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Federal Legislation Has Local Impact

In the 2018 federal budget, a resolution was passed titled the **Families First Preservation Services Act**. In this national order, dollars which have previously been appropriated to residential foster care facilities, like Hope Center for Children, will be redistributed to promote child abuse prevention. We can all agree that it is wonderful to live in a country that believes in prevention and in protecting children, but the implementation of such legislative change brings with it challenges for local non-profits.

Each state has been charged with creating a plan for using these designated dollars to protect our most vulnerable children, and to partner with qualified providers to accomplish the mission. All of these implementations are to be complete by **October 2021**. South Carolina's Director of DSS assembled a team of state-level officials as well as providers from around the state to guide the implementation process. Hope Center for Children's CEO, Vernon Hayes, was selected for the committee. "Representing our organization and children in this way is a responsibility which

I take very seriously, and I am proud to give a voice to HCFC's clients," shared Hayes.

In preparation for the upcoming mandates, HCFC began adapting and reinforcing programming to ensure sustainability. Two residential services for youth in foster care have been modified – **Faucette House** will serve teens who need a higher level of support, and **Anchor House** will serve teens who need skill development as they transition into adulthood. HCFC's third residential program, **Transitional Living**, will continue to serve homeless youth and those aging out of foster care.

HCFC is well positioned to manage the increased expectations for prevention services with three community-based programs in place: Empowering Families, Positive Parenting Program, and Clinical Services (therapy). Each program is well established and using evidence-based models. "All residential youth are doing well, and we are proud to offer a safe, stable environment where kids can enjoy happy, healthy childhoods," Hayes noted as he reflected on HCFC's progress.



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Current Needs

For Summer:

- New swim suits, male and female (adult sizes S, M, L, XL)
- New beach towels
- Sunscreen

General:

- New bath towels
- New pillows
- Visa gift cards
- Restaurant gift cards

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

Thank you to these generous funders for grant awards:

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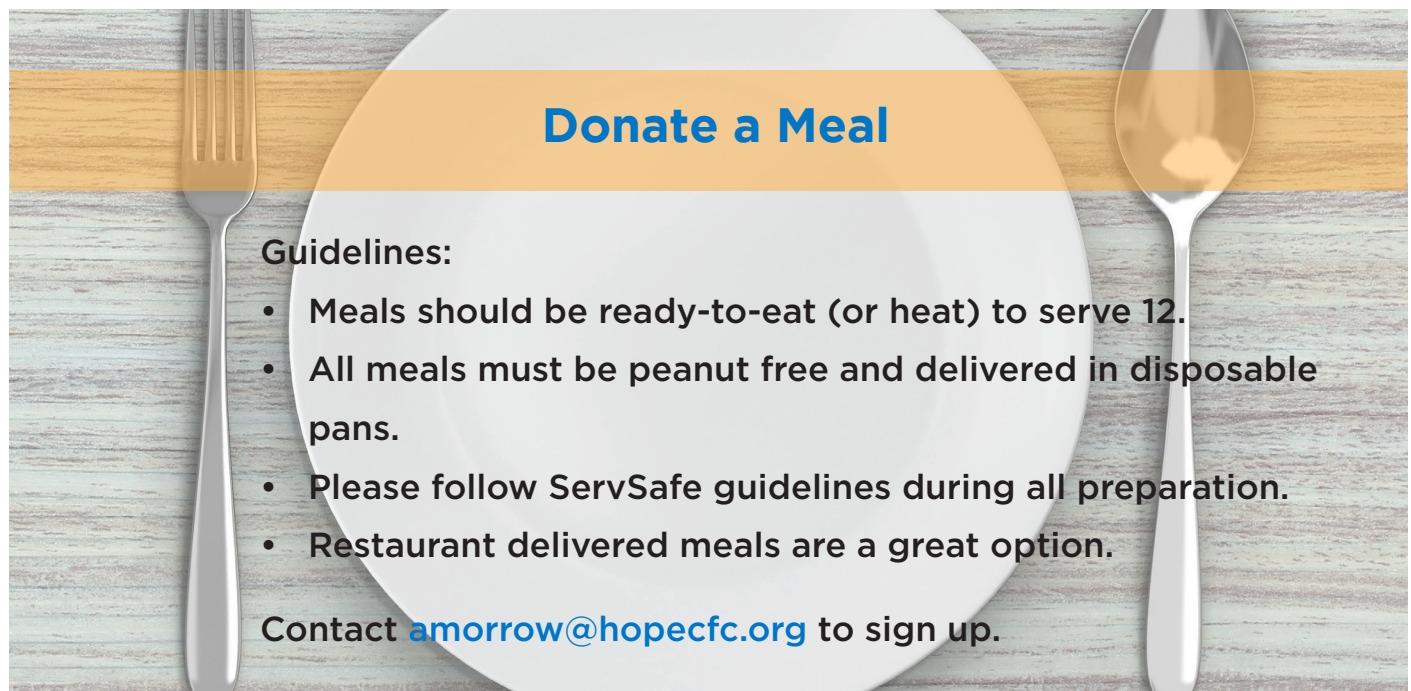
Faucette House Kitchen Update

Thanks to generous grants, financial gifts, and donations the Faucette House kitchen renovation is well underway, with an anticipated completion date of July 5! “A lot of work and consideration went into creating a kitchen space that is open, inviting, and life-giving for the residents and staff at Faucette House. To now see it coming to life is very gratifying,” says Michael Brown, HCFC Facilities and Safety Supervisor.

The newly designed space will add much needed sight lines from the kitchen to the dining and living areas of the home, and update many of the dated and hard to use appliances. People often think of the kitchen as the heartbeat of the home; the new design and layout create a warm and inviting place for youth during their time at HCFC. Faucette House residents will have the opportunity to learn to prep and prepare meals, cook for special celebrations or just because, and interact with staff in the kitchen in a more communal, familial setting – all things not previously possible due to the old kitchen’s layout and location. In addition to mealtimes, the eat-in counter will add a great space for homework, setting out snacks, or a quick chat over breakfast.

“We want to create an atmosphere where youth are able to relax and feel comfortable – we know each child who comes to us has been through unimaginable pain – even more than we realize. We can’t change that, but we can give them a home-like place to process, build healthy attachments, and move toward healing,” shares Faucette House Supervisor Taylor Thompson. “If this new space contributes even a small portion to that healing process, it is worth it.”

Want to help by donating a meal for Faucette House residents during the renovation? Please contact amorrow@hopefcf.org to set up a date and time that works for you. Thanks for supporting health and stability for youth in Spartanburg!



Donate a Meal

Guidelines:

- Meals should be ready-to-eat (or heat) to serve 12.
- All meals must be peanut free and delivered in disposable pans.
- Please follow ServSafe guidelines during all preparation.
- Restaurant delivered meals are a great option.

Contact amorrow@hopefcf.org to sign up.

Next up: Anchor House Kitchen Renovation

Did you enjoy helping Faucette House with meals?
Can't help right now, but would love to later on?
Another opportunity is right around the corner!



Thank you to everyone who joined in on our virtual event, Quarantinis! We hope you had as much fun as we did following along with a cocktail expert from Heirloom: A Milltown Eatery and hearing about Hope Center for Children updates. Thanks to your generous support, Anchor House's new van was fully funded!

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