

2017 Annual Report





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Letter from the Executive Director



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As you are aware, the goal of A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center, Inc. is to provide a coordinated community response to child abuse. A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center, Inc. is a child-centered facility whose focus is to support and protect children and their involved caregivers, while coordinating the community response to abuse. We strive to enhance the response to suspected child abuse cases by combining the wisdom and professional knowledge of various investigative agencies and other professional organizations. These coordinated efforts provide the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to assist suspected victims of child abuse as well as their families.

In 2017, A Child's Voice continued to work with community partners to effectively and compassionately respond to incidents of child abuse in our community. With our presence in the community, the network of partner organizations continues to grow in responding to the child victims of abuse. In

2017 we served 49% more child victims than in the previous years. We were able to expand our support of the child victims and family through the addition of a second Family Advocate position.

Since serving our first family in May of 2009, our staff has shown dedication and commitment to providing the best services possible to the children of Newton and Walton counties. Our center continues to maintain full state accreditation with the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia (CACGA) and remains one of only 47 fully accredited centers in the state of Georgia. We are also one of only 33 CACs in Georgia accredited by both the CACGA as well as the National Children's Alliance (NCA). These accreditations assert that our center is financially sound and that our services are provided in a professional and standardized manner by appropriately trained staff of the highest quality.

We continue to partner with the National Children's Alliance in conducting a satisfaction survey with the families we serve and our MDT partners. The Outcome Measurement System (OMS) is a powerful evaluation tool that allows CACs to critically examine their performance and identify areas for continuous improvement by surveying child victims, their families, and partner agencies. We are one of the highest rated child advocacy centers in Georgia.

The role of A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center throughout the criminal investigation is to focus on the child's needs rather than focusing on the crime itself. The forensic interview process is also child-led and child-driven. After completing a forensic interview with a specially trained interviewer, three out of four elementary aged children are relaxed enough to continue talking about non-abusive topics and continue to engage with interviewers. The adolescent age group often describes a feeling of "relief" and a "weight off of my shoulders" after the interview experience. When observing the body language of these teens, one can see a physical transformation take place from the beginning of the interview compared to the end of the interview. Healing begins for these children when the forensic interview ends. The child victim is offered a medical examination based on information shared during the forensic interview process. The child is in control of the examination process and can choose to stop the examination at any time. A Family Advocate is available to provide support and answer any questions the child or family may have. The Family Advocate accompanies the child during the medical examination and also discusses concerns with the parents while the interview is in process. Family Advocates make referrals to counselors or therapist, etc. and will follow the case as long as the family requests our assistance.

Our center also offers training to adults in our community regarding child abuse, how to look for signs and how they should respond if a child discloses abuse. We want the community to know we are here to assist in any issues regarding child abuse and our services are free to victims of child abuse.

I would like to thank all of the agencies that partner with us for their dedication to the children in our community and their commitment to the prevention and intervention of child abuse. We are also appreciative of the many community members who have provided the support our center needs to achieve our mission each year. We thank you all for joining us in the fight for happy, healthy childhoods and for helping us ensure that every child has a voice. We look forward to expanding our existing services in 2018 as we continue to work towards our vision of ending child abuse through a coordinated community response: Healing Today's Children – Protecting Tomorrow's.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy S. Burgess".

Nancy S. Burgess, MSW

Letter from the Chairman of the Board



Dear Supporters,

On behalf of the Board of Directors I thank you for your interest in and support of A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center. Our main goal has always been to provide quality care and to aid in the investigation of child abuse cases when there has been an allegation of sexual or physical abuse. We also provide support to the Department of Family and Children's Services, Law Enforcement Agencies and the District Attorney's office of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, which serves Newton and Walton Counties. This annual report was produced to inform you of what we have done in 2017 on the child's behalf.

At first glance reading the statistics of children served this past year makes you think negatively about the community and the people that live here. But if you look further you realize that the numbers mean that there is greater awareness and a greater willingness of victims to come forward and a greater understanding that these types of crimes should not be kept secret but should be reported to the proper authorities. I would like to believe that the Darkness To Light training that our center provides to the community is one of the main reasons for the increase in numbers.

Our well-trained staff continually strives to provide the best care and service to the children and the families that we serve. I am very proud of our Director, Nancy Burgess and the dedicated staff we have. On behalf of myself and the Board I want to take this opportunity to thank them for pouring themselves into their jobs every day. We never stop seeking to grow, learn and expand and it is the continued support of our donors and friends that allows our center to do that and I thank you for it.

We also have an extremely dedicated Board of Directors that work very hard to make sure this center is successful. I appreciate all they do to keep the business and facility running smoothly so that the staff can do the really important work of serving the children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Greenway".

Amy B. Greenway

Holly's Story

Holly had a secret – one that made her feel sad and ashamed. It all started when Holly's grandpa moved in with her family after her grandma passed away. Because money was tight, Holly's grandpa would watch her after school instead of her usual babysitter. Holly loved her grandpa and liked it when he babysat her, because he would play games with her. This was when the sad part happened. Holly was sexually molested by her grandpa for nine months before she finally revealed her terrible secret. Holly was at school one day when the child advocate from the local Children's Advocacy Center spoke to her class about child sexual abuse. She told the children that it was not okay for anyone to ever touch them in a way that made them feel bad or sad. Holly knew immediately this was what Grandpa was doing. Holly found the courage to tell her teacher, who promptly called the local Department of Family and Children Services Child Protection Services to report Holly's story.



The next day, Holly and her mother went to A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center, Inc. They were both nervous and didn't know what to expect because Holly would be talking about a horrible personal experience. After the tour and talking with the Family Advocate in the center, she began to feel more comfortable. In the waiting area she played with toys and began to relax. She even got to watch a movie.

After a few minutes, a trained forensic interviewer met with Holly and her mother. The interviewer asked Holly if they could talk. After getting to know Holly, the forensic interviewer slowly began asking Holly about why she was there. It was hard for Holly to talk about the things her grandpa had done to her for so long. The Child Protective Services worker and the law enforcement officer watched the interview from another room, and the interview was videotaped so that Holly would not have to recount the painful details over and over again. Holly described how her grandpa began tickling her but eventually began touching her and doing much worse, hurtful things.

During the interview, Holly's mom sat anxiously in the waiting room with a Family Advocate. She had trouble believing that Holly's grandpa was capable of hurting Holly. But as they talked, Holly's mom began to remember all the times that Holly had always wanted to go over to a friend's house after school. She remembered how her daughter used to be fun-loving and active, yet, now she was frequently withdrawn and sad. Eventually, she too was able to talk about her anger, grief and feelings of betrayal.

After the interview, the Child Protection Services worker, the forensic interviewer and the law enforcement officer talked with Holly's mom and realized she would be supportive of her and keep her safe. Holly had a medical examination by a SANE in the center and, with the use of telemedicine equipment, a physician with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, who was able to relieve some of Holly's greatest fears about her body. Holly's mother was also able to speak with the physician and the nurse in order to answer any questions she might need to address.

As Holly was receiving the medical examination, the team met quickly to review their notes. It was obvious that grandpa had not only abused Holly but had taken many pictures of her that the team suspected he had uploaded to pornographic sites. The police detectives immediately secured a search warrant and seized his computer, which contained many pornographic images of Holly and other girls in addition to home videos and other evidence. He was arrested and interviewed by a detective trained to interview child abusers.

During the next six months, Holly and her mother participated in therapy to help them deal with the trauma and turmoil created by the abuse. The multi-disciplinary team, consisting of Child Protective Services, law enforcement, the District Attorney's office, counselors, and the forensic interviewer, continued to meet to coordinate the investigation and monitor the family's need for support. Eventually, Holly's case was presented to the Grand Jury, who voted to indict. The case was taken to trial and her grandpa was sentenced to 45 years in prison for abusing Holly and two other neighborhood girls.

Words from families we've worked with...

“The staff was very attentive, patient, and sympathetic to our concerns.”

“I really appreciated how welcomed and safe they made my child feel. Amazing staff all the way around. Couldn't have asked for a better experience, considering the circumstances.”

“Thank you so much for promptly helping me and (my child) through these tough times. We love you. God bless you all. Thank you so much over and over.”

“After a very difficult time, we finally felt like we had a team of support on our side.”

“They listened and gave me wonderful advice to help both of us get through this terrible situation.”

“We are so grateful for the way that everyone at A Child's Voice CAC cared for each of us during this time of family crisis.”



“A Child's Voice CAC is an instrumental part of ensuring the children of Newton and Walton Counties receive the services they need after a traumatic event. Not only do they provide quality forensic and medical exams for children who are victims of sexual or physical abuse, they also ensure that these children receive the follow-up services that are so crucial to the healing process. A Child's Voice CAC works closely with community partners, such as DFCS, Law Enforcement, and various mental health providers to ensure that abused children receive all the follow-up that they need. A Child's Voice also leads monthly Multi-disciplinary Team Meetings to ensure that everything that needs to occur legally and therapeutically for these abused children takes place. They are a great asset to both counties and the many families that rely on their services.”

Doug Morgan, LCSW

Project Family

About

Mission Statement

A Child's Voice exists to strengthen a coordinated community response to situations of child maltreatment, including sexual abuse, physical abuse, and witness to abuse and homicide, by integrating the existing resources of law enforcement, child protection, prosecution, medical, and therapeutic agencies, so that perpetrators are held accountable for their actions and the children are protected. A Child's Voice also exists to facilitate and support organizations and individuals whose efforts are directed toward child abuse and prevention.

What Is A Child Advocacy Center?

The purpose of a CAC is to provide a child-friendly environment where forensic interviews and medical examinations can be performed in order to assist law enforcement officers and child protective services workers in determining the validity of allegations. This helps to ensure that the child can be protected, the guilty are prosecuted, and the innocent are not wrongly charged. Interviews are conducted by professionally-trained forensic interviewers and are videotaped to avoid multiple interviews and preserve statements for future legal actions. Children are also

able to receive specialized medical services from staff that are familiar with such situations and know how to relate to the children's fears as well as the medical issues specific to this type of trauma. Children and families are referred as appropriate for counseling services. In addition, CACs engage in community education to help in the prevention of child abuse and to teach appropriate responses by adults.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

- Margaret Mead

History

A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center, Inc., a private 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was established in 2006 as a collaborative effort by different agencies in the child protective services and law enforcement fields of the Alcovy Judicial Circuit, along with the Child Protection Center at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA). In December 2008, A Child's Voice CAC relocated to Loganville where we remained until December 2012, when a permanent location was purchased in Social Circle, Georgia. After some renovations, we moved in April 2013 and held an Open House June 13, 2013.

The new space is centralized to our service area and has allowed us more space to provide our services to children in a private and child-friendly setting. In 2009, the center was awarded full membership into the Child Advocacy Centers of Georgia (CACGA), the organization that sets standards and monitors compliance for child advocacy centers in the state of Georgia. Also that year, the Child Abuse Protocol was amended to include participation by A Child's Voice. In 2010, the center received full accreditation from National Children's Alliance (NCA), the national organization that monitors compliance of child advocacy centers across the United States. We have continually maintained full accreditation with both organizations.



Facility

When the children come in with their accompanying involved caregivers, there is a comfortable waiting area with a variety of age-appropriate toys, books, movies, and games. The center is decorated with an aquatic theme



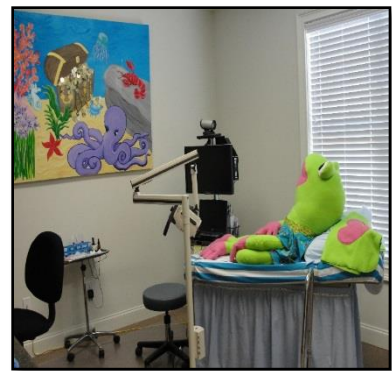
throughout. There is also an interview room, a separate viewing room for law enforcement, child protective services, and/or any other agencies involved, and a private medical exam room.

Telemedicine

Our center continues the relationship with CHOA as a telemedicine location. We were one of the two original locations to implement this use of technology that allows healthcare professionals at our center to conduct audibly and visually, in real time, with a pediatrician at CHOA throughout the process who can respond to parent/guardian questions and concerns.

Telemedicine is a means of using technology to provide or support specialized medical evaluation and care at a distance. The concept of telemedicine is increasing nation-wide and offers many benefits, including:

- Increased availability of medical experts to evaluate and to provide second opinions to children requiring exams
- Reduction in the number of children and professionals traveling to distant locations for medical evaluations
- Improvement in local expert court testimony with subsequent increase in successful court actions
- Opportunity for a unique training experience for local health care providers



Telemental Health

In 2016, A Child's Voice with the Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children at CHOA began to provide Tele-Mental health to certain children seen at A Child's Voice. Counselors at CHOA meet with children at our center via a live audio and video link, utilizing a webcam. This allows children the access to high quality Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with no cost to the family, regardless of insurance. This reduces a number of barriers to effective treatment, including cost and travel. It also allows the children to return to our center where they feel comfortable, jumpstarting the therapeutic process, and allows the family advocate to follow-up with the caregivers in person during the appointment.



Family Advocacy

A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center hired its first full time Family Advocate in May of 2016 and a second in 2017 to better provide resources and services for the children and families the center serves. The Family Advocates support the family through the entire investigative process and beyond. They are responsible for educating the child and family to know what to expect during their appointment, facilitating a meeting and safety plan with the involved caregiver during their appointment, connects families with needed resources, and strives to ensure that both families and children have the support they need to heal from the abuse. This includes maintaining relationships with counseling centers in order to facilitate effective treatment for child victims and their families (when needed). The Family Advocates provide non-time limited follow-up to families to ensure other needs that arise can be met with resources, and is available to prepare children for, and accompany families to, court if the case goes to trial.

“Children who have the support of an understanding caregiver and effective treatment can recover (from abuse) without long-term effects.”

- The National Child Traumatic Stress Network

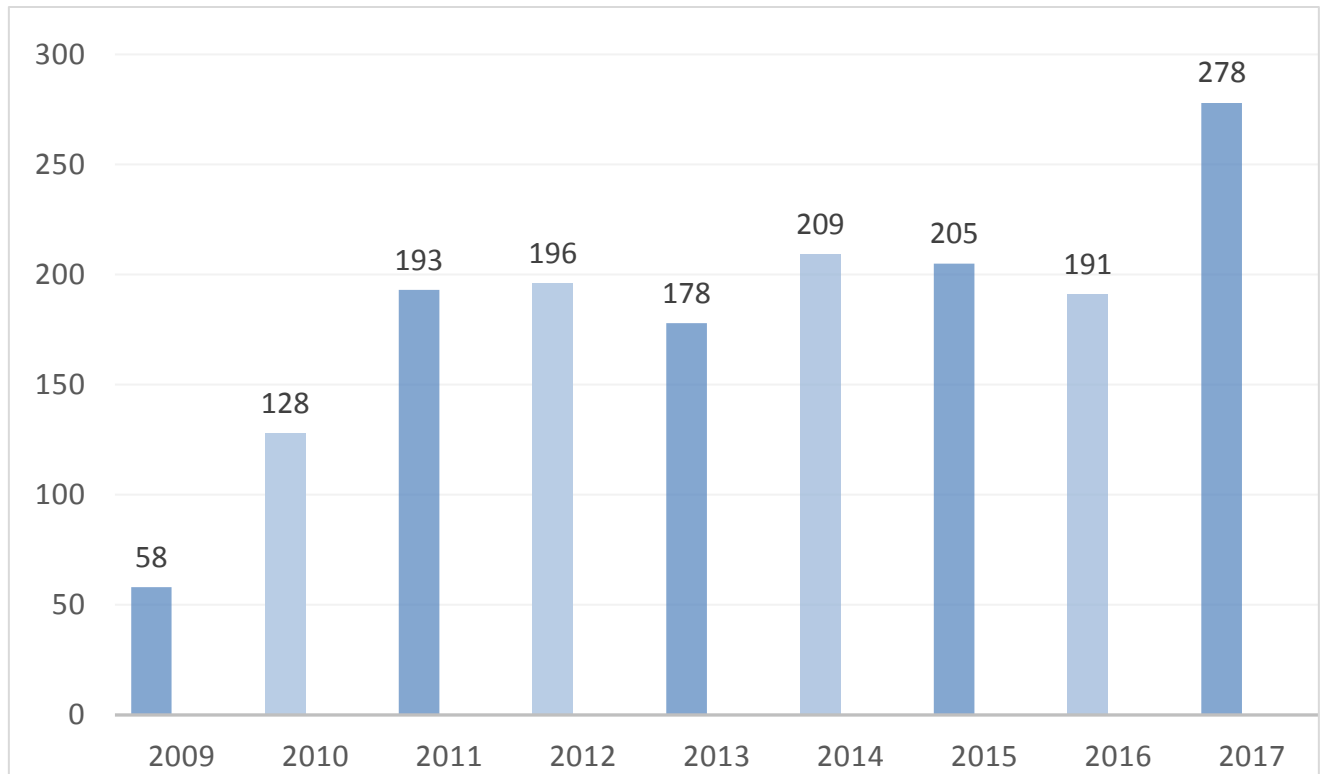
Multidisciplinary Approach

Multidisciplinary teams (MDTs) are groups of professionals from law enforcement, Department of Family and Children Services, counselors, and the District Attorney's Office. Teams from each county served by A Child's Voice in Newton and Walton County, meet once a month to discuss the cases and share information in order to obtain the best outcome for the alleged child victim and his/her family. This teamwork and communication is an essential component of the child advocacy model. When all of the professionals involved in the case are well-informed, they are better able to make decisions that are in the best interest of the children, and readily accessible information increases the chance of successful prosecution of perpetrators.

We also employ the use of the CACGA Collaborate System, which provides us with case tracking and the ability to produce statistical data regarding the work that we do. This system also allows each center in the CACGA network to identify alleged perpetrators from across the state and relate these cases to the current case in our area. This conflict check provides a warning if the name of a victim or alleged offender was previously entered in another county or judicial circuit. Additionally, any professional or multidisciplinary team member involved in a child's case is able to enter data into the system. With the shared data, we are also able to keep track of factors such as high-risk runaways. The system allows for effective accountability and an enhancement of data collection and reporting functions.

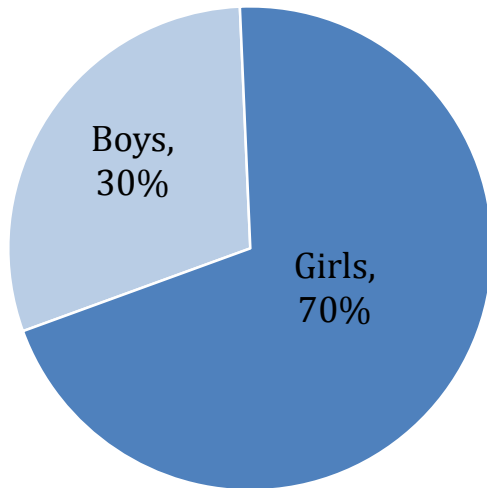
Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) is an increasing issue in the state and locally within our community. Our MDT works together to help identify and screen children for possible victimization. In the case that a child is a victim of DMST or CSEC, our center provides services for them and refers them for additional services as well.

Statistics

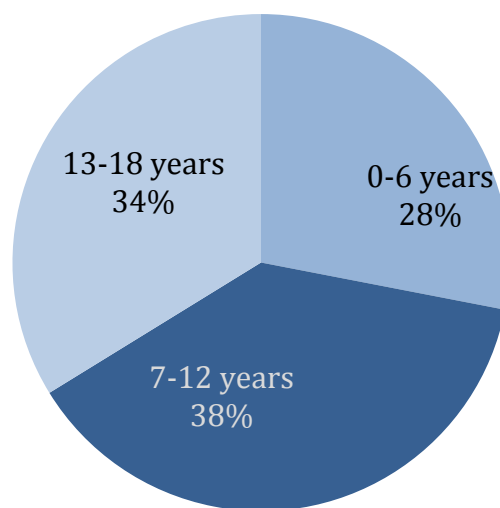


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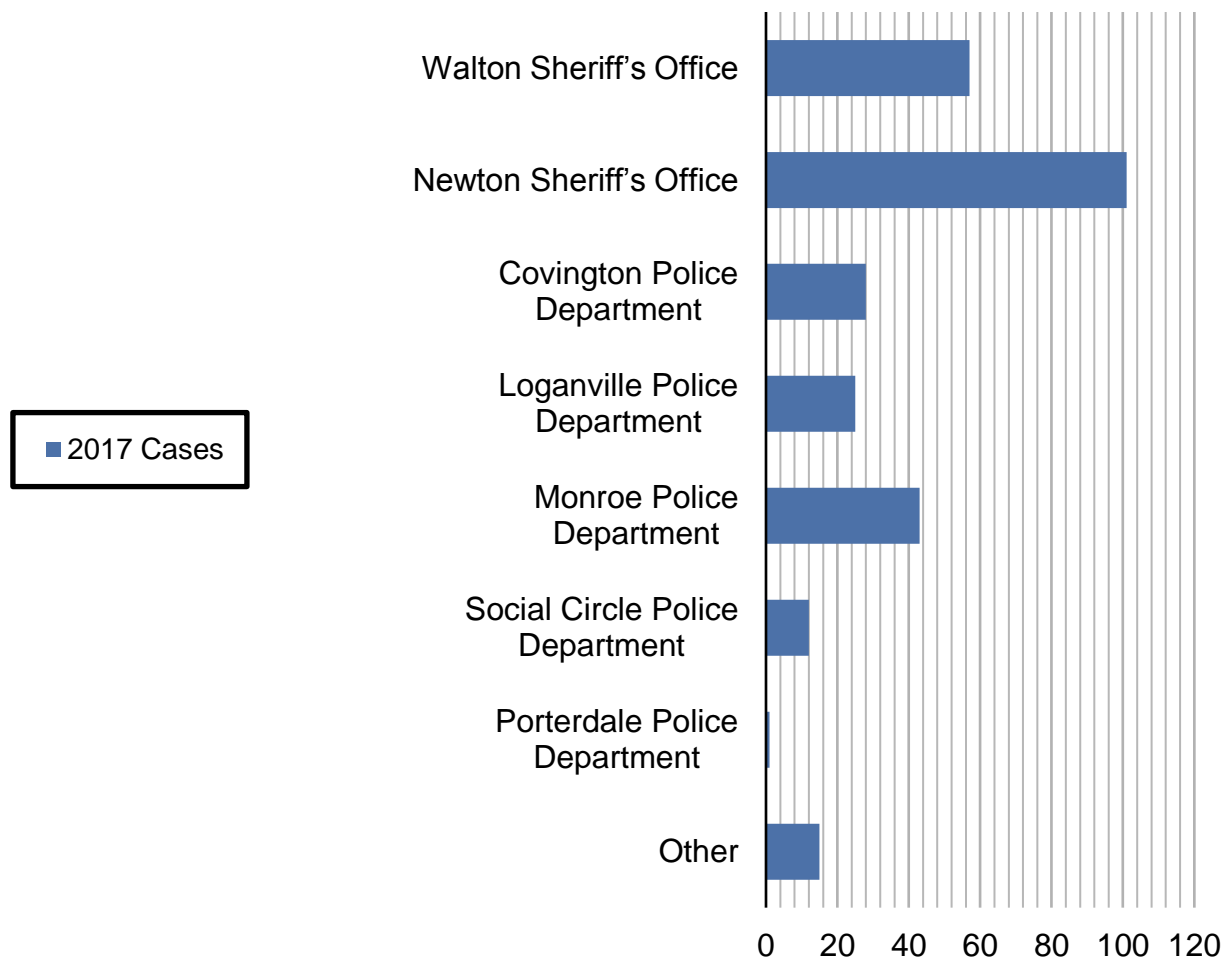
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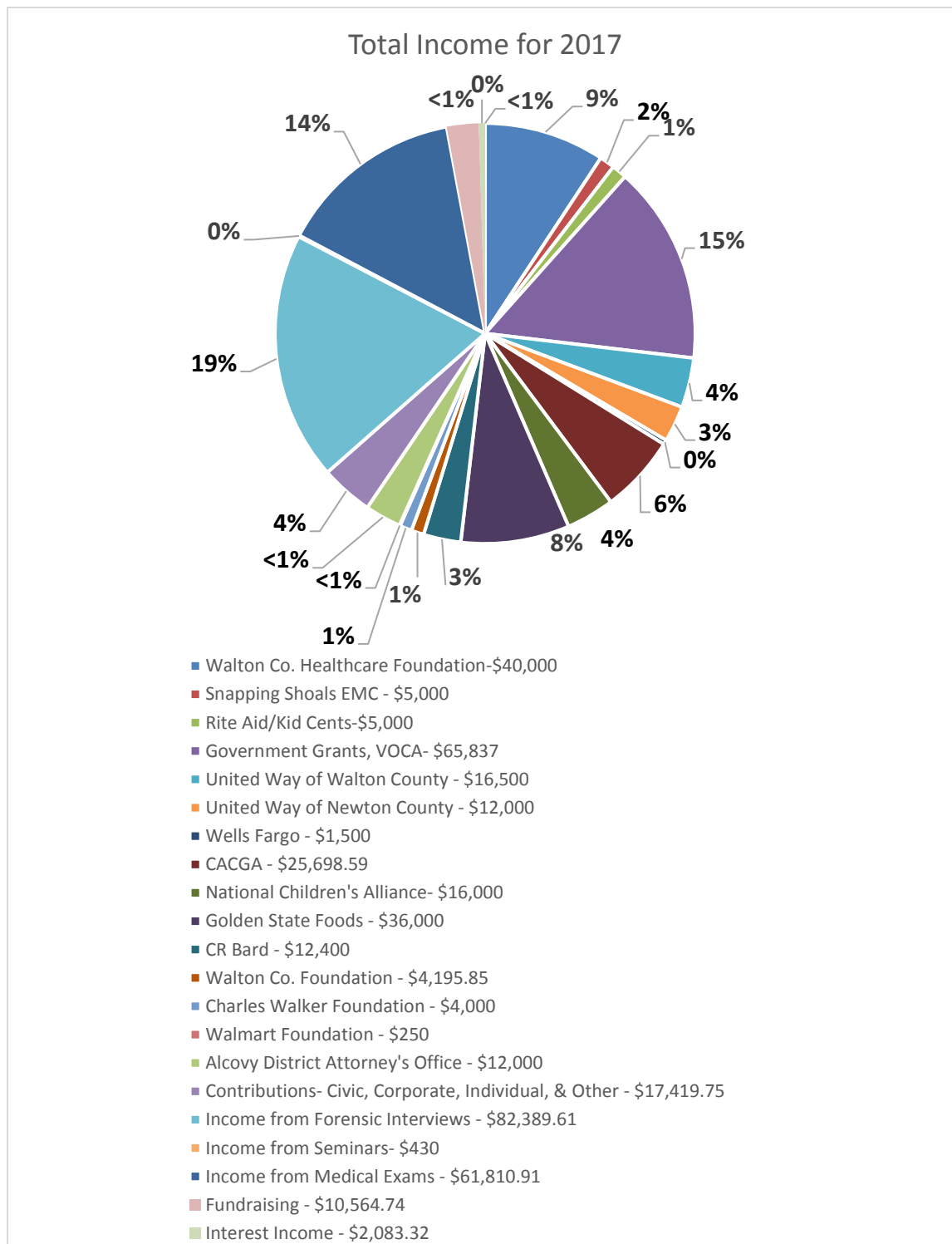
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Referring Agency Statistics



Financial Statistics



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Board of Directors

Amy Greenway, *Chairman* – LongView Wealth Management Financial Advisor



Amy Greenway graduated from Georgia College in 1992 with a degree in history and education and taught high school social studies before leaving to pursue a career in financial planning in 1999. She completed her CFP studies through the College of Financial Planning in 2011 and earned her CFP certification in 2012. She currently works as a Certified Financial Planner with LongView Wealth Management and has offices in both Madison and Loganville. Amy serves on the state board for Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia. She and her husband Derrell live at Lake Oconee where they are active in their church as well in a local Christian addiction ministry.

Lee Garrett, *Treasurer* - Liberty First Bank, Executive Vice President/CLO



Born in Monroe, Georgia December 28, 1969, Graduated from Loganville High School with honors in 1988, Graduated from the University of Georgia in 1992 with a bachelors degree in Business Administration, 2002 graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University. Currently, Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer at Liberty First Bank, Monroe, Georgia. Current Chairman of Trustees of the Walton County Foundation. Past Chairman and Board Member for the Walton County Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of Walton County. Member, Adult Sunday School Teacher and Deacon of First Baptist Church Monroe. Board Member and Treasurer of A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center. Middle School Basketball Coach at George Walton Academy. Member of the Monroe Rotary Club. 2013 recipient of the Walton County Chamber of Commerce JL McGarity Citizenship Award. 2015 Recipient of the Walton Tribune's Community Spirit Award. 2017 Voted Best Banker in Walton County by the readers of the Walton Tribune. A Graduate of Leadership Georgia 2012, Graduate of Leadership Athens 1998 and Leadership Walton 1995. Formerly, Senior Vice President and Community Executive with the National Bank of Walton County. Former President – Walton County Little League, Loganville Lion's Club, Kiwanis Club of Loganville, Member Athens Regional Medical Center Foundation Corporate Relations Committee. Former member and director of the Monroe and Athens Rotary Club, Athens Clinic for the Homeless Advisory Board, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Chairman of Ambassadors and member of the Business Council. Enjoys coaching youth sports, hunting, running, golf, and following University of Georgia athletics. Currently resides in Monroe with wife Lisa and two children Tripp, age 23 and Kendall age 17.

Sharon Queen, RN, *Co-Secretary* - Chief Nursing Executive, Clearview Regional Medical Center



Sharon Queen has been a nurse for more than thirty years specializing in Critical Care and Nursing Administration. She received her BS in Nursing and MBA at Georgia State University. She has served as Chief Nursing Executive for Clearview Regional Medical Center for the past ten years. Her primary focus in her role is patient safety and patient satisfaction. She is a member of First Baptist Church Monroe and lives in Monroe with her husband Hal. She also serves on the boards for The Partnership for Families, Children and Youth and Communities in School.

Tom Riermaier, *Co-Secretary* - Operations Manager for Wal-Mart DC



Tom Riermaier graduated from the University of the Ozarks in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in Sociology. He has worked with Wal-mart since 2005, and has had many different roles in the company, currently an operations manager for DC 6055. Tom worked with troubled adolescents from 1999 - 2001 in a Residential Treatment Center called Positive Impact located in Bahia de Kino, Mexico. Here Tom oversaw training of Milieu Managers and ran group therapy for adolescents in the program. He has taken an interest in the success of our youth in the community. Tom is a member of Athens Church, and lives in Bogart, Georgia with his wife Sommer, and two daughters, Cloe and Sky.



Sheriff Joe Chapman –Walton County

Joe Chapman is a veteran of both the United States Marine Corps and the Georgia Army National Guard. He retired from military service as a Company First Sergeant after over 20 years of service. He was previously the Chief of Detectives with the City of Monroe Police Department before being elected Sheriff of Walton County in 2004. He is currently a member of both the Georgia and National Sheriffs Associations. He has served on multiple other boards, such as the Lt. Governor's Safety Advisory Board, Congressman Rob Woodall's Military Academy Selection Board, and the Northeast Georgia Police Academy Advisory Board. He is involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and attends Centerhill Baptist Church. He lives in Walton County with his wife Tammy and has three sons, Jake, Josh, and Jordan.

Priscilla Faulkner, Psy.D. – Southeastern Psychological Associates



Dr. Priscilla Faulkner holds a bachelor degree in psychology from Converse College. She has a master's in psychology from Georgia College. She also has a master's and doctoral degree in clinical psychology from the Georgia School of Professional Psychology. She has been licensed to practice in Georgia since 1997. She has a special interest in attachment issues, trauma and foster/adoptive families and children. She is a lifelong resident of the Newton County area and is very committed to ensuring that the children of this rural community have all the emotional and behavioral health resources of those in a metro area. Dr. Faulkner is cofounder of Horse Time, Inc., a nonprofit equine facilitated mental health center, serves as the clinical director for Southeastern Psychological Associates, and is a staff psychologist for Social Empowerment Center, Inc.



Bob Furnad- Alcovy CASA

Bob Furnad is a 40-year veteran of broadcast news. He's covered seven presidents and 13 political conventions starting, and produced live coverage of events such as the fall of the Berlin Wall and the explosion of the Challenger. He spent 18 years at ABC and 17 at CNN, has consulted for TV news operations in Kuwait, India and Vietnam, and is the recipient of two George Foster Peabody Awards and two Emmys, among others. In 2001, Furnad joined the Grady School of Journalism at the University of Georgia as an Adjunct Associate Professor, teaching on and off until retiring in 2014. In 2005, Furnad founded FaithWorks, a ministry to assist families in financial emergency. In its first 4 years in operation over half-a-million dollars had been given to landlords and utility providers on behalf of FaithWorks clients. Furnad is currently a Court Appointed Special Advocate in Newton County.

Captain Ken Malcom- Covington Police Department



Captain Ken Malcom, MS, is more than a 32-year veteran of police work. He graduated from Troy University with a Master's of Science in Criminal Justice. He is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy and Clayton Regional Police Academy. Captain Malcom has been awarded the Police Star Award for his acts of bravery in a police shoot out. Ken was also awarded the 2003 National D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year. Ken Malcom serves as an adjunct professor for Georgia State University. Ken has been recognized as one of the top crime prevention educators in the state and now travels abroad to educate police officers on various U.S. police tactics. Captain Malcom is passionate about helping those in need in Covington Ga. His efforts with the Covington Police Fuzz Run and Covington Police Who Care has helped raise thousands of dollars that have been designated to help those in need in our city and county. Ken and his wife Lynn and family reside in Oxford Georgia.



Lisa Miller, M.D. – Lisa Miller Pediatrics PC

Dr. Lisa Miller graduated from Berry College in 1983 with her BA degree in Chemistry. She subsequently attended graduate school at the Georgia Institute of Technology and then went on to medical school at Wake Forest School of Medicine, graduating in 1991. Dr. Miller has practiced pediatrics in the Newton and Rockdale area since 1994. A staunch supporter of her community, she is the manager of the Pediatric Department at Newton Medical Center. Dr. Miller is a resident of Newton County. She is married to Mike Dauphin and has a high-school aged daughter, Gracie.



Chief Tyrone Oliver- Social Circle Police Department

Tyrone Oliver is a long-time resident of Newton County, GA. Chief Oliver then began his law enforcement career with Newton County Sheriff's Office in 1999 as a detention officer. After becoming a Deputy Sheriff, Chief Oliver was promoted to Sergeant and then Lieutenant. He was given the opportunity to work for several different divisions that allowed him the versatility to effectively and successfully serve the community. The journey through his law enforcement career with Newton County included positions held in Uniform Patrol, Community Outreach, the East Metro Drug Enforcement Team, Criminal Investigations, the Special Investigations Unit and the Crime Suppression Unit. He also served as the Public Information Officer. Oliver was one of the first to be hired for Brookhaven Police Department when the new city formed in 2013. He was hired as a Sergeant and later promoted to Lieutenant. He served as the Assistant Commander of Internal Affairs and Criminal Investigations. Chief Oliver is a graduate of Columbus

State University's Law Enforcement Professional Management Program. He successfully completed Leadership Newton County and Walton County, the F.B.I.'s Law Enforcement Executive Development Program and the F.B.I. Leadership Trilogy. Chief Oliver is also an active member in the Social Circle Rotary Club, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police and International Association of Chiefs of Police. Oliver is currently serving as a board member for A Child's Voice Child Advocacy Center, Inc, Communities in Schools Walton County, Advantage Behavioral Health Systems and Leadership Walton Alumni Association.



Natalie Roesler- Golden State Foods

Natalie Roesler received her bachelors in Food Science from the University of Nebraska in 2001. McCain Foods was her first employer in Appleton, WI where she worked as a Food Scientist and eventually moved into management of innovation. During her time with McCain she pursued an MBA through the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh, completing it in 2010. Natalie and her family relocated to Rome, GA in 2012 to take a position leading the New Product Development Team with Southeastern Mills, Inc. A few years later they relocated again to the Grayson, GA area when Natalie assumed a position in Conyers, GA with Golden State Foods. Natalie currently serves as the Senior Director of Product Development for Golden State Foods, leading innovation and technology in the areas of culinary, food science, packaging and commercialization. She is active with the GSF Foundation, a supporter of the Child Advocacy Center. She has served as the silent auction leader for the annual golf tournament fundraiser and also serves on the board for A Child's Voice. Natalie is married to her husband, Jake and they have two children together, Mercedes, 12, and Wyatt, 7.

Penny Shirley – Community Member



Penny Shirley graduated from North Georgia College and State University with a Bachelor's of Social Work. She was employed for over 20 years at the Walton County Department of Family and Children Services, where she worked as the Social Services Supervisor in child protective services. She is a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church in Monroe where she is a devoted Sunday school teacher. She has been an active member and previous Vice President of Walton County Little League. She lives in Social Circle.

Frank Turner, Jr. – Partner at Greer, Stanfield, & Turner, LLP



Frank B. Turner, Jr. is a partner in the Covington law firm of Greer, Stansfield & Turner, LLP where his practice focuses on local government law, economic development, estate planning, corporate law and real estate. Turner is a graduate of Washington & Lee University and Mercer University School of Law. Turner is a graduate of the Georgia Academy for Economic Development, Class of 2001, and Leadership Georgia, Class of 2004. Turner has served as chairman of the boards of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, the Georgia Housing and Finance Authority, the Covington Redevelopment Authority, the Newton County Land Trust, the Covington Historic Preservation Commission, and the Fowler Street Redevelopment Company, Inc. He is a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and sits on the boards of United Bank and the Newton County Industrial Development Authority. Turner and his wife Loy reside in their hometown of Covington where they are raising their three children.

Bill Walker – Executive Vice President, Legacy State Bank



Mr. Walker is Executive Vice President, Chief Lending Officer and Director for Legacy State Bank, located in Loganville, Georgia. Mr. Walker is a graduate of UGA with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In addition, he is a graduate of Emory University's Executive Management School. Mr. Walker has worked in the banking industry for 25 years and has held several management positions on both the retail and commercial side of banks in the Atlanta, Conyers and Loganville areas. Mr. Walker is a past board member and past President of the United Way of Walton County. In addition, he has been involved or held board positions with several other civic and community organizations including A Child's Voice Advocacy Center, the Walton County Chamber of Commerce, Loganville Downtown Business Council, Loganville Rotary Club, Conyers/Rockdale Chamber of Commerce - Leadership Rockdale & Ambassador, United Way Rockdale – Director and Loaned Executive, Rotary Club of

Rockdale – Director and Treasurer. Mr. Walker is a resident of Bogart, Georgia where he has a wife and two children and he is an active member of Athens First United Methodist Church.

Layla Zon - District Attorney, Alcovy Judicial Circuit



Layla H. Zon joined the District Attorney's office in July, 2000 and began prosecuting cases assigned to the courtroom in which she was assigned in Newton County. In 2003, Ms. Zon was promoted to Chief Assistant District Attorney for the Alcovy Judicial Circuit. Ms. Zon continued to prosecute all misdemeanor and felony offenses that were assigned to her before becoming the Major Felony Prosecutor responsible for prosecuting major cases including homicides, armed robberies, white collar crime, and special prosecutions. In August 2010, Ms. Zon was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to succeed William Kendall Wynne, Jr., the former District Attorney, when he was appointed the newest Superior Court Judge of the Circuit. Ms. Zon received a B.S. in Government from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia in 1996 and received her law degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia in 2000.

Thank You to Our 2017 Donors!

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Golden States Foods
Children's Advocacy Center of Georgia
National Children's Alliance
Walton County Healthcare Foundation
Alcovy District Attorney's Office
Walton County Foundation
Wells Fargo
CR Bard
Snapping Shoals EMC Trust
Walmart
Rite Aid/Kids Cents
And many more!

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