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Spring 2006

First Light

A Center for Homeless Women and Children

2006 First Light Gala

The eighth annual First Light Gala was a huge success thanks to the hard work and dedication of many First Light supporters! We made over \$100,000 at the gala to benefit the women and children served at First Light, funds that were much-needed after the decline in donations resulting from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The event was in honor of Mrs. Claire Fairley, long-time member of First Presbyterian Church, for her generous and faithful support of the center. Mattie Johnson of the Cathedral of St. Paul was honored as the Volunteer of the Year for 17 years of volunteer service at First Light. A special thanks to Ken Jackson, Auctioneer, our guest speaker Linda Gunter and the Gala Committee!

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Honoree Claire Fairley pictured with Arthur Fairley, James V. Fairley, Jr., Peggy Morgan, Will Holmes and Muriel Teague



Volunteer of the Year Mattie Johnson, pictured with Ruth Crosby, Executive Director

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Volunteers of the Month

October 2005: Jo Browning

November 2005: Fran Wells
Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church

December 2005: Ann Hillhouse
Alice Christenson
Independent Presbyterian Church

January 2006: Michele Smith
Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church

February 2006: Mickey Caruso
St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

March 2006: Barbara Lawson
Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church

Thank You!

You are warmly invited to concurrent art exhibits

By the women at First Light Mission Center

Opening: Sunday, June 18, 12:00-2:00PM

“Picturing Eden: At Home in the Garden”

Sacred Art Gallery of First Presbyterian Church

2100 4th Avenue North

“Mystic Women: Spirit Dolls”

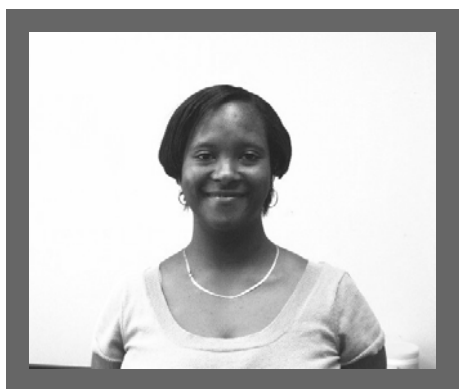
Women’s Art Gallery, First Light

2230 4th Avenue North

Join the congregation of First Presbyterian Church for 11AM worship on June 18th and visit both exhibits afterward. You will have an opportunity to speak with the women about their art. Free street parking.

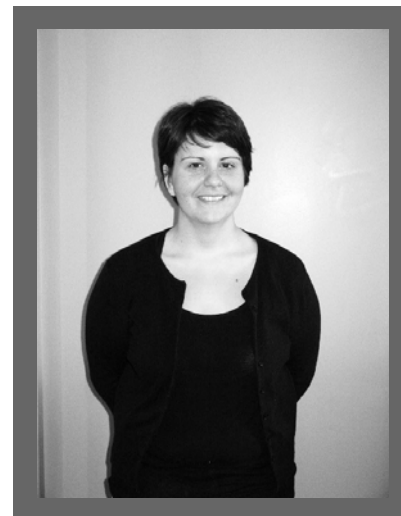
Exhibits: June 18-July 30

Welcome New First Light Staff



Sherri Washington is one of our two new social workers here at First Light! She received her Bachelor's in Social Work from UAB in 2003 and joined our staff in July of 2005. Sherri grew up in Birmingham and has a 7-year-old daughter named Bria. Welcome to the First Light family Sherri!

Vicki Hampton is the most recent addition to the First Light staff. She moved to Birmingham from Indiana, where she was born and raised. She received her Bachelor's in Social Work from Indiana University. Vicki joined us in October of 2005. Welcome to First Light Vicki!



Need a speaker?

If you would like a speaker from First Light for your church or civic group meeting or event, please call 323-4277 or email us at flshelter@aol.com. We would be happy to tell you all about First Light!



Will You Help?

YOU can make a difference in the lives of Birmingham's homeless women and children.

YOU can provide shelter from a life on the streets where there is no place to go when it is raining and cold, except for a business building's overhang, under a bridge, the public library or a cardboard house made from boxes rescued from a dumpster.

YOU can make a sanctuary available to women and children 24 hours a day with social and counseling services. Because First Light exists, no woman or her children has to sleep on the street, in a car or stay in an unhealthy situation.

YOU can help provide specialized programs geared to chronically mentally ill women, those who cannot complete traditional day programs.

No one plans on being homeless, abused, mentally ill or addicted to drugs and/or alcohol.

No one deserves to be homeless.

Will you help provide shelter and essential services to homeless women and children in a place of hope and love with a sense of home and family?

If you don't, who will?

I (we) give the following gift, offering a physical example of commitment, care and concern for the homeless women and children in our community.

\$10,000 or more
\$5,000 to \$9,999
\$1,000-\$4,999
\$500-\$999
\$250-\$499
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Name(s): _____

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City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

This contribution is made: Name: _____

In memory of: Address: _____

In honor of: City/State/Zip: _____

This is an anonymous gift. Your name will not be included in our annual report.

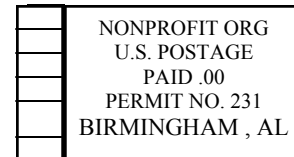
Art Note Cards Benefiting First Light

These art note cards are truly unique. Each one is colorful, full of hope and created by the guests of First Light. Blank on the inside, they are perfect for any use. Available in packs of ten— supplies are limited, so order yours today! All proceeds benefit First Light.

You may visit First Light at 2230 4th Avenue North to buy yours today! Contact Shannon at 323-4277 or flcoordinator@yahoo.com for more details.

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