



## “FOR HER GLORY”

“But that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? For long hair is given to her as a covering.”  
NIV: I Cor. 11:15

### *Established in memory of Judy Piotrowski*



This fund was founded by Judy Piotrowski, her husband Scott Piotrowski and close friends Jackie and Counte Cooley in August 2004. The mission statement of the "For Her Glory" fund is to preserve the dignity, self esteem and sense of well-being of cancer survivors who need wigs, prostheses, mastectomy bras or other items as a result of chemically induced baldness or a mastectomy. "For Her Glory" fund seeks to help restore the quality of life for those cancer survivors who cannot financially secure these products through other resources.

## FOR HER GLORY STORY

Judy Piotrowski began her battle with breast cancer when she underwent a mastectomy on July 3, 1995. Her courageous battle lasted nine years until her death on August 27, 2004.

Although Judy was hospitalized several times during her struggle with cancer, in August 2003, she faced her most difficult battle. Her oncologist informed the family that she probably would not survive, but she did and once again began the healing process. Everyone around Judy knew this was a miracle. However, for Judy it only created questions such as: Why did God save me? What is my purpose? Judy was compelled to seek answers for these questions. One day, Judy, her husband Scotty, and friend Jackie Cooley were visiting "The Shoppe", a store owned by the Longstreet Clinic. The manager, Lynda Collier, was on the phone and quite frustrated over efforts to convince an insurance company to purchase a wig for a young lady with cancer. The insurance company refused her request! Unfortunately most insurance companies do not provide money for wigs.

The young lady Lynda was trying to help

was in her early twenties. She was a single working mother with two small children. She wore a baseball cap to cover her baldness. The young mother had no means by which to purchase a wig and seemed very embarrassed by the situation. At that moment, Judy, Scotty and Jackie made a promise. They would find a way to provide the funds needed for the young lady's wig. After placing several phone calls to friends, donations were received to help with this purchase. That evening Judy's statement to Scotty and Jackie was, "I now know my purpose".

The young lady sent a thank-you note. This simple gesture became the inspiration for Judy, Scotty and Jackie to establish the "For Her Glory" fund.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Individual does not have insurance
- Insurance will not pay for needed items
- Individual is economically deprived

#### REFERRAL PROCESS:

Requests must be referred by a doctor of oncology or other health care professional who confirms eligibility requirements have been met.

## Many Recipients Say Thank You!

Below are a few comments from the many notes, cards and letters received from recipients of the "For Her Glory" fund. Lynda Collier, Manager of "The Shoppe" at the Longstreet Clinic, fits the wigs and other medically needed products, has graciously shared them with us. Lynda and her staff are tireless and diligent in assisting with the needs of patients and survivors.

***"Just like a flower without petals is how she must have felt. Until your caring helped."***

"...I want to thank you all for making my niece happy again to have hair that looks just like her old self. We did not believe we would ever find people like yourselves that cared enough to spend so much money and time of their own to help someone feel normal again...Thank you, Your greatest fan"- Foster

"Words will never express what gratitude I have for this foundation. It goes beyond helping me through issues of self esteem & confidence. God has not only blessed me with this challenge, but sent me angels such as "For Her Glory" to see I make it through. May God's blessing continue in your service."- Shana

"...Thank you so much for all you did for me & mom. She loves her new wig. When she wears it I look at her (and) forget she's sick for a few seconds..."-Maybell & Debbie

"Thanks for helping out with my wig. I just love it everybody brags on it. I am very proud. Thanks from the bottom of my heart."- Vicki

"Thank you so much for my beautiful wig. I feel so much better about myself. God Bless you,"- Jeanette

"...Now that I don't have to worry over my appearance - either from the perspective of simple vanity and wanting to look pretty, or from fear of scaring people with the appearance of my bald head - I can concentrate my energies on healing and my work.

..You have literally changed my life. Gratefully yours." - Mickey

"...May God bless you. Cancer never comes at a good time in anyone's life, but because of your help and generosity you make it a little easier to cope with. Thank you," - Diane

"I would like to thank For Her Glory for providing me with a wig. It makes you feel special to know there is someone who cares. Thanks again."- Glenda

"...I thank you and God for being here for me and everyone that comes your way. Thank you for all you do."- Chandra

"I can't thank you enough - for all you do. Having Cancer is rough, but to look in a mirror and not recognize the person (in) it is a shock - every time!

You do so much good, you give people back their confidence and strength.

May God bless you is my prayer, you will be I mine. Thank you so much,"- Carole

"Thank you so much for the wonderful difference you have made in my life. Once again I can now go out in public and do my job and see people without having to try to explain what is happening to me. You have given me one less thing to worry about.

This foundation is a true blessing. Thank you,"- Taide

## Recognition and Thank You to Major Contributors!

“For Her Glory” would like to thank the following contributors. Without their generosity in both time and money the “For Her Glory” fund would not have the means to continue its fight. This fight includes helping preserve the dignity, self esteem and sense of well-being of cancer patients or survivors who are in need of financial assistance. We apologize to any contributor who may have been omitted.

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- Jean Hawkins
- “The Jesters”
- Lynda Collier
- Staff of “The Shoppe” at Long Street Clinic
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### Special Acknowledgements:

- Chateau Élan
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## What The “For Her Glory” Fund Has Provided to Date

The North Georgia Community Foundation administers the “For Her Glory” fund. The “For Her Glory” fund in turn helps to procure wigs, prostheses, mastectomy bras and other items needed as a result of chemically induced baldness or a mastectomy. A total of 72 wigs, at least 3 compression sleeves and a number of miscellaneous items have been purchased.

“For Her Glory” funds have been used to help 83 cancer patients and survivors. With continued support it will help to support many more.

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## *“For Her Glory” Fundraisers*

Two fundraisers have been held thus far benefiting the “For Her Glory” fund. The first fund raiser was held on November 09, 2004. LUNAS Restaurant in Gainesville, GA was gracious enough to provide the facilities for “A Night of Comedy and Music”. Ticket sales and a silent auction helped to raise over \$14,000.00. A very special thank you to Juan and Frankie Luna for all they did to make it a financial success and a memorable night.

On August 16, 2005, “The Jesters” held a Rock ‘N Roll concert at Chateau Élan. There was a great turn out with many of Judy’s friends attending. The night was filled with good friends, music, food, dancing, laughing and many wonderful memories of Judy and

her calling in life.

Jean Hawkins, Judy’s aunt and a popular dance instructor, taught shag steps to those interested. There was a surprise visit by the locally famous “Baptist Boys” doing their rendition of “Oh Brother, Where Art Thou”.

Beth Wilson and Jan Miller, owners of Bow Surprises Florist, graciously donated flower arrangements for all the tables. The arrangements were then auctioned to raise additional money for the “For Her Glory” fund.

The evening generated over \$25,000.00 to benefit the “For Her Glory” fund. Plans are for this to become an annual fundraising event.

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