

# FROM THE MOUNTAIN



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Executive Director

Recently, two boys whose mother tried to kill them became part of our Mountain Top family. The circumstances our children have endured are mind-boggling and sometimes just horrendous. But, that's only part of our story. No way could we provide for children placed in our care without the generous hearts of our supporters. If you, for one minute, think your donations are not affecting these kids in a positive manner, you are sorely mistaken.

This year has had its maintenance challenges. We've replaced three air condition units, gutted out and rebuilt two bathrooms, installed two new donated dishwashers, and replaced one donated stove-top as well as maintaining our property. Again, we cannot do this without you. We are beyond grateful for your continued confidence in our program. You are influencing lives that are forever changed.

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year with God's Blessings.

*Gary*

## Early "Graduations" bring Pride and Challenges !

We're delighted that several of our boys unexpectedly found foster and adoptive homes. That success is why we are here. We're proud to have been part of their journey.

- One boy who has been with us a year corrected department issues, improved his grades, and achieved perfect school attendance. He has returned home to family with the approval of DFCS and the court.
- Two brothers who have been here 9 months are moving out to an adoptive home with the approval of DFCS and the court. While they were here they both made the LaFayette High basketball team.
- One boy who had been here 3 years has been adopted. While he was here he was active in JROTC, wrestling team, golf team, and track. He is still in high school.
- One boy who has been with us three years moved out to an Independent Living Program. While he was here he graduated from LaFayette High, and he now has a job and is attending classes at Georgia Northwestern Technical College.

**These unexpected departures have left several slots open, and that sharp reduction in our income from the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services has created a cash flow problem.** That's why this newsletter is two pages shorter, and we have left out the donation envelope. Staff hours and operating expenses are being sharply reduced. We hope you will supply your own envelope and enclose a generous check to help us out.

Mountain Top is a 501(c)(3) not for profit corporation, so your gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please send your donations to:

Mountain Top Boys Home  
65 Mountain Top Way  
Sugar Valley, GA, 30746

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## **Another “Clean” Audit Report**

Our audit for fiscal year 2016-17 has been completed with no deficiencies. Our auditor, R. Michael LaBounty P.C., C.P.A. is entirely separate from our daily accounting and payroll provider. We are proud of our stewardship of your donations and DFCS public funding. A copy of the audit report is available for foundations and donors.

### **Please help us sell this Conyers property**

1.01 acre commercial lot in the City of Conyers - DCR zoning. Lot sits between a closing attorney's office and a heating and air company at 966 Green Street. Very visible. Minutes off of I-20. Call Joy Evans Realtor: 770-712-2796.

We received this generous land donation toward our pave “The Road to the Top” campaign. The Road to the Top drawing and details were in our last newsletter. If you would like another copy of the letter, call Gary Stout 706-397-8223.



**Mountain Top Boys Home** cares for young boys who, through no fault of their own, become residents of our agency. Their daily life here is organized family style and guided by professional staff and house parents who counsel and mentor each boy.

These youth are referred by the Georgia Department of Family and Children Services. They often arrive neglected, immature, challenged, and have special physical, social, and emotional needs. Upon completion of Mountain Top's individualized program, they become young men who are ready to take a faith-based and responsible citizenship role in life.

Our two lodges and office, situated on 300 plus acres and nestled near the Chattahoochee National Forest, provide a safe residential setting with access to public schools.