

--You are invited to a very special gathering--

# **WOMEN OF COURAGE**

A Nourishing Retreat for CCBS Women Warriors

**FEBRUARY 12<sup>H</sup> - FEB 14<sup>TH</sup>**

The Dillard House Chalets

Dillard, GA

(preceding the Family Seminar)

It takes real courage to send a child away from home to a therapeutic boarding school. The journey leading to this decision is often painfully difficult, filled with the challenges, heartaches and gifts of raising a struggling son. As moms (step-mothers, grandmothers, aunties or care-givers), we are often misunderstood and judged by others... and we often judge ourselves even more harshly! "I don't understand... I've tried everything"... "Why is this happening?" "What did I do wrong?"

Keeping our hearts open and our spirits strong requires time for personal renewal—and time to share our stories with "important strangers"... kindred spirits on the journey.

**WOMEN OF COURAGE** is not about your son...although he will undoubtedly be part of the conversation! It is about you and for you. This small, safe gathering is designed to explore what is deeply working in your heart ... to walk the path of courage, love, truth and wisdom. And it is also designed to laugh, play, dream, release, inquire and simply enjoy the company of other "WARRIOR" women.

**The retreat is limited to 12 special women.** The fee is \$450. We have booked chalets for the retreat. You will have your own room and share common space with other CCBS moms. The fee also includes two dinners, 3 Continental breakfasts, snacks and retreat materials. Lunches and one dinner are on your own.

We begin the retreat on **Sunday evening, February 12<sup>TH</sup>** at 6pm with a celebratory dinner. Our opening session is special and important. If you are not able to attend the Sunday night session, please plan to attend another retreat in the future.

The retreat officially ends on Tuesday evening, Feb. 14th after dinner. We will be hosting a continental breakfast on Wednesday morning, February 15<sup>th</sup> for those who would like to join us. On Wednesday you are free to play, have a day to yourself, schedule meetings on campus or visit with your son. New parents will head to the New Family Orientation on campus. The Family Seminar begins on Thursday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please register soon to assure a space. Call Beth Venable at 864-647-1885 or email her at [bvenable@cherokeecreek.net](mailto:bvenable@cherokeecreek.net) . Further details will follow...

## PRESENTERS and HOSTS

### BETH BLACK & JANE BARKER

**Beth Black** is the founder of CHEROKEE CREEK Boys School. In addition to her vision for Cherokee Creek, perhaps her strongest credentials are the insight she acquired as the mother of a struggling son and the personal growth she gained during his years at a therapeutic boarding school.

Additionally, Beth has been a seminar designer and presenter for over 30 years and conducted workshops for women for over 20 years. She worked as a trainer and seminar designer for the Walt Disney World Company, was the Founder of Advantage Training, Inc. and Director of Healthy Community Initiative, a project to reduce drug use in Central Florida. Beth also founded MATRIX, a non-profit women's learning organization dedicated to exploring "what is missing in the lives of women."

Her special passion is working with women ... particularly mothers with struggling children... to help them navigate the rough waters of parenting and the difficult lessons of letting go.

**Jane Barker** is the Manager of Clinical Services at CHEROKEE CREEK Boys School. Jane has worked in the field of social work for over 20 years and is a Licensed Independent Social Worker for the state of South Carolina. Her favorite clinical work is with the family unit, especially using the Bowen Family Systems Model. Jane has worked significantly in the fields of Grief and Trauma as well as serving families with chronic and terminal illness such as cancer.

Jane is an experienced retreat facilitator having conducted many women's workshops through her church. Jane is also the mother of an adopted daughter.

Several of the women on our CCBS staff will also join us during the retreat.

*"I pin my hopes to quiet processes and small circles,  
in which vital and transforming events take place."*

– Rufus Jones