

SPRING INTO ACTION - 5K RUN AND FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

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Special Thanks To Our Entertainment and Vendors

Churchill Cherubs lead by Susie Marshall	WPHS Dynasty lead by Ginger Fowler
Betty Deans Dance Group	FBC JAM Praise Team lead by Thea Kay Tribble
Jumpers Inflatables	Café Ritz Catering
Coca Cola	



Fun Run Winners

Special Thanks To Our Volunteers and Inkind Donations

West Point Junior Auxiliary Members	Starkville Volunteers	OHA Anchor Club
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Spring Into Action - 5K RUN AND FUN RUN RESULTS

Fun Run Winners:

1st Place – Dalton Magers - \$100 Savings Bond, Regions Bank
 2nd Place – Cole Ketchum - \$50 Savings Bond, Bancorp South
 3rd Place – Cohen Trolio - \$25 Savings Bond, Cadence Bank

Bags of Candy donated by Petal Pushers

5K Run Winners:

Overall and 1st Place Male – Dave Ketchum, time of 22:45	1st Place Female – Allison Trolio, time of 23:59
2nd Place Male – John Bingham, time of 23:43	2nd Place Female – Joedee Robinson, time of 24:05
3rd Place Male – Stephen Loden, time of 30:12	3rd Place Female – Kate Nevins, time of 24:56



64 individuals participated in the 2nd Annual 5K Race

MSU KAPPA DELTA SORORITY DONATION



The members of the Kappa Delta Sorority of Mississippi State University set a record for the Annual Shamrock Week project focusing on raising funds to promote the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Raising over \$51,000, the KDs donated 80% (\$40,681) to Sally Kate Winters Family Services as the designated local philanthropy for the sorority. Outstanding job ladies!! Thank you for your commitment to our program.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 2011:

- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes Mondays @ 3:00 pm Clay County
- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm Lowndes

August 2011:

- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes Mondays @ 3:00 pm Clay County
- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm Lowndes

September 2011:

- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes Mondays @ 3:00 pm Clay County
- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm Lowndes



Sally Kate Winters Family Services participated in the "Paint the Town Patriotic" project sponsored by the Growth Alliance. Youth involved with the emergency shelter and RHY afterschool program enjoyed painting eagles on the windows of a downtown business. They were also grateful for the stencils!!



Program News

Newsletter #60

April - June 2011

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 Antinique Quinn; Annie Webber



FROM THE DIRECTOR:

We started April with the task of hosting our 2nd Annual *Spring Into Action* 5K Run, Fun Run, and Family Fun Night. With several other events planned for the same weekend, we were presently surprised with the good weather and great crowd for the event. Attendance by West Point People is what made this event successful! Board members were instrumental in organizing both races and in securing the entertainment and food vendors. The West Point Junior Auxiliary was also a key component to the success of this event. The lanterns and moment of silence recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month was the perfect way to end the evening. Special thanks to

the sponsors, volunteers, and participants. Your support allowed us to raise \$21,150 for emergency shelter and family support services offered through our program.

The Board of Directors has welcomed three new members to serve the agency. Nikole Roberts, Monte Brasfield, and Tom Briggs have each pledged to serve a three-year term of overseeing the fiscal and programmatic aspects of the program. We are excited for the ideas, talents, and leadership each of them will share. Board members have also been busy planning for the 2011 Christmas Shirt and Tiles fundraising project. The design, colors, and shirts have all been finalized. Tonda Riley has agreed to paint the tiles again this year and will begin painting in July with hopes of finishing 400 by November.

June 2011 ended the current fiscal year with 134 children utilizing emergency shelter services through the shelter, runaway/homeless, and overnight respite programs. As we plan for the upcoming year, we are soliciting financial support from individuals and groups representing the primary service areas.

2010 End of Year Statistics:

Alcorn – 7 children	Lowndes – 36 children	Oktibbeha – 16 children
Choctaw – 3 children	Monroe – 3 children	Webster – 3 children
Clay – 32 children	Neshoba – 6 children	West Boliver – 1 child
Forrest – 1 child	Noxubee – 13 children	Winston – 3 children

With Clay and Lowndes Counties being the top service areas, we are particularly looking at civic organizations and local churches who will adopt the emergency shelter program as a service project this year, offering financial support, volunteer hours, and in-kind donations. For various reasons, many times beyond their control, these children are in desperate need of a helping hand. As we are challenged to fulfill the mission of 'empowering children to seek an improved quality of life' we are confident that together we can make a lasting difference in their lives.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth program has been extremely busy identifying clients at-risk and/or in need of support and life skills to avoid an unsafe environment. The Summer Program has enrolled sixteen clients that have participated with life skills opportunities, counseling, visiting college campuses, and enjoyed recreational opportunities. The clients attend the program three days each week from 2-4 pm. Life skills classes are also being provided for youth in Lowndes and Oktibbeha counties through partnerships established with other youth-serving agencies. Outreach efforts for the Safe Place component of the RHY services is being extended to the Starkville and Tupelo areas.

In May we recognized our staff with an appreciation luncheon that was held in conjunction with Foster Parent Appreciation Month. Like foster parents, our staff provides 24-hour supervision of the children along with the daily requirements of maintaining a household. As a social service agency, we are fortunate to have minimal staff-turnover with most of our staff being employed with us over 5 years. Each of them is commended for their efforts and dedication of daily offering a part of their heart to the children in our program. As I remind them often, the success of Sally Kate Winters Family Services is not dependent on one person but on each of us as a team through the support of the community. Combining all of our efforts, our love for children, and our dedication to offering them a sense of safety and hope are what we are able to recognize the overall success of our program. Your support is equally important to our ability to touch the lives of vulnerable children, youth, and families in our community. Thanks for your support!

PROGRAM UPDATE:

Emergency Shelter Program: Emergency shelter services were provided for 23 children during the months of April, May, and June who received a total of 272 nights of services. The children ranged in age from 2 years thru 18 years representing the counties of Alcorn, Lowndes, Monroe, Neshoba, Noxubee, Otkibbeha, Webster and West Bolivar. The need for emergency shelter placement included 4% sexual abuse; 83% neglect; 4% abandonment; and 9% need of supervision.

Runaway and Homeless Youth: The Runaway and Homeless Youth program provided shelter services for 5 youth for a total of 102 nights representing Clay County during the quarter. Non-residential services were provided for 10 RHY clients through the after-school program and 16 RHY clients through the summer program focusing on educational support, life skills, and the Life Skills Curriculum "Let's Talk". Referral services were provided for 14 additional RHY youth who either did not follow-through with accessing services and/or did not meet the criteria of the program. All referrals also received community referrals to address their needs. Program information was shared with community service organizations and schools providing awareness of the services available and the referral process. Life Skills classes were provided for the Boys and Girls Club of Starkville and Father's Child Ministry programs.

Overnight Respite Services: Overnight respite services were provided for twelve (12) children for a total of 45 nights of service. The children represented the age range of 9 months – 16 years and the counties of Clay, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha. Foster parents throughout North MS are being encouraged to utilize the respite services offered. Respite services have proven to reduce stress within the home environment and renew the commitment of foster parenting.

Resource Center Program: Resource Center activities have been conducted through various partnerships within the community. The activities conducted in this quarter are as follows:

Parenting Classes – 108 parents/186 encounters	Resource Library – 275 individuals
Abstinence Education – 368 youth/390 encounters	Teen Parent Support – 1 class/11 teens
Fatherhood Initiative – 66 fathers/192 encounters	Healthy Marriage – 147 individuals/149 encounters

Foster Parent Recruitment: One foster family has completed the foster parent licensure process and is awaiting children to be placed in the home by the MS Department of Human Services. Anyone interested in the foster parent program is encouraged to contact Laura Yelverton at 494-4867



Life Skills... Life Skills are a valuable asset to helping teens make good decisions about everyday situations as well as more abstract, long-term choices. These skills aid in managing peer pressure and the turbulence of adolescence. The RHY Summer Program is dedicated to providing these skills to local youth in our community. Currently, fifteen teens have enjoyed weekly activities that have included grilling, cooking, planning for the future, visiting college campuses, and discussing the "Let's Talk" curriculum along with many other opportunities for personal growth. The program is aimed to working with teens so they are equipped with the skills necessary to avoid becoming homeless and choosing to runaway from their family.

MEMORIALS:

In memory of Anne Houston & William Blevins

By: Mr. & Mrs. David Loftin

In memory of F.B. Wiygul, Chris Knobbe, J.B. Green & Josh Stevens

By: Mr. & Mrs. Bill Colloredo

In memory of Carl Harris & Jackie Vickers

By: Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Turnipseed

In memory of John Sanders

By: Mr. & Mrs. Ken Harrelson

In memory of Josh Stevens & Jack Gordon

By: Mr. & Mrs. Scott Ross

In memory of Bob Gray

By: Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Brand

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Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Chandler

Mr. & Mrs. Monte Brasfield

Velma Caskey

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FUMC Men's Bible Class

Mr. & Mrs. Steve McKinney

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Ruth McCary

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FBC-Young Married Couples SS Class

In memory of Josh Stevens

By: Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Dyess

Lois White

In memory of Josh Stevens & Lynn Davis

By: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hopper

Dr. & Mrs. Phil Hooker

In memory of Josh Stevens & Jean Sizemore

By: Mr. & Mrs. Boyce Davis

In memory of Bryan Juckes & Bob Gray

By: Trina Dendy

In memory of Lynn Davis

By: Scott Reed

In memory of James Archie Raigins, Jr.

By: Gail Waddle & Family

In memory of Bob Gray & Hollis Pendley

By: Ann Wilkerson

In memory of John Jasper

By: Cindy Cliett

In memory of Lynn Davis, Bob Gray, Finley Watson & Alana Oliver

By: Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gaskin

In memory of Darwin Hunt

By: Anthony Caspell

Ruth McCary

In memory of Glynn Robinson

By: Kay Dedeaux & Family

In memory of Lynn Davis

By: Mr. & Mrs. David Loftin

In memory of Darwin Hunt & Hollis Pendley

By: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Simmons

In memory of Sam Willis

By: Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Raigins

In honor and memory of all former teachers and administrators

By: Clay High School Years 1970-1979

In memory of Kenneth Taylor

By: Anthony Caspell

In memory of Lynn Davis & Bob Gray

By: Mr. & Mrs. Rick May

In memory of Donna Bryan & Gladys Elliott

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Gwathney

HONORARIUMS:

In honor of Mrs. M.D. Turnipseed

By: Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Turnipseed

In honor of Laura Gaskin

By: Woman's Club of Aberdeen

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Mike Reid

By: Mr. & Mrs. David Reid

In honor of Nathan, Matthew & Landon's Birthdays

By: Mr. & Mrs. Billy Shirley

In honor of Elaine Loftin

By: Kate Gilreath

In honor of Barbara Reed, Melanie Busby & Frances McClellan

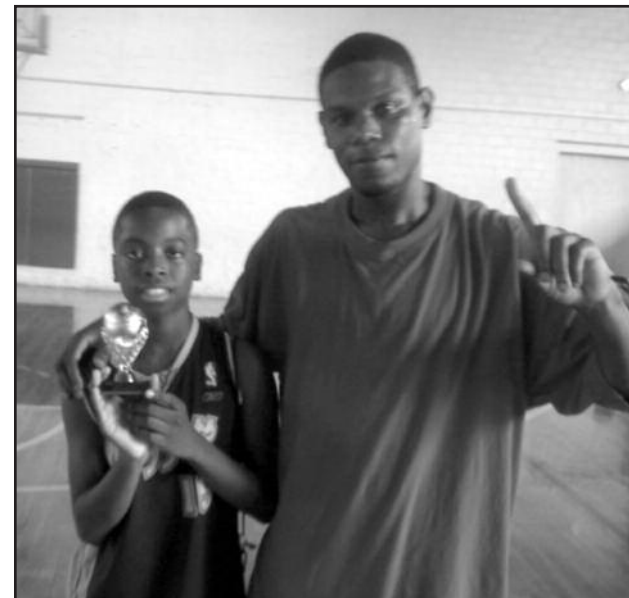
By: Scott Reed

SHOOTING FOR SUCCESS

On Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 am – noon, Sally Kate Winters Family Services hosted a "Shooting for Success" event at Central School Gymnasium in West Point. This event was a basketball free throw contest involving parent and child as an activity that would encourage family time together, increase communication, and build a positive parent/child relationship. Twenty-five parents and thirty-eight children participated in the event. Overall Winners were:

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| Ages 5-9 | Child – Tyler Ross |
| | Parent – Brandon Thomas |
| Ages 10-14 | Child – Cameron Patterson |
| | Parent – Derrick Hall |

Special thanks to the West Point Park and Rec. Department for their assistance with this event. The enthusiasm of the parents and children participating added to the success, thanks to each of you.



Cameron Patterson and Derrick Hall

BYIO GIRLS RETREAT

(Be Your Own Person)

The Resource Center Program hosted an overnight girls retreat at Waverly Waters on May 31st as part of the Abstinence Education focus. A group of 12 teen girls enjoyed speakers and activities that promoted the theme of Be Your Own Person. At the beginning of the retreat, the girls were paired up and given a "Baby Think It Over" infant that became their responsibility throughout the retreat. The girls were the "parents" of the infant, having to meet the needs of the infant during meals, workshops, and throughout the night. In addition to the Baby Think It Over infants, discussions centered around making positive choices, creating a positive image, and exploring peer pressure, self-esteem, and self-control. This retreat was a great opportunity to connect with some special young ladies within the community..



BYOP Retreat Participants

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