

# PROGRAM UPDATE

For October, November & December 2022



## Emergency Shelter Program

ESP services were provided for **8** children who received a total of **290** nights of service. The children represented ages 6-17, with neglect, and family violence being the reasons for placement. **5** counties were represented through shelter placement by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

## Runaway & Homeless Youth Program

RHY shelter services were provided for **0** youth, for a total of **0** nights of service. **5** crisis calls were managed by RHY staff, providing resources for youth in need of services. A total of **31** 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 **6** foster care children for a total of **13** 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 **4** youth for a total of **332** 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 **54** 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. **6** 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 1,866 meals for children in need during this quarter. A total of 96 individuals donated 475 volunteer hours during the quarter.**



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to seek and experience an improved  
quality of life.*



## “Did You Know”

Did you know that in 2014 the Children’s Advocacy Center was added, offering the Multidisciplinary approach and services for children involved in felony child abuse cases in Clay, Lowndes, and Oktibbeha Counties. In 2017 Choctaw County and in 2021 Noxubee County were added to our service area for the CAC.



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## A MESSAGE:

The Board and Staff of Sally Kate Winters Family Services is incredibly humbled by the generosity of our community during the holiday season. Donations of toys, clothes, personal items, school supplies, and food flooded our programs as gifts for individual clients and gifts for each program serving children and youth in crisis. Many of the items donated will allow us to share your generosity with children throughout the New Year. Collectively, the in-kind and financial donations shared in December represented a monetary value of \$54,678. Wow, December was truly an incredible month for our organization. In addition, each smile and word of encouragement that came along with each donation blessed our staff just as much as the donated item. 2022 for Sally Kate Winters Family Services has included a lot of changes, making the validation of our work through community donors and supporters a very meaningful response to our board and staff during this holiday season. Thank you for sharing your spirit of giving with us!!

As we look forward to 2023, we would like to emphasis the impact of your support.

Because of you, 98 children received emergency shelter services in 2022 for a total of 1,526 nights.

Because of you, 13 young adults benefited from housing, life skills, and improved well-being within the Transitional Living Program to support their independence and transition to adulthood.

Because of you, 253 children were provided a safe place to recount the details of the child abuse they experienced surrounded by caring professionals within the Children’s Advocacy Center program.

Because of you, 8,773 meals were prepared and shared with children and youth receiving our services.

Because of you, Sally Kate Winters Family Services has the capacity to offer safety, improved well-being, and permanency for children traumatized by child abuse, neglect, family violence, homelessness, and runaway.

Because of you, our community offers a Safe Place and collaborative response to children in need.

Because of you, together we are making an incredible difference!

Thank you for your continued support. Happy New Year!  
Sally Kate Winters Family Services  
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**“National Runaway Prevention Month”**

National Runaway Prevention Month is acknowledged in November! Staff members wrote how they support youth who are at risk of runaway and homelessness! Some responses were listening, encouraging, supporting, and helping them have a voice. Thank you to West Point Police Department, Columbus Fire station #1, The Discovery Center in Starkville, and North Mississippi Medical Center – West Point, for helping spread awareness!



“2022 Holiday Season”

