24th, 2009 at 11am at the House.

2) A volunteer has helped us start a new fundraising venture, Empties4Cash. This is an opportunity for anyone in our area to recycle used printer cartridges, while the House can earn up to \$4.00 for each inkjet printer cartridge collected. There is no cost to participate. Just drop off your used printer cartridges at the House and we do the rest! You can get more information about the program at the House during visitor hours; Monday-Thursday 11am-6pm and Friday-Saturday

11am-2:30pm or [Click here: http://www.empties4cash.com/downloads/docs/pdf/E4C-Flyer0908.pdf](http://www.empties4cash.com/downloads/docs/pdf/E4C-Flyer0908.pdf)

3) You may have noticed that we have created a distinguished new logo, with the professional help of Morning Star Media, thank you very much! You can purchase a lovely and reusable tote bag, which has been made exclusively for the Pay-It-Forward House with the new logo for a small donation of \$5.00 per bag! The bags are available and on display at the House.

Sincerely grateful,
Joyce Mathey
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P.s. We recently received another sweet thank-you note from one of our guests which was over two pages long, here is an excerpt:

"I wanted to express my gratitude for your generosity and kindness* The moment I walked into the Pay-It-Forward House - I immediately felt warmth and kindness. It radiates everywhere."

Please know that it's you, our friends, who make our mission possible. No matter the size, the impact of the gifts you give - whether monetary, in kind, or volunteer hours - are really appreciated!