

PROGRAM UPDATE

For October, November & December 2021



Emergency Shelter Program

ESP services were provided for **23** children who received a total of 450 nights of service. The children represented ages 2-17, with neglect, and family violence being the reasons for placement. **7** counties were represented through shelter placement by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

Runaway & Homeless Youth Program

RHY shelter services were provided for **3** youth, ages 16-17, for a total of 58 nights of service. The youth represented **3** counties and were identified as runaway and youth at-risk of homelessness. **8** crisis calls were managed by RHY staff, providing resources for youth in need of services. A total of **34** Safe Place Sites are available in a 5 county area to assist youth in crisis and connect them to local services.

Overnight Respite Program

Overnight respite services were provided for **0** foster care children for a total of 0 nights of service. The Overnight Respite Program offers foster parents a short respite from providing 24-hour care for children in the state foster care system.

Transitional Living Program

TLP services were provided for **5** youth for a total of 385 nights of service. **4** counties were represented through the services offered by TLP. Youth participated in life skills classes, volunteer activities, educational enrollment, and employment as part of the TLP program.

Children's Advocacy Center

CAC services were offered for 83 children and their non-offending caregivers. Services include forensic interviewing, victim advocacy, on-site mental health, and referrals for other services. These children represented child abuse cases involving alleged sexual abuse, physical abuse, and witnesses to a violent crime. **8** counties were represented through the services offered by the CAC, along with monthly Multi-disciplinary Meetings and case review in the counties of Clay, Choctaw, Lowndes, and Oktibbeha.

Sally Kate Winters Family Services provided a total of 2,679 meals for children in need during this quarter.

A Total of 67 individuals donated 355.75 volunteer hours during the quarter.



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“Did You Know?”

Did you know that Sally Kate Winters Family Services has an endowment fund?

The purpose of an endowment fund is to financially sustain the mission and work of our organization. The principal of an endowment is kept intact and only the annual earnings, typically income and a portion of the capital growth, are used to fund current needs. Our organization has established its endowment so that we can continue to carry on our important work in the years to come. You can make a significant contribution to further our mission...and it's easier than you might think. For more information, check out our website

www.sallykatewinters.org



“Events”

Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities:
Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month
Parade – April 1, 2022

Painting for Children Gala Event – April
1, 2022

Skeet Shoot for Children Event – April
23, 2022

Coloring Contest for Children – April
2022

Distribution of Child Abuse Prevention
Materials – April 2022

SuperTalk Mississippi Radio-Thon – April
2022

SKWFS is hosting a skeet shoot at
Prairie Wildlife. Only 10 teams of 4
shooters available. Early Registration =
additional opportunity for prizes.

The runaway and homeless youth – BCP project is supported by the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services as part of financial assistance totaling \$178,577 representing 70% funded by ACF/HHS and 30% funded by non-government sources. The content/opinion of SKWFS do not necessarily represent endorsement by ACF/HHS or the U.S. Government. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov>



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A MESSAGE FROM SHEILA:

The holiday season is a fun time to celebrate and witness the generosity of people in our hometown and throughout Mississippi. Personally, I have enjoyed seeing the variety of SKW Christmas Shirts being worn to basketball games, shopping, and Christmas activities. The support of this annual fundraising project over the last 30 years is phenomenal!! A fundraising idea shared by the first Executive Director of SKW, Ms. Elsie Dixon. An idea that continues to make an incredible difference in the lives of children and youth.

As we finish up 2021, the officers of our Board of Directors transitions to a new group. These individuals volunteer countless hours to provide oversight, guidance, and decisions for SKWFS during a two-year term of office. Special thanks to Greg Armstrong for your leadership as President; Scott Reed for serving as Vice President and your willingness to assume the president position; Susan Spencer for completing the duties of Secretary; and Karen Mooney for signing checks and reviewing financials as Treasurer. You have been a great group to work with and instrumental with navigating a global pandemic during your term as an officer. 2022-2023 Board Officers will include Scott Reed, President; Jessi Sugg, Vice President; John Freeman, Secretary; and Karen Mooney, Treasurer.

We are excited to announce three grant awards allocated to SKWFS to support the Transitional Living Program. **Four County Foundation** awarded a \$10,000 grant to support food/beverage items, personal supplies, and other direct service needs of TLP youth for twelve months. **International Paper Foundation** awarded a \$3,500 grant to provide life skill activities and classes for TLP youth to build self-sufficiency skills. **His Way, Inc.** provided a \$30,875 grant to update the TLP properties recently purchased by SKWFS as part of the program sustainability plan. Each dollar will ensure safe and stable housing for runaway and homeless youth in the midst of federal funding cuts. We are extremely grateful for these local agencies who allocate funds to improve the lives of Mississippians!

With the beginning of a New Year, 2022 offers so many possibilities. Resolutions, renewed commitments, and a year to create new memories. I read a quote recently that offers encouragement for the New Year. A challenge that will make each of us seek the goodness within ourselves.

Be a hand that reaches out.
Be a smile for those who have no reason to smile.
Be a light for those who live in darkness.

This is our challenge for 2022. Through it, we will impact our community and countless children. Thank you for your support!!

Sheila G. Brand

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Quida M. Millsaps By Grace Young	In Memory of Eleanor Hairston By Glenda Taggart	In Memory of Mary Charlene Pruett & Mary Hurt By Ruth McCary
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“National Runaway Prevention Month”

For National Runaway Prevention Month, we partnered with Mississippi State University Social Work program for wear green day, passed out green light bulbs for houses down Main Street, put out green ribbons to different businesses, and took the NRPM banner around to different locations during the month. Shelter Counselor, Kasy Ates, came up with an idea to put out a QR code to different businesses, that when scanned would give you more information about National Runaway prevention month. We would like to thank all those who participated and helped SKWFS spread awareness for National Runaway Prevention Month!



SKWFS Staff and intern



MSU Social Work



Columbus Arts Council

“SKWFS Christmas 2021”

Thank you to our community who donated toys, backpacks, pajamas, hygiene supplies, comforters, food items, and wish list items. The youth had a fantastic Christmas, and this will also allow us to replace items that will be used for the youth we serve during the year. We also would like to thank everyone who donated through the Holiday Giving campaign donations, and supported our annual fundraiser in purchasing Christmas shirts, tiles, and ornaments! There are never enough words to express the gratitude and impact you make for these children in crisis.

