

Gabriel's Key

Unlocking the Door to a New World

What is the most effective treatment for autistic children and their families? To simply keep them safe, well fed, medicated and alive? Maybe there's more that life can offer these children. Perhaps, there's a better way.

Not just a hospital or a clinic, Gabriel's Key is projected to be a community that will serve the unique needs of autistic and Down's syndrome children and their families. It will be the largest, most comprehensive facility of its kind in the world – a \$1.4 billion dollar endeavor backed by a global network of benefactors. Southern Season Magazine is proud to present Gabriel's Key in this most ambitious and unprecedented undertaking.

Under the brilliant leadership of Robert Dean Langdon and Judith Jones, Gabriel's Key will be a 600-acre "city," built just north of Atlanta near Flowery Branch, for autistic children and their families, as well as children with Down's syndrome and other neurological challenges. Phase I is expected to take 14 to 18 months to complete, at which time Gabriel's Key will begin welcoming patients and their families, conceivably from around the world. It will take an additional 10 years to develop the entire complex.

Gabriel's Key will not serve as a "warehouse" for autistic

children, but rather build on each child's unique level of functioning. "The goal is not just to keep them alive and safe, but to maximally enhance the quality of their lives and the lives of their parents and siblings," Judith said. "Our medical staff will continually individualize each child's therapy and treatment."



RIGHT: AN ARCHITECTURAL RENDERING OF GABRIEL'S KEY DEPICTING TWO REHABILITATION/THERAPY/HYDROTHERAPY CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WHO DO NOT LIVE ON THE COMPLEX. A PHYSICIANS' BUILDING, A TRAUMA CENTER, THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, THE INDUSTRY BUILDING, TWO DAY CARE CENTERS, THREE ADDITIONAL REHABILITATION/THERAPY/HYDROTHERAPY CENTERS, AN ELEMENTARY, JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL, FOUR APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND A SPECIAL EVENTS BUILDING.

BELOW: **ROBERT DEAN LANGDON**, PRESIDENT; **JUDITH JONES**, FOUNDER/CEO; **HARRY KIPREOS**, METLIFE; **LORNA ANDERS**, ARCHITECT FOR PROJECT FOR ENWRIGHT WELLNESS ARCHITECTS; **BOYD RUSSELL**, DIRECTOR OF EQUINE OPERATIONS; **SU RUSSELL**, DIRECTOR OF HIPPO THERAPY SPECIAL EVENTS; AND **HAROLD MARTIN**, BARN MANAGER. NOT PICTURED ARE RICHARD PACE, ANOTHER PROJECT ARCHITECT FROM ENWRIGHT, AND DR. MARION MALOOF.



SOME OF THE OFFERINGS THAT GABRIEL'S KEY WILL PROVIDE:

- Approved medical treatments with weekly consults between the medical staff and therapists to monitor the special needs child's progress.
- Five rehabilitation/therapy buildings for Hyperbarics, hydrotherapy and the latest in other approved therapies and rehabilitation.
- Nutrition with controlled organic meals and supplements.
- Hippotherapy available with two stables with 80+ Paso Fino horses.
- Family complex with four apartment buildings for parents and siblings of special needs children. The family may live there for six to twelve months depending upon the needs of the child.
- Adult complex with six apartment buildings: three for independent living and three assisted living for special needs adults.
- Trauma center, physicians' center and a research center.
- Schools with added sports such as cheerleading, gymnastics, track, basketball and tennis.
- Special events buildings to expose special needs children to music, computers and other activities they would not normally be able to experience.