



### **SPRING 2022**

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Hope Center for Children is excited to announce our partnership in Hello Family. Hello Family serves parents and caregivers with children ages 5 and under by helping answer questions about a child's development, offering support, and connecting parents to resources and services. Hello Family seeks to improve the outcomes for young children and their families in the city of Spartanburg. Through this exciting initiative, local partners hope to improve birth outcomes and early childhood health and development, reduce avoidable emergency room visits, reduce the incidences of child abuse and neglect, and increase school readiness.

Our involvement in Hello Family will be providing parenting support to families by delivering Triple P (Positive Parenting Program). Triple P is an evidenced-based multi-level model that is designed to equip parents with tools and strategies that enhance the knowledge, skills, and confidence of parents in order to prevent behavioral, emotional, and developmental problems in children and adolescents. While Triple P is a parenting program, it doesn't tell you how to be a parent. It's more like a toolbox of ideas. Because all families are different, you choose the strategies you need and the way you want to use them.

HCFC has been delivering Triple P for over ten years, offering all levels in order to meet the individualized needs of parents and caregivers. Levels range from a light touch providing general parenting information to more intense sessions to address more critical needs. We recognize that parenthood is the most important and rewarding job, as well as the most difficult job. We understand that every parent has challenges and every parent needs some support sometimes.

"HCFC is delighted to be a resource within Hello Family. We hope that providing Triple P to more families will have a positive impact on the level of engagement that parents have with their children," shares Angela Talley-Robinson, HCFC's Healthy Families Initiative Director.

#### For more on Hello Family:

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#### For more on Triple P:

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# Kitchens, Take Two!

Hope Center for Children will begin a renovation of the dual kitchen spaces in Anchor House in a few short weeks, thanks to funding from Spartanburg County CDBG, Timken Foundation, Fortune Foundation, and Broad River Co-op. Anchor House serves as a long-term group foster home for teenage girls and sibling groups and can serve up to 14 youth at one time. As part of HCFC's commitment to using evidence-based models, Anchor House utilizes the Teaching-Family Model. The planned updates will be pivotal in allowing staff to engage youth in building essential life skills, providing opportunities for teaching interactions, and creating a homelike environment for all youth during the duration of their stay.

The mirrored setup allows teen girls to occupy one side of the home and boys and siblings to occupy the other. "Teague Studio is thrilled to work with Hope Center for Children on the renovation of two kitchens to serve the residents of Anchor House," shares owner Meghan Teague. "The renovation will provide significant improvements to the function of the kitchens with a reconfigured layout that makes the most of the building's existing space, maximizes storage, integrates laundry, and helps the kitchen to best function with high use by multiple children on a regular basis."

Simultaneously renovating both spaces is a fiscally responsible approach to the renovation, but it will present some challenges. The project will take place over four months, during which time both kitchens will be out of commission. We will have some space in the administration building for small meals (breakfasts, sandwiches, etc.), but we need your help! HCFC is looking for volunteers to provide pre-cooked meals for our staff and youth to get us through the main construction period. Want to help, but can't commit to a whole meal for so many? Donate a restaurant gift card. These can be pooled together for meals. A few of our residents' favorites are Chik-Fil-A, Zaxby's, and Olive Garden.

## **Donate a Meal**

#### Guidelines:

Meals should be ready-to-eat or heat to serve 18. 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 Lsmith@hopecfc.org to sign up.

# **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. In Spartanburg County, 622 cases of abuse and neglect were reported in 2021. In the effort to reduce the number of cases in our community, Hope Center for Children will continue to connect with and educate our community on ways to recognize and prevent child abuse and neglect, and help increase protective factors for families. We believe that **everyone** can play a role in building safe, stable families and environments for children to thrive.

#### **Get Involved:**



Like/Follow us on social media and be on the lookout for our virtual Child Abuse Prevention Month activities!



Join us at Spartanburg's **Music on Main on April 14** to help plant a pinwheel garden and raise awareness about child abuse prevention.

# HCFC 2021 Outcomes

492 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

This is a 44% increase over the prior year! 98% were served through our prevention programming.

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FAMILIES SERVED

**CHILDREN SERVED** 

#### **RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS**

**100%** of youth in Faucette House and Anchor House attended school regularly and visited regularly with appropriate family

100% of youth in our Transitional Living Program felt their housing was safe and were connected with a primary care physician

#### **COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS**

100% of families who completed Triple P services improved nurturing and knowledge of child development and parenting

**100%** of families who completed Empowering Families services showed a reduction in risk factors

# Thank you to these generous funders for grant awards:

**Duke Energy Foundation** Transitional Living Program

**ScanSource** Residential programs

Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina Transitional Living Program

**Timken Foundation** Renovation of two kitchen spaces in Anchor House

#### **United Way**

Residential programs, academic support for residents, and Triple P in Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties.

# **Current Needs**

#### General:

- Sunscreen
- New towels
- New bathing suits (for teens)
- · 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/.

# Join Our Team

Check out our website to see employment opportunities at Hope Center for Children! Click **Get Involved** on the menu, then **Employment**.

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Our annual Tinis & Tapas will be held March 19, 2022 at a new venue, Indigo Hall! Your support at events like this makes it possible for Hope Center for Children to continue to provide care for families and children in our community.

- ★ Live music
- ★ Movie-themed Tinis stations and cocktails
- ★ Selection of beer & wine

- ★ Tapas-style food
- ★ Auction and raffle

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# SAVE THE DATE **8/20/22**

We are so excited to celebrate in person again at Indigo Hall!

More details to come ...

