



MOUNTAIN TOP BOYS HOME

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Candler Budd Award - Bobbye Harris

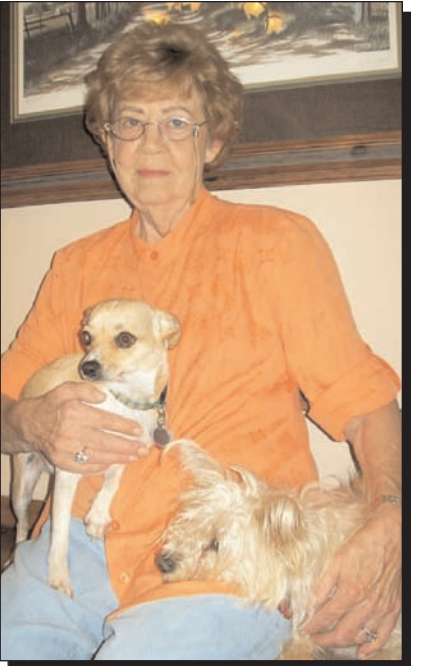
There are some that have a vision for excellence in youth and family development that exceed the dreams of others. Such was the life of Dr. Candler Budd who had the idea that the Mountain Top property could be a source of family enrichment to those in need. It is in the spirit of Dr. Budd that an award was created to honor those who over a period of time have consistently been important toward the success of Mountain Top.

This is our hall of fame. Bobbye Harris has taken Mountain Top into the depth of her heart and we are blessed for that. She is private about her community service; she is studious in her decisions; and is dedicated when she chooses her causes. Below are a few words from her friends that best show how her community reveres her:

Lynn Barlow – I first met Bobbye thirty-three years ago. It changed my life forever. From the first time we met I have had the deepest respect and admiration for her. She is one of the most thoughtful people I have ever met. I am fortunate to have her as a very dear friend.

Pat Lewis – Bobbye Harris is a thoughtful, yet unassuming person. While her demeanor is very private her reach is very public. She cares deeply about the quality of life in our area as evidenced by her civic involvement and her significant contribution to her neighbors, both the two legged and four legged variety. It is a privilege to be counted among her two legged friends.

Billie Jean Erwin – Bobbye has always been generous for she is passionate about making a difference in the lives of people and animals. She is witty and a smart woman who is fun to share time with and her friends adore her. I am glad Mountain Top is honoring her. She does not seek recognition for what she does, but I do not know of anyone who deserves thanks and praise better than her.



Bobbye Harris and buddies

Mountain Top is part of her community and the boys are her neighbors. Bobbye is as concerned for their welfare and enrichment as if they lived next door. She knows community. Thank you so much Bobbye.

A Joyous Fall



Dave Lemmerman,
Director

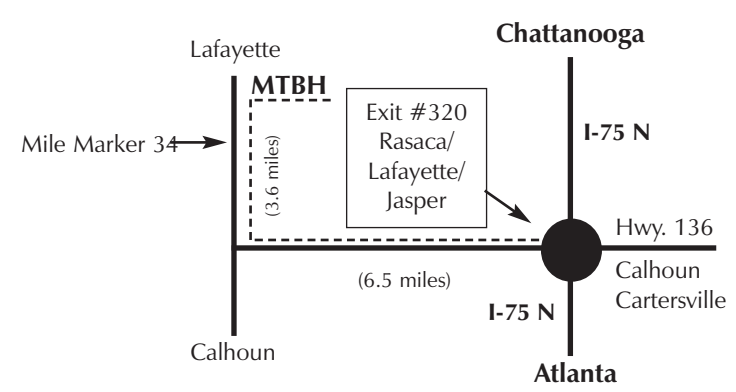
Greetings and happy holidays from all of us here at Mountain Top. We have particular reason to rejoice this holiday for the progress our boys have made in reconnecting with family and with personal responsibility. Academically, the majority of our boys were on the honor roll this fall, not a small accomplishment for any boy! Several have joined team sports and two are involved in Junior ROTC at their schools. They are taking charge of their lives and reaping the rewards. We join them in their pride of accomplishment.

MOUNTAIN TOP SPEAKERS ARE AVAILABLE

- Do you have:
- A Sunday School class that needs a speaker?
 - A civic club that requires a program?
 - A church group that wants to know more about Mountain Top?
 - A missions team that wants to get involved?

Staff and Board Members are prepared to accommodate your speaking needs. Please contact the Mountain Top office at director@mountaintopboyshome.org or 706-397-8223 to schedule a speaker.

DIRECTIONS TO MOUNTAIN TOP



Leadership Fitness by Homer Rice

HOMER RICE is giving the proceeds from this book's sales to Mountain Top Boys Home



Homer Rice accepts MTBH donation from Pete Scogin. Pete, the South's premier plumbing contractor was on Bobby Dodd's 1952 National Championship team.

Homer Rice, Georgia Tech's most successful Athletic Director, has invested in the success of Mountain Top and is donating his book "Leadership Fitness" to Mountain Top. You can join him by donating one hundred dollars or more and we will send you a copy of this inspiring book that displays why Georgia Tech has as one of its jewels – The Homer Rice Center for Sports Performance.

Homer Rice, all American college quarterback, was once a Dodger catcher, the inventor of the triple option (Georgia Tech's current offense); a legendary high school coach; a college coach at major programs including a school named before him, Rice University; and Cincinnati Bengals head coach. However, his moment in time was as athletic director of Georgia Tech. In the words of Terrance Moore he "turned a pitiful athletics department at Tech into a prolific one." Reverence for him is shown in the fact that the trophy given to the top college Athletic Director each year is named after Homer Rice. The Homer Rice Center for Sports Performance will carry on his vision for achieving the most from what each athlete is given. Dr. Homer Rice's belief in the mission of Mountain Top Boy's Home and our thirty years of changing the lives boys in despair is in itself a motivation to our challenge. We are grateful for his gifts.

Johns Creek United Methodist great day of service on the mountain is one to remember.



Team Working Hard



*The Benchers – Bottom L/R - Yvette Chandler, Nicholas Chandler, Danielle Fanning, Henry Dorking
Middle – Alice Dorking, Allan Chandler, Leo Fanning, Keith Dorking, Roddy Clark
Back – Sara Clark, Vicki Fanning*



Mountain Top is for lovers



Good eats for hard work

Splitting the Bounty

This fall the Mountain Top boys have enjoyed the benefit of giving to others through their wood splitting program in which they cut and split firewood and deliver it to several families in the area. These families still cook and heat with wood stoves so the boy's contribution of split wood to be used as fuel is a real benefit to those neighbors plus it gives the boys the opportunity to serve others without expecting anything in return.

Because of the bountiful supply of hardwoods in the forest on the Mountain Top campus, we have been able to use downed and diseased trees in the program. The boys' willing hands have helped make this program a success and have given them a sense of what it means to share their bounty with others.

Introducing Our New Web Site <http://mountaintopfamilyservices.org/>



Mountain Top Family Services

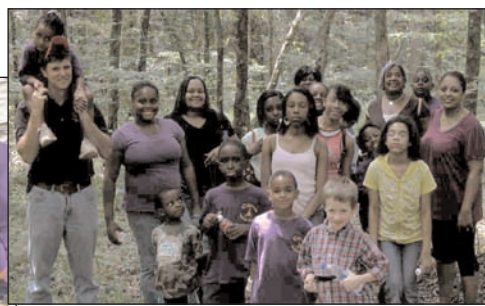
- Welcome
- Programs
- History
- Facilities
- Location & Map
- Boys' Stories
- Staff & Leaders
- Contact Us
- Donations & Support
- Current Needs
- Newsletters
- Speakers
- Acknowledgements

Ever wonder how Mountain Top came to exist and what we are accomplishing here, or do you wish you had a tool you could use to let others know about the good work being done here? We have a new web site titled Mountain Top Family Services that you can use to learn more about Mountain Top (its History, Programs, Needs, and Successes) and share it with others. You'll find contact information, meaningful stories about our boys, pictures of our facilities, and stories and photos of our phenomenal volunteers in action.

Using our new web site, we have made it easier to support our programs with donations and gifts. A new feature we have just added is the ability to donate unwanted vehicles. Just go to our web site, click on the Donations and Support link on our main menu to go to our Donations Page, and click on the Vehicle Donation link there. You're able to dispose of a costly and inefficient vehicle, get a tax credit, and Mountain Top gets the proceeds – a win for all! Please tell your friends, family, and associates about our new web site so they can better understand and appreciate what we are doing, the impact we are having, and how they can help! Help us spread the word outward and onward.



Just a bug?



Eighteen New Hoppers with trail guide Marty



New Hope UMC rode the McEachern UMC bus. What a pair.

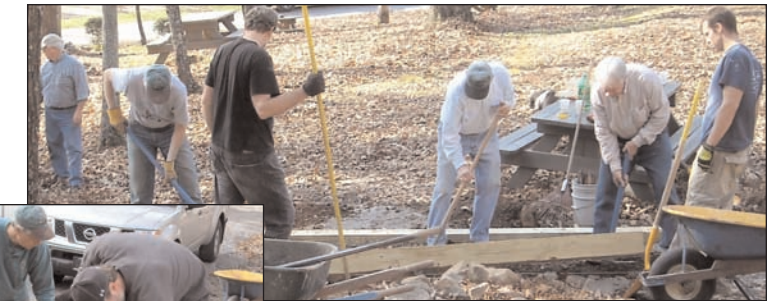
Children in Wilderness

New Hope UMC enjoys the mountain on a summer day. They gave our staff an A+ for their hospitality and hikes. It was great to hear the laughter of children enjoying the woodland experience.

Our wilderness program takes groups of young girls and boys from city environments and gives them a quick course in nature through the grand natural display on parade on our five hundred acre Mountain Top Campus. Our bunk house, one mile Azalea Trail and adjoining three thousand acres of national forest give an opportunity for young boys and girls to comfortably be immersed into the wonders of nature that are only myths to city children. This program is available to all children.



Bob Vermillion, Marcus Merritt, Bill McKinnon, Bryan Russell, Jonathan Kidwell relax in Oakleaf Lodge



Git er done



Bill and Bryan prep for concrete

St. Paul on the Mountain

Crisp mountain air, clear skies, bright stars, incredible spring water and a comfortable rocking chair – all things St. Paul UMC's men's work party found on the front porch of Oakleaf Lodge the Friday night before Thanksgiving. Some of the guys had driven up after work and had expected to stay in the bunkhouse where they had slept 'rustic' on previous trips. Instead they had the opportunity to stay in Oakleaf Lodge and found the accommodations to be exceptional. Comfortable beds provided deep sleep – God's tonic for the tired. It was great to work hard and then be able to crash in the arms of fresh linens and comfortable facilities. Saturday dawn was met with a hearty breakfast cooked in the Lodge's full kitchen and served to the work crew around the large dining room table.

The St. Paul crew worked on the stair and walkway connection from the bunkhouse to the showers and restroom. It has been a great source of pride to be associated with the mission projects of Mountain Top for so many years and a humbling experience to be so close to God's work. All left with a sense of accomplishment and the promise of returning to continue His work.



Teams of Methodist Men continue the work of finishing the amphitheater

