
Ark on Lake Lanier

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To The Hall County Board of Commissioners,

A good friend of mine, Jeff, owns The Ark. If you have been there before then you already know that it is truly extraordinary. It is one of those places that takes your breath away the moment you arrive.

But what makes The Ark special isn't just the property itself. It's what they chooses to do with it.

I'm a single mom of two girls, and over the years, Jeff has generously opened the doors of The Ark to us more times than I can count. There is absolutely no way I could have afforded to stay somewhere this beautiful or give my children experiences like the ones we've had there. He has blessed us in ways that went far beyond a beautiful place to stay. He made my girls and me feel special and included. He gave us a place to celebrate, to make memories, to slow down, and to simply enjoy being together.

And he does the same for so **MANY** other people.

When The Ark isn't rented, Jeff opens it to the community and brings people together. It isn't a "party house." It's a gathering place. A place where people can come as they are, connect with one another, find some peace, and feel welcome.

Jeff could have kept this beautiful place entirely for himself, and no one would have questioned that. Instead, he has chosen to share it.

That generosity has touched my family personally, and I will always be grateful for it. The Ark is beautiful because of the lake, the property, and the setting—but it is truly special because of the spirit of generosity and welcome that Jeff has created there.

Some people have the means to create beautiful spaces. The truly special ones use those spaces to make other people's lives more beautiful, too.

That's what The Ark has been for us and continues to be for those in and around Gainesville.

We support The Ark and all that it's stands for. Please grant this property the honor of being an Event Facility and improve our beautiful growing city in meeting our communities current and future needs.

Sincerely,

Amber Bonser BSN-RNC

