



## LOWNDES COUNTY MOTHER & DAUGHTER DAY OUT:

On Saturday, September 17th, approximately 45 moms and daughters spent a day together having fun, making jewelry, cooking, and learning beauty tips. The moms received a special treat, a mini massage. Sally Kate Winters Family Services Families First Center sponsored a Mother & Daughter Day Out at the Puckett House, a Bed & Breakfast, in Columbus, Mississippi to allow moms and daughters the opportunity to spend valuable time bonding. The girls ranged in age from eleven to seventeen. The day started with a Cake and Punch Reception and picture taking, followed by the girls and their moms rotating to do various activities. Kywana Johnson, Jewelry Maker demonstrated how to make bracelets whereas they made bracelets for each other. Cathy Rice, a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant was in another room talking to a group of moms and daughters on the importance of skin care. Cooking in the kitchen were a group of moms and daughters preparing a Dessert Pizza led by Kandi Shorter and her daughter Jasmine. Moms and daughters went their separate ways when it was time to do the "Speak Out" Session. Angela Verdell facilitated the girls' group and Dr. Diane Prude was the facilitator of the moms "Speak Out" Session. This gave them an opportunity to gain valuable knowledge, voice their concerns as a daughter or as a mom, ask questions, and receive support from their peers. The day's activities ended with a Reception consisting of heavy appetizers. Moms went home and the majority of the girls stayed the night, leaving the next morning.

The hope is that each daughter and mom left feeling more connected to each other. Much thanks to the many volunteers and sponsors who made this event a success.

## SUMMER STAFF



Parker McClellan and Brittanie Elliott

Two individuals joined our staff temporarily during the summer to assist with the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. Brittanie Elliott organized and implemented a summer program for youth in the community, providing services 3 days each week for 8 weeks. She also helped with presenting life skills modules to youth throughout the Golden Triangle Community. Parker McClellan was instrumental in securing Safe Place Sites in the Golden Triangle Area, providing Safe Place Training, and distributing awareness information for youth and adults. Parker also assisted with presenting life skills modules. Both ladies did an outstanding job. We hope this experience will be a tool toward their future employment opportunities.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### October 2011:

- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes  
Mondays @ 3:00 pm Clay County
- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes  
Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm Lowndes
- Fatherhood Seminar w/Football Tickets  
October 2, 2010 – 10 am  
Lowndes County Site
- Excel By 5 Health Fair  
October 9th – North MS Medical Center

### November 2011:

- GREEN LIGHT Project
- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes  
Mondays @ 3:00 pm Clay County
- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes  
Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm Lowndes
- Christmas T-Shirts and Tiles on sale
- Mother/Daughter Tea, West Point  
November 19, 2011

### December 2011:

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



### November is National Runaway Prevention Month!

This November, getting involved in National Runaway Prevention Month is as easy as flipping a switch! Porch lights across the country will glow green during November to raise awareness and show support for runaway youth.

You can become a part of Sally Kate Winters Green Light project by volunteering to change your front porch light to one of our green bulbs during the month of November. We will be providing each participant with the green bulbs and just ask that you let your porch light shine every night to show support and help raise awareness for our area's youth. Go green for a good cause!!!!

For more information concerning upcoming events visit our website at [www.sallykatewinters.org](http://www.sallykatewinters.org)



## Program News

### Newsletter #61

July - September 2011

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Where has 2011 gone? As we welcome the months of fall and begin planning for the holiday season, we are reminded to be thankful for the opportunities available for the children utilizing our services during the summer. Birthday parties, swimming, and local recreation allowed them to experience a variety of opportunities. Community members have played a major role with helping make these experiences possible. Thirty-three children were blessed by your generosity and involvement with our program during these few months. The positive memories that were created for them will last a lifetime.

The end of summer and beginning of a new school year requires transitioning by both our children and staff. School enrollment, homework, and bedtime routines are all part of our focus on academic achievement for children placed in the emergency shelter program. The RHY after-school program is also developed based on academics and ensuring that youth have one-on-one tutoring support. This time of year allows new opportunities for volunteers and service groups. The MSU Day One Leadership Program is providing a group of volunteers to assist with tutoring as well as the MSU Kappa Delta Sorority. The West Point School District also provides two, daily tutors who assist with planning and facilitating the after-school program. These combined efforts have improved the academic level of the children and we are grateful to have the support necessary to make significant improvements for them.

The first three months of our new fiscal year has clarified the financial challenge that is before our agency this year. With a decrease of federal funds available, changes within the foster care system, and the increases of household costs, we are evaluating revenue and expenses to maximize each dollar. The staffing cost of providing care for 12 children or 2 children remains constant in order for us to remain in compliance with licensing standards even though the service fees are considerably less. The costs of utilities, food, and transportation have increased tremendously over the past 24 months as well. As we explore other services that will meet the needs of children and youth in our community, we are hopeful that our faithful donors will remain constant to carry our program through this season of change. The need for services for children is evident whether it is emergency shelter, group care, or transitional living. Our job is to make sure we are providing services that meet the greatest need of local youth.

As we begin planning for the holidays, we hope to offer a variety of opportunities for community individuals to get involved with our program. We are making plans for activities surrounding Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas that will include gifts, meals, and parties for the children. I hope you will make plans for you and your family to be part of these activities. We welcome any involvement from the community that will allow us to share the true meaning of the holiday season.

Sally Kate Winters Family Services is excited to be a part of the United Way Campaigns being conducted during the months of September, October, and November. United Way leads a combined fund-raising effort for local non-profit organizations. United Way dollars are a vital part of the annual financial resources secured by our program. We witness first-hand United Way dollars at work, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, benefiting local children. We encourage you to support the local United Way campaign. Your involvement will become part of a combined effort of making a positive difference in the community.

The mission of Sally Kate Winters Family Services was started by and continues to belong to the community. Our success is based on the support and guidance shared by local individuals. As an agency, all services reflect our ability to 'empower children and families to seek an improved quality of life'. The impact we have on this population of individuals is improving the overall quality of life in our community. As we grow and thrive together, we will continue to have a positive impact. This is your organization, I hope you are proud of the 21 years of success we have accomplished together.

Thanks for your continued commitment to this type of success!

## PROGRAM UPDATE:

**Emergency Shelter Program:** Emergency shelter services were provided for 21 children during the months of July, August, and September who received a total of 484 nights of services. The children ranged in age from 18 months thru 18 years representing the counties of Alcorn, Calhoun, Clay, Forrest, Lee, Lowndes, Neshoba, and Webster. The need for emergency shelter placement included 5% physical abuse; 85% neglect; and 10% need of supervision.

**Runaway and Homeless Youth:** The Runaway and Homeless Youth program provided shelter services for 3 youth representing Clay and Oktibbeha Counties during the quarter. Non-residential services were provided for 31 RHY clients focusing on the Life Skills Curriculum "Let's Talk". Referral services were provided for 10 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 through 8 presentations addressing 101 adults/youth providing awareness of the services available and the referral process. Potential Safe Place Sites are being identified throughout the Golden Triangle Area.

**Overnight Respite Services:** Overnight respite services were provided for 9 children for a total of 18 nights. The children represented Noxubee County and are currently in foster home placements. 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 – 136 parents/182 encounters	Resource Library – 339 individuals
Abstinence Education – 222 youth/315 encounters	Teen Parent Support – 1 class/11 teens
Fatherhood Initiative – 130 fathers/111 encounters	Healthy Marriage – 117 individuals/207 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. An additional family is beginning the licensure process. Anyone interested in the foster parent program is encouraged to contact Laura Yelverton at 494-4867.

## UPS Shares Saturday with the Children



UPS employees representing the Columbus Center shared their time and energy to provide outdoor recreational games for our children. As part of community outreach, UPSers and their families were excited to offer one-on-one time with the kids as well as a pizza lunch. Personal hygiene supplies were also given to each child. Everyone, adults and children, had a great time – Special thanks to each of them for their involvement with our program.

## MEMORIALS:

In memory of A.K. Tribble & Rose Dean

By: Ann Harper

In memory of Archie Raigins & Elaine Randall

By: Mr. & Mrs. David Loftin

In memory of P.O. McKibben & Jay Brantley

By: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Helveston

In memory of Ricky Wilson

By: Street Rod & Antique Car Show

In memory of John Luft

By: Elaine Loftin

In memory of Jessica Gurley

By: Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gaskin

In memory of Donna Bryan

By: Elizabeth & Carl Miller

In memory of Elise Mobley

By: Mr. & Mrs. Steve Gaskin  
Mr. & Mrs. David Loftin

In memory of Darryl Eugene McCreary

By: Ann Harper

In memory of Irene Roberson

By: Mr. & Mrs. Gene Gwathney

In memory of Jimmy Pollan

By: Mr. & Mrs. John Overton

Reta Washam

In memory of Archie Raigins

By: Willard Williams

In memory of Randolph Brown & Jimmy Robertson

By: Columbus Civitan Club

In memory of Faye Taylor

By: Mr. & Mrs. David Loftin

In memory of Donna Bryan

By: Maxine Bryan

In memory of Linda Gail Pollan

By: Reta Washam

## HONORARIUMS:

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Buck Harmon

By: Mr. & Mrs. Boyce Davis

In honor of Wilma Hooker

By: Mr. & Mrs. Jim Helveston

## SPECIAL THANKS....

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## "LEARNING 2 B LADIES"

Sally Kate Winters Family Services had a wonderful opportunity to partner with the West Point Junior Auxiliary to sponsor a character building workshop targeting young ladies ages 11-15. Twenty-five ladies participated in this event that incorporated local individuals providing character-building activities throughout the day. Topics for the workshop included: Demonstration activity of 'how to tie a tie' with Carl Lampton, WPPD Investigator; Healthy eating and exercise with Tracey Stebbins, NMMC – Wellness Center; Skincare techniques with Julie Hill, Arbonne Consultant; Preparing a meal complimented by a delicious desert by Chef Matt Molina, Palante Panche; Discussion of seeing their inner beauty with Leslie Jones, Persnickety Pottery; Nail care and techniques with Vickie Shelton, local nail technician; and Etiquette with Juliette Resse, Community Counseling Therapist. The young ladies experienced an awesome day and we were delighted with their bright smiles and beaming personalities. THANKS to all participants for making this a successful event!



The 2011 Christmas Shirts and Tiles are being completed for the Christmas Season. The Who-Ville design offers a fun-spirit for the upcoming holiday season and should be enjoyed by all age groups. Shirts will be available for sale in November with downtown Christmas Open House events in Aberdeen, Starkville, and West Point. Tiles may be pre-ordered through any SKW Board Member or by contacting the SKW office at 662.494.4867. Special thanks to the board committee for diligently working on this project: Scott Reed, Chair; Laura Gaskin; Monte Brasfield; Susan Chandler; Greta Raigins. The shirt design was created by Scott Reed and tiles are being painted by Tonda Riley. Please make plans to support this fundraising event!!

2011 Christmas Shirt Design