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HCFC Operates Through a Pandemic

"We could never have anticipated the challenges that presented this year," shared Vernon Hayes, CEO of Hope Center for Children (HCFC). "In February, when our campus suffered damage from an unseasonable tornado, we thought that could be our greatest challenge this year," Hayes continued.

Just weeks later, HCFC's senior leaders and Board of Directors elected to move the campus to a modified schedule to protect the health and wellness of staff and residential youth in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. The campus required tremendous adaptations to cleaning schedules and technology to accommodate both e-learning and virtual client meetings.

HCFC's residential youth fared as well as can be expected. "Youth were patient, but certainly were missing their friends and family," shared HCFC Director of Programs, Constance Keener. Additional challenges resulted from delayed or cancelled family court dates as well as moving all family visits to virtual platforms. On the community-based program side, including therapy, all Family Specialists began delivering services through virtual platforms like Zoom and FaceTime. "The most important part of the precautionary changes was ensuring that no service skipped a beat," noted Hayes.

Since the onset of COVID-19, HCFC served 403 parents and children! "The dedication shown by HCFC's frontline workers to meet the needs of families, despite health risks and restrictions, is incredible," noted Molly Moyer, Director of Development.

Moyer also expressed appreciation for the donors and foundations who continued to give, despite challenging economic times. She concluded by sharing, "For HCFC to continue to operate at full capacity for the remainder of 2020, we will need donors giving \$1 to \$10,000 to ensure that children are safe throughout the holiday season and into the new year."



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Building stable, healthy families and providing children a safe place from abuse and neglect.

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HCFC Launches New Website Design

In 2018, Arrowhead Design Company created The 501 Project through which they award one non-profit organization that they feel is making a huge difference with a completely new, top-of-the-line website. Hope Center for Children is excited to be the 2020 recipient of this incredible award!

Check out the new site design at www.hopecfc.org!



In-Kind Donation Update

Many people have asked recently if Hope Center for Children accepts clothing donations. **Due to pandemic precautions, we are not accepting clothing unless we have a particular need.** We are currently accepting new or gently used winter coats or jackets for children and teens. We always need paper products, disinfectant wipes/sprays, hygiene items, and free & clear laundry detergent.

For more information about our in-kind donation needs, please contact Alisha Morrow at amorrow@hopecfc.org or visit <https://hopecfc.org/donate/>.

Donations may be dropped off at our administration building Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9 am and 1 pm.

Thank you to these generous funders for 2020 grant awards:

4imprint

In-Kind print materials

AFL

Food for our residential programs

Allegra

In-Kind print materials

Broad River Electric Co-op

Support toward sprinkler system in FH

Levine Foundation

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Upgrade building security and access control systems

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COVID relief funding

Spartanburg Regional Foundation

COVID relief funding

St. John's Lutheran Endowment

TLP program funds

United Way Volunteer Service Commission

Volunteer insurance and background fingerprinting

Servant Leadership in Action

Since its inception in 1897, the Kappa Delta (KD) Sorority's philanthropic mission has evolved to raising funds and awareness for the prevention of child abuse on a national level. Wofford College's chapter has been committed to fulfilling this mission since first partnering with Hope Center for Children in 2009. To date, the KDs have raised over \$173,000 to prevent child abuse and neglect in Spartanburg County.

"Working with Hope Center for Children has been one of the best parts of my college experience," recalls Wofford Senior, Anna Grace Ellett. As a leader within Wofford's Kappa Deltas, Anna Grace has grown and organized extremely successful fundraisers and taken the philanthropy aspect of giving back to her community to a new level in the last four years. This seems to be a reciprocal relationship as Ellett reports that, "Every interaction with (HCFC) staff and residents leaves you feeling empowered, fulfilled, and hopeful for the future of the individuals that they encounter. The philanthropy events that KD holds are always successful monetarily, but also because every time there is someone that leaves with more questions or more passion about Hope Center and their mission."



Hope Center for Children is grateful for the contributions Anna Grace has made to our programs, the Kappa Delta Sorority, as well as the Spartanburg community. Typically in the fall of each year, HCFC partners with the Association of Fundraising Professionals to nominate an individual who has given of their time to raise funds benefiting our programs and services. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no formal recognition event was held this year, however, we would like to individually recognize Anna Grace Ellett as Hope Center for Children's **Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year**.

As HCFC looks forward to working with Wofford College's Kappa Deltas in the future, we hope that Anna Grace's legacy of practical fundraising and her big heart for children's safety will live on for many years.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

YOU can make the holiday season extra special this year for a child in need!

- ❄ Sponsor a holiday wish list for a child or family in our care.
- ❄ Give money or gift cards for the holidays, and we'll ensure each child has a memorable experience, even if they arrive in our care a few days, or even hours, before a holiday.
- ❄ Donate a meal during Thanksgiving or Christmas breaks.

Contact Maddi Currier at mcurrier@hopecfc.org or (864) 583-7688 ext. 134 for more information.

#GIVINGTUESDAY

DECEMBER 1, 2020

Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday ... **Save the date for Giving Tuesday!**

Giving Tuesday began in 2012, its goal to encourage a shift away from consumerism and instead focus on collective giving toward needs in local communities. Fueled by the power of social media and collaboration, small individual gifts result in large local impact. This year at Hope Center for Children, your gift will go directly toward providing one of the most basic needs for youth who are in foster care and who reside at HCFC: food.

We can do this together, but we need your help! This #GivingTuesday HCFC is raising funds to provide 2 months of meals for our residents. The first priority for youth who come into our care is to make them feel safe and loved, and providing routine, healthy meals is a major part of delivering that top quality care. 2020 has been a year like no other; changes in school, family visitations, and their ability to see friends has added extra challenges for our youth as they spend much more time at home learning, lounging, and lunching! Extended e-learning and limited outings have resulted in months of unexpected meals and a strain on our food budget.



Join us December 3, 2020 as we raise #fundsforfood and stand up for youth in foster care to ensure they have daily balanced meals.

Mark your calendars for #GivingTuesday, and make sure to like/follow Hope Center for Children on Facebook or Instagram. For more information or to get involved early, contact Maddi Currier at mcurrier@hopecfc.org.



Sadly, due to restrictions associated with COVID-19, Hope Center for Children had to cancel our traditional Tailgate Trot. We came up with a creative alternative this year offering our beloved community a way to enjoy a home-based tailgate while benefitting programs to help children and families - **Tailgate Trot 2020: Home Edition!**

Thanks to all who purchased a Tailgate Trot Home Edition box, and to all of our local partners who helped us put it together and fill it with fun surprises.

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