

PROGRAM UPDATE

For January, February & March 2022



Emergency Shelter Program

ESP services were provided for **15** children who received a total of 371 nights of service. The children represented ages 2-17, with neglect, and family violence being the reasons for placement. **6** counties were represented through shelter placement by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

Runaway & Homeless Youth Program

RHY shelter services were provided for **2** youth, ages 16-17, for a total of 23 nights of service. The youth represented **2** counties and were identified as runaway and youth at-risk of homelessness. **10** 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 **6** youth for a total of 281 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 72 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. **9** 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, Oktibbeha, and Noxubee.

Sally Kate Winters Family Services provided a total of 2,679 meals for children in need during this quarter. A total of 128 individuals donated 858.75 volunteer hours during the quarter.



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“Did You Know?”

Did you know that Sally Kate Winters Family Services started in 1990 because before then the only place to take children who were removed from their home was to the Sherriff's department? This became a concern and then the start of Sally Kate Winters Children Memorial Home, known as Sally Kate Winters Family Services.

“Donations”

You can scan the QR code, text WINTERS to 41444, or go to our website to make a monetary donation!



**Mental
Health
Awareness
Month**



**“Mental Health Month Awareness Month”
May is National Mental Health Awareness Month.
Keep up with our Social Media accounts to see
resources, and outreach activities throughout the
month to help bring awareness to Mental Health!**

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:

Time is defined as the part of existence that is measured in minutes, days, and years. Or, could we be challenged to define time as the existence that is measured by memories? Time for Sally Kate Winters Family Services can be measured by the thirty-two years this program has been available for children or it can be more clearly measured by the impact (memories) made for the 4,617 children entering the doors for services. The cliché, time flies but memories last forever, offers a true perspective on the value of our services.

As we quickly watch the calendar days click off for this year, we must make sure that time for 2022 is creating positive memories and a sustainable impact within each area of our lives. One thing is for sure, time is priceless – once you've lost it, you can never get it back.

Sustainable impact for SKWFS is also represented with the four substantial donations received through the Mississippi Children's Promise Act for 2022. We are overwhelmed by the generosity of four banks who selected to support our work and validate the services offered through SKWFS. Benefiting from a MS tax credit, Cadence Bank (formerly Bancorp South) donated \$200,000 to support the impact of services for local children and youth in crisis. Renasant Bank donated \$75,000, Bank of Commerce donated \$20,000, and The First Bank donated \$20,000. This is a combined total of \$315,000.00!! These donations are truly answered prayers for the funding challenges faced by our agency this year due to funding cuts and un-renewed grants. Not only are we finally operating out of the red for this fiscal year, the lives of children and youth are being impacted and memories are being made through these donations.

The donation of volunteer hours also impacted our program during this quarter. In addition to student interns, Junior Auxiliary members, and Kappa Delta Sorority members volunteering monthly, the Oak Hill Academy National Honor Society and members of Pine Lake Church also volunteered multiple times to interact with the children and youth utilizing our services. Leading up the Painting for Children fundraising event scheduled for April, several local professionals were identified as 'local stars' for children and also invited to volunteer. Deborah Mansfield served as the lead volunteer, assisting twenty-six individuals with painting sessions during the month of March. Multi-disciplinary team members, youth, chancery, and circuit court judges, and community leaders volunteered their time and talents to raise awareness of child abuse and neglect within our communities. Strategically selecting professionals working with child abuse cases or elected officials, the SKWFS Board of Directors used this opportunity to highlight the many partnerships established within the Golden Triangle Area to support children and youth in crisis.

As we kickoff April 2022, nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are committed to helping make great childhoods happen!! Join us in this commitment for all children within our community. Childhood is the time in life when we learn the foundations of a being a good friend, good neighbor, and good citizen. The time that shapes who we become as adults. Childhood is a time when memories are made. Thank you for your support of our work!!

Sheila G. Brand

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Ed Miller

By Frank & Diane Hopper

In Memory of Ed Miller & Russell Allen

By Willie Hightower

In Memory of Mary Jane Smith

By Cathy & Charles Davis

In Memory of Charlene Pruett

By Grace Clark

In Memory of Dr. Ed Miller, Dan Holliday, &

Whit Harrington

By Elaine Loftin

In Memory of Charlene Pruett, Jane

Turnipseed, & Butch Fulgham

By Frances Westfaul

In Memory of Pat Kelly

By Nancy Cox

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Wigginton

By Tony & Lona Rosetti

In Memory of E.C. Barton's Birthday

By Larry Barton

In Memory of Joyce Ann Ledlow

By Gale Griggs

In Memory of T.A. Dendy & Mary Brand

By Jean Dendy

In Memory of Wayne Sikes

By Robert Odom

In Memory of Riley Teixeira

By Steve and Becky McKinney

In Memory of James M. Brooks

By Willie Hightower

In Memory of Henry Tex Brown & Mike J. Brown

By Barbara & Tex Brown

In Memory of Charles Ivy Weems

By Ellen Wolanek

In Memory of Whit Harrington, Foster

Kennedy, & Chuck Beasley

By Steve & Laura Gaskin

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In Memory of Brenda Atkins

By Robert Odom

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Safe Place Sites

Boys and Girls Club of Columbus
Boys and Girls Club of Starkville
Boys and Girls Club of West Point
Columbus Arts Council
North MS Medical
Sally Kate Winters FS
Starkville Fire Departments
Houston Fire Department
Aberdeen Police Department
The Discovery Center
Columbus Housing – Sims site
Columbus Housing Authority



Family Resource Center
Families First Resource Center
Bryan Public Library
YMCA (Columbus)
YMCA (Caledonia)
Starkville Police Department
Okolona Fire Department
West Point Fire Department
Columbus Fire Departments
Fathers's Child Ministries
Duncan's Country Store
West Point Fire Station #2



Diabetes Instructor Brandy Henson and TLP Youth

“Volunteers”

Volunteers have always played a big role in Sally Kate Winters! We were excited to have Diabetes Instructor Brandy Henson come and do a life skill class on diabetes with the TLP youth. Oak Hill Academy National Honor Society members spent two of their Saturday's helping around the agency grounds!



Choctaw County High School



French Camp Elementary



Weir Elementary

“Choctaw County Outreach”

For the month of February we completed an outreach activity with Choctaw County that included handing out mandated reporting materials, and scheduling a mandated reporting training. There was also a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meeting held in person. We are excited to be able and get back out and educate.



The Discovery Center



Intern Brook Blair at 5th Street

“National Safe Place Week”

National Safe Place week took place March 21-25. 600 youth were reached through school/after school outreach presentations. The Discovery Center in Starkville was recognized as Safe Place Site of the Year! Safe Place is a National Outreach and prevention program for youth. Teens can text the word “SAFE” and their current location to 4HELP (44357) for immediate help.



Intern Bayleigh Prather at JL King Center



“Capitol Day”

Capitol Day was held on March 8th. Sheila Brand and Sara Gallman joined other Children's Advocacy Center leaders to advocate for support from MS Senators and Representatives at the MS Capitol.



Representative Cheikh Taylor and Representative Rob Roberson



Representative Carl Mickens, Representative Dana McLean, and Representative Kabir Karriem