

PROGRAM UPDATE

For October, November & December 2025



Intake & Assessment Center

Shelter services were provided for 6 youth who received a total of 292 nights of service. The youth represented ages 10-17, with neglect, and family violence being the reasons for placement. 4 counties were represented through shelter placement by the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services.

Basic Center Program (BCP)

BCP shelter services were provided for 1 youth, for a total of 23 nights of service. 0 crisis calls 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 7 foster care youth for a total of 19 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)

TLP services were provided for 6 youth for a total of 458 nights of service. 5 counties and 1 out of state 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)

CAC services were offered for 60 youth 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. 11 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 2,376 meals for children in need during this quarter.

A total of 106 individuals donated 363 volunteer hours during the quarter.



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to seek and experience an improved
quality of life.*



“Happy Holiday’s”

We hope everyone had Happy Holiday’s and look forward to the New Year!!



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A MESSAGE:

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Volunteers,

Sally Kate Winters Family Services (SKWFS) has experienced an incredible year of growth and impact. Alongside our dedicated donors, volunteers, and collaborative partners, we have had the privilege of offering an improved quality of life to **73 children with 3,004 nights of service, 8,760 meals served** through our Residential Services and **316 children** through the Children's Advocacy Center programs.

Every face we see, every smile we witness, and even the tears we help dry were met with a compassionate response from our team. Together, we have celebrated significant milestones: high school graduations, first-time jobs, birthdays, and many other "firsts."

Because of your support, children leave our programs with much more than they had when they arrived. They depart with increased self-worth, a sense of personal empowerment, lasting connections to caring adults, and the life skills necessary for an improved sense of well-being.

The Power of Resiliency

At the heart of our work is a commitment to providing children and families with the tools to build their own **personal resiliency**. Resiliency is the ability to overcome life's greatest challenges—trauma, tragedy, and personal crisis—and emerge stronger, wiser, and more determined to seek positive change.

We believe resiliency is a skill that can be nurtured. Through our trauma-informed services and healthy support systems, we provide the resources children need to thrive despite the obstacles they have faced. This emotional well-being is the most vital outcome of the care we provide.

Looking Ahead

As we look to begin our **35th year of service**, we remain steadfast in our mission to empower children and youth to seek and experience an improved quality of life. This mission is only possible through the generosity of our community.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our efforts. Together, we will continue to build resiliency within the character of every child in crisis.

With gratitude,

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Executive Director

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“Holiday’s”

We are so grateful for the support of our community. The youth in our programs were able to enjoy a thanksgiving meal and a very merry Christmas!! Thank you to Slab Bandits for ensuring the youth enjoyed a turkey on thanksgiving. We also would like to thank all the individuals and groups who donated wish list and needs items for the holidays.



“Youth HOPE Fest”

Each year, thousands of U.S. youth experience homelessness, are compelled to leave their homes, or become homeless. Youth HOPE (Homelessness, Outreach, Prevention, & Education) Month is reserved for November. Youth Hope Month is to raise awareness for the over 4 million youth who encounter homelessness yearly. Many of these youth silently navigate crises, navigating crises, moving from couch to couch, leaving unsafe homes, or struggling to stay in school while their stability slips away. In recognition of the numerous youth who experience homelessness each year, Sally Kate Winters Family Services hosted the Youth Hope Fest 2025.



“Graduation”

We would like to Congratulate Zoe, a youth in our Transitional Living Program on completing her GED. We are so proud of her and the hard work and dedication it took to complete!

