

### Chatuge Gun Club's Efforts Recognized by Sheriff

The Chatuge Gun Club received recognition by Sheriff Chris Clinton Tuesday for their efforts in assisting the children of the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes. In 2009 Towns County held the first ever fundraising event to benefit the children of the youth homes. Sheriff Clinton, a Chatuge Gun Club member himself, asked the other members of the club for their help. Not only did the Chatuge Gun Club rise to the occasion and lend a hand, but Towns County placed fifth of Georgia's 159 counties in money raised per capita for the children.

Sheriff Clinton thanked the other members of the gun club for their efforts. He said that the event would not have been a success without the efforts of the gun club members. In late 2008 Sheriff Clinton approached members of the Chatuge Gun Club with an idea: let's do a trap shoot as a fundraiser for the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes, a charity supported by Georgia's sheriffs. After hearing about the needs of these children who, as the sheriff puts it, are only asking to be loved and cared for, the members of the Chatuge Gun Club unanimously agreed that the club would help. The sheriff said that there was a lot of work and planning that took this idea and turned it into a tremendously successful event. That work and planning was accomplished because of the volunteer efforts of the gun club members who gave unselfishly of their time and energy.

Sid Roberts, a retired sheriff from Gordon County, who works full time raising money for the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Home, was on hand during the meeting. Sheriff Roberts said that in his ten years of working for the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes he had never witnessed a county go from never having a fundraiser to being in the top ten. He applauded the efforts of the dedicated men and women who made this event a success.

Sheriff Clinton would like to thank all of those who participated in the event whether as volunteers or participants as well as those who donate money each year. "The children are our future," said the sheriff, "and we have an opportunity to invest in that future by lending a hand in their time of need." The Chatuge Gun Club and the citizens of Towns County, Georgia deserve to be recognized for their kindness and generosity.

Anyone who would like to know more about how they can help provide assistance to the children of the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes can contact Sheriff Clinton for more information. He can be reached at the Sheriff's Office at 706-896-4444.