

PROGRAM UPDATE

For October, November & December 2024



Emergency Shelter Program

ESP services were provided for 26 children who received a total of 397 nights of service. The children represented ages 3-17, 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 1 youth, for a total of 20 nights of service. 1 crisis call was managed by RHY staff, providing resources for youth in need of services. A total of 30 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 2 foster care children for a total of 2 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 7 youth for a total of 279 nights of service. 7 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 85 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. 12 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 2,094 meals for children in need during this quarter.

A total of 108 individuals donated 429 volunteer hours during the quarter.



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A MESSAGE:

The Sally Kate Winters Family Services Team is deeply grateful for the generosity of our community during the holiday season. Our annual SKWFS Christmas Shirts fundraiser was a resounding success, thanks to your incredible support! In 2024, we were able to transform the lives of over 400 children and youth by providing emergency shelter to 132 children, 15 young adults benefited from housing, life skills and improved well-being in our Transitional Living program and supported 382 youth in a child-friendly environment for victims and their families as they obtained needed services in our Child Advocacy Center Program.

We extend our sincere gratitude to United Way for their unwavering support. United Way funding allows us to leverage other resources, provide direct services, and offer vital support to our programs. We encourage everyone to support the local United Way campaign.

International Paper generously awarded us a \$3500 grant this quarter to enhance our life skills, and program awareness for Runaway and Homeless Youth. This grant will enable us to provide youth with valuable skills training and activities such as educational support, recreational activities, arts and crafts, resume writing and budgeting workshops.

Our Go Green Day in November, held in recognition of Youth Hope Month, was a success. We also forged a new partnership with Yokohama of West Point, who conducted a successful canned food drive to benefit our programs. We are thrilled to announce that a youth who was in the Transitional Living program will be graduating from MS State University with three degrees – a remarkable achievement!

As we close out 2024, reflecting on another year of providing emergency shelter, transitional housing, child advocacy, and vital support to vulnerable children and youth, we are filled with gratitude for your kindness and unwavering support. While we have faced challenges, your encouragement and generosity have been instrumental in our success.

In the new year, we will continue to build upon these accomplishments, striving to create brighter futures for the children and youth we serve. Your continued support is crucial to our mission. Please consider making a recurring monthly donation, volunteering your time at our upcoming events, or spreading the word about SKWFS within your community.

Together, we can continue to empower children and families to seek and experience an improved quality of life.

Wishing blessings to all,  
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Executive Director

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Gretchen Kellen  
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Doris Bigbee; Kristina Dixon;  
Desmeyon Bankhead; Chandra  
Waldrep; Mercedes Dyson; Shelia  
Bush; Lakita Goss, and Yanci  
Lavender



MEMORIALS

**In Memory of William B. McKee, & Shirley C. Miller**  
By DC & Vicki Dimino

**In Memory of Caroline Hailey Agnew**  
By Steve & Becky McKinney

**In Memory of Peggy Taylor Mizell**  
By Amy Milton

**In Memory of Velma Caskey & Judy Sanders Clark**  
By Elizabeth Bailey

**In Memory of Barbara Williamson**  
By Mike & Judy Dunaway

**In Memory of Henry Tex Brown & Michael Brown**  
By Tex & Barbara Brown

**In Memory of Glenda Dedeaux**  
By Gary's Pawn & Gun

**In Memory of Joannette Scott and Eva Mae Coon**  
By Willie Hightower

**In Memory of Dot Tribble, Judge Joseph Taggart, Alton Huffman, David Ivy Jr., & Dennis Wilkerson Sr.**  
By DC & Vicki

**In Memory of Capt. Mickey Greer**  
By Don & Marie Crabtree

**In Memory of Arthur Parker**  
By Nathan & Linda Osburn

**In Memory of Velma Caskey**  
By Dr. George & Julie Hurst

**In Memory of Velma Caskey**  
By Frank & Mary Pokorny

**In Memory of Velma Caskey**  
By Elizabeth Bailey

**In Memory of Ressie Cliett**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Gary Brock

**In Memory of Landon Henson**  
By Mike & Billie Dee Henson.

**In Memory of Julia Marshall Phillips**  
By Kathryn Phillips

**In Memory of Mercy Burrell**  
By Amanda Pritchett

**In Memory of Anderson Hunt**  
By Rene & Mark Hunt

**In Memory of Dot Tribble**  
By Dr. George & Julie Hurst

**In Memory of Betty Sue Shumpert**  
By Anita Smith

**In Memory of Betty Sue Shumpert**  
By Ann-Marie Savage

**In Memory of Barbara Williamson**  
By Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hanson

**In Memory of Lanell Hightower**  
By Siolam Water District

**In Memory of Lexie Cothren**  
By Elizabeth Bailey

**In Memory of Ressie Cliett**  
By Ronald Cliett

**In Memory of Gilda Hurst**  
By Montez Ganns

**In Memory of Marilyn Doolittle**  
By Dr. Larry Doolittle

**In Memory of Bryon N Wilson**  
By Alan Wilson

**In Memory of Hamp & Gilda Hurst**  
By Dr. George & Julie Hurst

**In Memory of Dorothy Songer**  
By Steve & Becky Mckinney

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HONORARIUMS

**In Honor of Omega Larkin & Joanne Beriswell**  
By Deborah Dichiar

**In Honor of Ricky Cole and Paul Carpenter**  
By Ricky Cole Sunday School Class

**In Honor of Foxy Haas, Bill Sugg, Fox Haas, Perry Green, Bob Marshall, & Tom Storey**  
By James & LaDonna Helveston

**In Honor of Leonard & Debbie Dichiar**  
By Jimmy & Judy Littlefield

**In Honor of Special Friends**  
By Steve & Becky McKinney

**In Honor of The board**  
By Holly Hitt

**In Honor of Leonard & Debbie Dichiar**  
By Claude & Judy Cartee

**In Honor of Clients**  
By Galloway-Chandler-McKinney

**In Honor of Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Littlefield, Mr. & Mrs. Claude Cartee, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Strickland**  
By Debbie & Leonard Dichiar

**In Honor of Claude & Judy Cartee**  
By Jimmy & Judy Littlefield

**In Honor of Dr. Ron & Dianne Powell**  
By Ann Harper

**In Honor of Aubrey & Barbara Ann Foster**  
By Leonard & Debbie Dichiar

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTORS

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Ladies Group

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Siolam Church

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Greenwood Baptist Church

Sue Barker

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Angel Wooten

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Yokohama

St. Marks Methodist Church

Faith Baptist Church Youth Group

New Hope Methodist Church

Alayla Edwards

Thomas Holliday

Claudette Samsing



**“Intern”**  
Intern Sydney Phillips worked with all programs during her time with us this fall semester. She is a Family Studies major at Mississippi State University.

**“Welcome!”**  
We are excited to Welcome Rosalind Ellis and Gretchen Kellen to the Sally Kate Winters Family Services Team. Rosalind will be the new Shelter Counselor, working with the youth in our Emergency Shelter and Basic Center Program. Gretchen is the new Victim Advocate in the Children's Advocacy Center and will work with the families from the start to the finish of their journey with us.

“2024 Holiday Season”

