



Marietta Georgia Chapter
Please Join Us for the February 2012 Dinner in Honor Of:

Andrea Reid

Tuesday, February 21st, 2012

6:00 P.M. At O'Charley's

705 Town Park Lane

Kennesaw, GA 30144

(off Chastain Rd)

To Make Reservations Contact:

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Andrea's Story as Told By Her Sponsor....

Andrea is a fun-loving, grace-giving, hard-working, encouraging woman who is on a journey that has challenged her, grown her, and forever changed her perspective on life. About four years ago Andrea's husband Mike became gravely ill. Doctors, struggling to diagnose and pinpoint the cause of his illness, sent Mike and Andrea on a season of testing, treatment, and chronic pain. After several months of deteriorating health, Mike was unable to carry out his calling to teach/mentor professional counseling students at Richmond Graduate University. He was diagnosed with three autoimmune diseases including Rheumatoid Arthritis, Gastrointestinal Autoimmune Dysmotility Disorder and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyradiculoneuropathy (CIDP) which causes pain and weakness in muscles. In order to treat the problems, the doctors slow down the immune system, making Mike highly susceptible to infection, uncontrollable pain, and edema. In addition, Andrea had gallbladder surgery this past year.

With mounting medical bills, they almost lost their home. For Andrea, the impact of her husband's illness meant she would have to carry much of the burden of maintaining her family life including her job, yard work, housework, and the logistics of keeping up with a busy teenager. There is financial strain, physical challenge, and emotional stress.

Through the adjustments, Andrea continues to maintain an up-beat, others-focused, eternal perspective about this irreplaceable loss in her life. Often seen serving at her daughter's performances, her church, or around her home, Andrea's contagious sense of humor and grounded trust in God remains intact.

"God's love is present through suffering. And the fact God has not healed Mike has to be an act of trust for me EVERYDAY!" she said. Trusting in the hand of God and leaning on the heart of friends allows her to keep this season of her life in perspective.

~ Please Forward this invitation to the many women you know who would like to HELP ONE WOMAN ~

H.O.W. MOTTO:

One woman giving \$10 can buy another woman lunch.

Ten women giving \$10 can buy another woman's groceries.

One hundred women giving \$10 can make a real difference in another woman's life.