



Triangle Family Services

**Letter from Alice Lutz- CEO
November 1, 2010- December 8, 2010**

We are deeply grateful to all who helped make our **Gingerbread Benefit a huge success**, with special thanks to board members and committee co-chairs Crystal Suazo with VACO and Robin Costello with Piedmont Investment Advisors. Over \$100,000 was raised through sponsorships, ticket sales, auctions and donations. Seventy children visited the Tea with Santa and 360 adults participated in the Gingerbread evening event and auctions. Relive the fun and marvel at the stunning creations by participating chefs through photos on the Gingerbread page of our website.

The Stewards Fund Challenge was met! TFS will receive the \$35,000 match for donations from new and renewing donors committed to supporting our neighbors in need through TFS.

TFS provides the only domestic offender treatment service available in Wake County (DOSE). We are thrilled to announce that the Ceres Foundation has committed \$50,000 for DOSE, and another \$25,000 to fund a partnership with SAFEchild Child Advocacy Center. In addition, the Alcohol Beverage Control Board gave \$100,000 in support of DOSE.

North Carolina **Secretary of State Elaine F. Marshall** will release the 2009-2010 Annual N.C. Charitable Solicitation report at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 16 at a press conference to be held at our Western Boulevard location.

As part of our new client-centered reorganization, we are **opening a phone bank** to triage callers in crisis. Donated CISCO phones and equipment has been installed in both locations, and we are looking for volunteers to answer calls. *This is a great opportunity for a meaningful volunteer experience!*

Each first Friday of every month TFS will be hosting an informal chat with the CEO at Blue Ridge office from 8am-9am for any interested volunteers, potential board members, current and future interns, staff, anyone wanting to hear an update.