



*Giving a hand up to women and children overcoming crisis,
so they are empowered to become permanently self-sustainable*



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How You Can Help Today

Looking for a unique way to support Gatehouse families? Here are some of the current projects we are working on and how you can help:

- **Back-to-school prep** - give gift cards (\$25 Walmart and Kohl's) to help Gatehouse kids with school supplies and school clothes (drop off on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9 am and 4:30 pm)
- **Uber gift cards** - help members with short term transportation needs when their car is in the shop (purchase from our [Amazon Wishlist](#))
- **Decorate apartments** - shop on our [Amazon Wishlist](#) to help with apartment set up for the new families arriving this summer
- **Parenting** - help underwrite the cost of parenting classes and play kits (Parenting classes cost \$850 per member and play kits cost \$110 per child)
- **Partner law firms** - help connect us with law firms in Dallas, Denton and Collin Counties who could provide legal counsel and assistance to members (Does not have to be pro bono)

Keeps Boutique Gets a Makeover



“When a person has been through some of the worst experiences in life, it is so hard to not only believe in yourself again, it’s even harder to see your beauty. Thank you for helping the women of The Gatehouse display their outer beauty once more.”

– Gatehouse Member

What started as former Gatehouse Boutique Director Emily Cassidy Avedikian's high school passion project in the back of her father's business, grew into a Boutique for Gatehouse women to experience transformation from the inside out. Keeps Boutique continues to evolve to meet the needs of our Gatehouse women.

Right before COVID began, we learned that after years of managing the Boutique, Emily was leaving due to a relocation to Houston, then COVID hit and, for safety, we closed Keeps Boutique temporarily.

The closure gave our longtime Advisor and new Image Coach and Boutique Manager, Fiona Njorrai, time to evaluate how to take the Boutique experience to the next level in supporting Gatehouse women during their journey of self-discovery and transformation.

What resulted is a purposeful redesign of our beautiful Keeps Boutique. The redesigned space is focused on career clothing and includes a workshop area where Fiona can spend one-on-one time with our members as they work on internal rebranding, self-esteem building, identity and personal empowerment.

Because of Emily's original idea, determination and creativity and Fiona's new design, Keeps Boutique is creating a lasting legacy in the lives of our Gatehouse women as they build lifelong confidence from the inside out.

Want to help?

If you'd like to donate new women's career clothing, visit our [Amazon wishlist](#) or click [here](#) to help us purchase the most needed inventory items.

YEA! Center for Gatehouse Teens Opens



When she arrived last fall, Marissa Bearss, Youth Development Manager, saw the need for a place for Gatehouse teens to gather and build community. Marissa dreamed of a place for Gatehouse teens to learn life skills like cooking and laundry, make new friendships, have Bible Studies, relax, and just have fun.

In June, the dream became a reality. Marissa and our Maintenance team transformed one of our apartments into the YEA! Center. YEA stands for Youth Empowerment Alliance and sums up the goal of the space.

"Socializing is such an important aspect of developing identity and interpersonal skills for teens," according to Marissa, "This space was designed to allow Gatehouse teens to do that in a safe and intentional environment."

The opening of the YEA! Center kicks off a full summer calendar of fun field trips, camps, classes, and other fun activities for teens while their moms are at work.

Want to help?

If you'd like to support by underwriting summer activities, click [here](#).

"Thank you for taking the time to pour into our children and love on them. We have been through so much and to have folks genuinely show that they care means the world to me and shows my girls that there is good in the world. "

– Gatehouse Member

Assist Members with Job Searches

Career-track employment is critical in being able to achieve long-term financial stability. [Email us](#) if you know of anyone hiring for the following positions:

- City of Grapevine (full-time positions – entry level)
- HR recruiting and generalist (entry to mid-level)
- Hotel front desk (entry level)
- Education administration (entry to mid-level)
- Marketing/communications (mid-level)
- Phlebotomy (entry level)
- Restaurant management (experienced, 20+ years)
- Social media management (entry level)

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