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November 2010



MSU Registrar's Office donation of paper products and supplies
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Mississippi State University Day One students assisted with the RHY program outreach efforts by printing and distributing 50 posters in the Starkville/Oktibbeha County area that identify services offered for youth. The students also provided over 60 volunteer hours in the afterschool tutoring program and donated recreational supplies for the shelter program. These students did a great job with this project, special thanks to each of them.



Michael Thompson, son of Tom and Beth Thompson of Starkville, completed his Eagle Scout project in October 2011 by developing landscaping beds for the covered parking area at SKWFS. Michael was responsible for raising funds for the project, gathering materials, and organizing volunteers for project completion. At the completion of the project, Michael donated leftover monies to the agency. The landscaping design will aid with drainage and the foundation stability of the covered parking area. Thanks Michael for the time, organization, and leadership skills you offered to this project. The completed project is an asset to the appearance of our outside area.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 2012:

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

February 2012:

- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes Mondays @ 3:00 pm Clay County
- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm Lowndes
- Healthy Marriage Week February 7-11, 2012

March 2012:

- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes Mondays @ 3:00 pm Clay County
- Weekly Parenting & Anger Management Classes Tuesdays @ 3:30 pm Lowndes
- National Safe Place Week (RHY Program) March 18-24, 2012
- 5K Run registration begins
- 3rd Annual 5K Run and Family Fun Night Event – April 14, 2012
- Organizing Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities for the month of April 2012



HEALTHY MARRIAGE TIPS FOR 2012

- ◆ Hold hands while watching TV, walking, and riding in the car
- ◆ Think of 4 things you normally forget to thank your mate for and express true gratitude
- ◆ Complement your mate everyday
- ◆ Rekindle the flame, kiss your mate 10 seconds, twice daily

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Sally Kate Winters Family Services

Program News

Newsletter #62

October - December 2011

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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

As we started the New Year, our staff gathered quotes from Martin Luther King to post on our FaceBook and Twitter pages to offer inspirational thoughts for local youth and families. As I reviewed these quotes, one particularly stood out as a strong depiction of the holiday season for our program. Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?" – Martin Luther King. Many local individuals and groups answered this question through monetary gifts, memorial donations, Christmas gifts, donations of food items, and holiday parties allowing us to bless the lives of children by sharing the generosity of others.

Christmas wish lists were filled by members of First Baptist Church Starkville, employees of Southwire, members of Saint Mark United Methodist Church, and staff of Farm Bureau. These groups purchased and donated individual items requested by sixteen children who were involved with our program during the holidays. The children were overjoyed to receive PSP games, Kindle Fires, board games, clothing, jewelry, and accessories. As a staff, we were also amazed at the commitment of these groups to fulfill the individual wishes of the children and actually host meals and parties that would allow them the opportunity to interact with the children benefiting from their generosity. My hope is that this was a "double" blessing experience for everyone involved.

Most of you would agree that the 2011 Christmas Shirts and Tiles fundraiser was a huge success. The board members serving on this fund-raising committee did a wonderful job choosing a fun Christmas design that would be enjoyed by all ages. Netting \$9,500, 400 tiles and 956 shirts were sold during this holiday season. We are grateful for those individuals who include the shirts/tiles as part of their annual holiday traditions.

Board members are also busy planning and organizing our 3rd Annual Spring Into Action event. The 5k Run and Family Fun Night has been scheduled for Saturday, April 14th. Celebrating the importance of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect in our community, this event is an opportunity to recognize the family support services being offered by our program. Now more than ever, our community is in desperate need of family stability that offers safety and well-being for children and youth. Through sponsorships, run participants, and entertainment, there are many ways you can actively participate. Junior Auxiliary members will also be hosting the "light up the night" vigil, honoring children throughout our community who have been victimized by child abuse and neglect. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in April.

Offering much encouragement, we shared a bitter-sweet "farewell" with our Office Manager, Paige Lamkin in December. With the excitement of serving our community in another position, we will miss the co-worker and friend that we have enjoyed for the past ten years. We also wish her much success!! Change is always a difficult and challenging growth process. However, many times change offers new ideas, a renewed spirit, and opportunities for new friendships allowing us to maximize our opportunity to help others. We are pleased to add Kelsey Malone to our staff as our Office Manager and Heather Usry as Outreach Coordinator. These two individuals bring a wealth of knowledge and excitement to our office as we move forward in 2012. As you are greeted with new voices and faces for Sally Kate Winters Family Services, we hope you are also inspired with the dedication of our staff to make a positive difference within our community.

As it has been stated, a community is truly the sum of all of its parts. If one of its parts is broken or weak, the community as a whole is weakened. Our daily work would not be possible without the individuals, businesses, and groups who have helped us throughout the years by volunteering, sharing our work, donating goods and services, or donating money. We are stronger through your involvement and together we are building strong children and families for our community. Thanks for your support!

PROGRAM UPDATE:

Emergency Shelter Program: Emergency shelter services were provided for 18 children during the months of October, November and December who received a total of 414 nights of services. The children ranged in age from 1 years thru 17 years representing the counties of Alcorn, Clay, Lowndes, Monroe, and Winston. The need for emergency shelter placement included 11% physical abuse, 5% sexual abuse, 79% neglect; and 5% need of supervision.

Runaway and Homeless Youth: The Runaway and Homeless Youth program provided shelter services for 5 youth representing Clay, and Oktibbeha Counties during the quarter for a total of 60 nights. Non-residential services were provided for 14 RHY clients through the after-school program and Adolescent Curriculum "Let's Talk". Referral services were provided for 9 additional RHY youth who either did not follow-through with accessing services and/or did not meet the criteria of the program. Program information and Safe Place materials were shared with 314 adults and 608 students representing community organizations and schools offering awareness of the services available and the referral process.

Overnight Respite Services: Overnight respite services were provided for 13 children for a total of 32 nights. These children represented Clay, Itawamba, Lowndes, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha Counties. 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 – 153 parents/161 encounters	Resource Library – 240 individuals
Abstinence Education – 376 youth/372 encounters	Teen Parent Support – 1 class/5 teens
Fatherhood Initiative – 106 fathers/121 encounters	Healthy Marriage – 155 individuals/144 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.

ACTIVITIES WITH THE CHILDREN:



Halloween Party hosted by MSU Kappa Delta Sorority Members



Toddler riding toys donated by members of Saint Mark Methodist Church



Pumpkin painting with Junior Auxiliary



Christmas meal and gifts with Southwire Employees

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SAVE THE DATE

The Board of Directors are busy planning and organizing the 3rd Annual Spring Into Action 5K Race and Family Fun Night. The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 14, 2012 in downtown West Point at Sally Kate Winters Park. The 5K Run is being publicized on various Run Sites throughout Mississippi. Registration forms and the event brochure are available on the website at www.sallykatewinters.org. The Fun Run for ages 10 and under will be one of the highlights of the event along with the candlelight vigil presented by the West Point Junior Auxiliary.

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