

State of the Rosebud Foundation, Inc.

January 2007

Rosebud Foundation, Inc. has had a great year in service to individuals who are or were incarcerated and their families. We have set structures to expand programs and have become a major player in educating the community about the issues that will allow them to make a difference in the way this population is viewed and handled.

Rosebud sponsored classes in two locations this year. The class at Metro State Women's prison had 103 participants this year. We continued to provide folders, pens and paper this year. We also donated 50 books to their library. Thirty-nine certificates were awarded to women who consistently came to the program. Jim Ivey continued to co-facilitate with Mary Campbell to provide this class. Rosebud volunteers provided 130 volunteer hours to Metro Prison during 2006.

At Marietta Regional Youth Detention Center, 264 children were served. We distributed thirty-six *Power Source* books to youth who attended at least three classes. Susan Goldstein co-facilitated the classes with Mary Campbell during the year, with Susan facilitating the girls' classes and Mary facilitating the boys' classes. Jessica Steinbrook, an intern from the University of Georgia, also observed and participated in classes as well.

We have received letters of support and appreciation from Deputy Warden Victoria Malone at Metro and Leander Parker, Director at the Marietta Regional Youth Detention Center.

With a mission to raise awareness, money and expand the vision of Rosebud, Mary has spoken to numerous civic organizations – churches, Civitans and Kiwanis Clubs – this year regarding the present statistics of the state of GA regarding incarceration and re-entry.

In September Rosebud Foundation, Inc., assisted by donations from Starbucks, provided breakfast for the Faith and Community Advisory Board at the Department of Corrections. We also sponsored and provided breakfast for a volunteer training with the Department of Corrections at Fruit of the Spirit Outreach Ministries in Decatur. There were six people who were Rosebud sponsored that went through the training. We have scheduled another volunteer training for February 11 at a church in McDonough, GA.

December marked our fundraiser, a delightful elegant dinner at Thai Flavors Restaurant in Tucker, GA, a restaurant that is co-owned by Nui and Pithya Kongthavorn. We saw an incredible sense of community come together. The following folks donated items for the silent auction that night:

Phil Schwepson – Landscape design and flowerbed, \$400.00 value.

Maureen Nolan – original design and made necklace, \$95.00 value.

Millicent St. Clair – Master Mind Institute Scholarship for a weekend workshop,
\$750.00 value

David Cole – one copy of the book his lovely wife Rikki wrote, *Spirit Bridge*,
\$19.95 value

Curves – one month Curves membership, \$50.00 value

Means Davis of Empowered Enterprises – Two hour Career Coaching session
and power plan, \$350.00 value.

Sauda Fuller – five CD's valued at \$15.00 each.

Samantha Ferrar – Tutoring of any subject.

Wendy Lippard – Mouse Kids computer based literacy class, \$40 value.

Mary Campbell donated homemade pickles and homemade wine that were priceless.

Bryan Coleman – donated the wine for the event, Samatha Ferrar sang, Helen Wagner designed the tickets, David Bey put the auto pay on the website. Manny provided the technical knowledge to show the DVD and VCR tapes of the interviews that were televised with Power Access and with a youth at the youth detention center and the Director of the Marietta Youth Detention Center.

Samantha Ferrer sang. All was made possible by the incredible enthusiasm and direction of our event planner, Wendy Lippard.

Rosebud began to be covered in the media this year. We had two TV spots on Atlanta's People TV on the program Power Access with Carrie Williams. The first time in August we were featured with AJ Prindley who at that time was Exec. Director of Fruit of the Spirit Outreach Ministries, a 24 hour church in Decatur. November 10 we had a round table discussion on the People TV program "Power Access" with AJ Sabree, in charge of reentry with dept of corrections, Stephen King, lay minister and Chairman of the Board for Set Free Aftercare Ministries, Elaine Mbionwu, Exec. Director of 1st Responders, And Carrie Williams, talk show host on "Power Access."

Rosebud Foundation had \$13,440.81 in donations this year, of which \$7050.00 were scholarships to do Landmark work. Our special thanks goes to Marty Hortman and Metalite, Inc. for providing those scholarships. Rosebud Foundation, Inc. is making a difference in transformation to powerfully shift the thinking of ex-offenders, their families and people who are willing to look at life in a transformed way.

We are members now of the Cobb Collaborative, The Cobb Faith Partnership, and attend the Policy Council on Homelessness.

Carol Selman donated a Toyota truck this year, and Triumph Auto Glass donated a new windshield for the truck, and Atlanta Road Automotive did the basic engine repairs to get it rolling. The truck was given to Cynthia Sturm whom we have mentored.

We have had in-kind donations that are ongoing to a family that we are sponsoring from Starbucks. The family picks up donations a few times a week of their left over pastries.

This past year has been absolutely awesome. We are perfectly positioned with new volunteers and new board members to powerfully address 2006.

Thanks to all who have made that possible.

Blessings,

Mary Campbell, President and Exec. Director