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**PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY LOCAL AND STATEWIDE
NONPROFIT AGENCIES**

American Cancer Society

This nationwide community-based volunteer health organization is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service. Contact: 770.297.1176

American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is a national health agency whose mission is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and strokes.

Contact: 1-888-352-3824 ext.6063

Georgia Firefighters' Burn Foundation

Established in 1982, the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation has touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of people. Programs include Camp Oo-U-La, Georgia's only camp exclusively for burn injured children ages six to seventeen. The GFBF also educates the public in burn awareness and prevention through numerous educational programs. The GFBF also serves as a support for medical facilities and regional trauma centers in treatment of burn injuries, working closely with Grady Memorial Hospital's Burn Center and the Joseph M. Still Burn Center in Augusta. Contact: 404.320.6223 www.gfbf.org

Georgia Sheriffs Youth Homes

Founded in 1956, the Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes serves over 150 Children on four residential campuses, and hundreds of children in its camping program. The Georgia Sheriffs' Youth Homes provides quality long term care and a safe environment for children between the ages of six and sixteen, who have been abandoned, neglected, and abused. It is the goal of Georgia Sheriffs' to continue to provide the best possible care for the abused and neglected children in Georgia.

Contact: 770.914.1076 www.georgiasheriffsyouth.org

PROGRAMS FUNDED THROUGH THE UNITED WAY OF HALL COUNTY

For more information about United Way of Hall County, log on to

www.unitedwayhallcounty.org

2-1-1 Information Line

United Way's 2-1-1 is an easy-to-remember number to connect anyone in Hall County to the help they need. 2-1-1 is the one number to call when you need information about available services or referrals for a crisis situation. Dialing 2-1-1 eliminates the confusion and frustration of searching for appropriate help. For calls from outside Hall County or from cell phones, dial 770.534.0617. You may also access information 24 hours a day, seven days a week online at www.211uwhc.org **Alliance for Literacy** The mission of the

Alliance for Literacy is to foster increased literacy in Gainesville/Hall County by promoting education for adults in basic skills, reading, English as a Second Language and GED preparation. The Alliance also seeks to break the cycle of illiteracy through comprehensive family learning programs. In 04-05, 3935 students received literacy support services through the Adult Learning Center sites. Contact: 770.531.4337

www.allianceforliteracy.org

American Red Cross, N.E. GA Chapter The Northeast Georgia Chapter, American Red Cross provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond o emergencies. Red Cross provides training in a full range of health and safety courses such as CPR and First Aid, Aquatics, Life guarding, Babysitting, and HIV/Aids education. More than 300 Red Cross volunteers in Hall County are ready to assist with blood drives, disaster response and various educational programs. Red Cross mobilized over 390 volunteers to provided emergency communication, food, shelter, counseling, and/or financial assistance to 1100 Hurricane Katrina families. Contact: 770.532.8453 or www.negaredcross.org

Boys and Girls Club of Hall County Boys and Girls Clubs of Hall County offer a comprehensive youth development program with structured homework time and tutoring, arts and cultural enrichment and leadership/citizenship development. Children and teens are served at 4 sites – the Downey Street Club which includes the new Teen Center and the community centers in the three Gainesville housing projects. Plans are underway to construct a new club to serve the Lyman Hall area. The Club serves over 350 Children per day through its many programs. 89% of Boy's and Girls Clubs daily members are on free or reduced lunch and an equal percentage of member's families live below the US government poverty level.

Contact: 770.532.8102. or www.boysgirlsclubs.com

Boys Scouts of America

Boys Scouts of America is a youth development program with the goal of instilling values that will enable youth to become successful and make ethical choices. Over 2800 young people in Hall County were served during 04/05 through the Northeast Georgia Council. A record, 30 Scouts received their Eagle Awards which provided 30 special community projects throughout Hall County. Contact: 706.693.2446 or www.nega-bsa.org

CASA-Court Appointed Special Advocate CASA's mission is to provide a safe, permanent home for the children they serve. They provide trained, screened, and supervised community volunteers to advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children whose situations require court intervention. Children range in age from newborn to 18. The program provides a "voice" for children by representing the best interest of the children before the court, social services, and community service providers thus assuring that all abused children have the right to an appropriate placement and a permanent, safe home. Last year, CASA advocated for 514 children of which 75% suffered neglect due to parental substance abuse.

Contact: 770.531.1964 or www.charityadvantage.com/hdcasa

Center Point

Center Point provides counseling, support, and guidance fro children, adolescents and parents throughout Hall County. Through group work in the schools, middle school students do goal setting, learn problem solving and are exposed to community service. The Safe Relationships Program helps 9th grade students make good choices about their heath, studies, and relationships.

Counseling and support groups help children deal with stress associated with family separation or divorce, illness or death. The Mentoring Program provides role models for at risk students, encourage increased self-esteem and academic achievement; the goal is to prevent students from dropping out of school. Last year, Center Point implements the Life skills program through their Power Teams in 6 middle schools throughout the Gainesville and Hall County school systems. Contact: 770.535.1050 or www.centerpointgainesville.com

Challenged Child and Friends

Challenged Child and Friends has been serving children, ages birth to six years, with developmental delays, disabilities, and at risk characteristics since 1983. The program was inspired by the outreach of an occupational therapist to a family with a preschooler who had been struck by a car and seriously injured. Over 20 years later, that child is now a member of the board of directors of the agency and a contributing member of society. Children with special needs receive state of the art early intervention services including physical, occupational and speech therapy, nursing, infant stimulation, and preschool special education. The agency has pediatric expertise with a wide range of conditions including cerebral palsy, spinal bifida, autism, Down syndrome, hearing and vision impairments, and seizure disorder. Parents obtain skills, information and emotional support throughout their child's enrollment. Children who have typical development are also enrolled providing a natural environment where children with and without disabilities can grow and learn together. Contact: 770.535.8372 or www.challengedchild.org

Children's Center For Hope & Healing

The Family Relations Program, Inc. has a mission to break the cycle of child sexual abuse and prevent the victimization of children. The agency has four distinct but interrelated programs: Victim Services - comprehensive assessment and treatment of sexually abused children and their families; Project Pathfinder – assessment and treatment for children who are acting out sexually and sex offending teenagers; Women's Services – assessment and referrals for women who are adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse and Prevention Education – education and training for children and adults in schools and the community. Contact: 770.532.6530 or www.hopeandhealingga.org

Gateway House Nationwide, battering is the leading cause of injury to women in the United States, more than rape, mugging and auto accidents combined. Gateway House provides shelter, crisis intervention and comprehensive support services for victims of domestic violence. The shelter is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition to food and shelter, each guest is provided with emergency medical supplies, personal care items and clothing as needed. In August, 2001 Gateway's Transitional Housing Program opened three apartment units to assist families moving from emergency shelter to independent living. To date, 16 families have successfully transitioned into permanent housing and home environment free of violence. Contact: 770.539.9080 or www.gatewayhouse.org

Girl Scout of America Through Girl Scouts, girls 5-17 build character and skills for success in the real world. Focus is on strong values, social conscience and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. Girl Scouts has increased its emphasis on reaching "hard to serve girls" by developing non-traditional ways to bring scouting to girls. Contact: 770.536.8656

Good News Clinic Providing primary health, dental, eye care, and pharmaceutical assistance to those who are medically indigent is the mission of the Good News Clinics. In their new site, GNC and its staff of seven full-time paid employees and over 115 volunteer physicians, nurses, dentists, technicians, interpreters, receptionist, dental assistants, dental hygienists, and pharmacists were able to provide 22,425 patient visits during 04/05.
Contact: 770.503.1369 or www.goodnewsclinics.org

Guest House The Guest House is an adult day health care center for the frail adults and senior citizens, which promotes independence and well being. Services provided by The Guest House help avoid premature nursing home placement and provide respite for caregivers. Health monitoring, social services and activities for the frail elderly and supportive services for caregiver families are provided. A monthly Alzheimer's Support Group is offered to families in the community. The Guest House believes that the older adult is a person of worth and value and has the potential for continued growth and active participation in life. Contact: 770.535.1487 or www.theguesthouse.org

Hands on Hall A funded program of United Way, Hands on Hall promotes volunteerism and engages individuals, organizations and businesses in a variety of meaningful and flexible volunteer service opportunities.
Contact: 2-1-1 or 770.535.7766 or www.unitedwayhallcounty.org/donate/volunteer.asp

Rape Response Rape Response provides crisis intervention services to adolescent and adult victims of sexual assault and prevention education in middle and high schools designed to decrease the instance of this violent crime. Contact: 770.503.7273 or www.raperesponse.com

Salvation Army For many, the Salvation Army provides a social safety net of services, meeting the most basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. For those who are homeless or transient, housing, hot meals, and laundry facilities are provided, along with encouragement and support. Others are helped with food, rent and utility assistance, and prescription medication. Clients may receive job and housing referrals, translation services, and training in immigration and naturalization issues. Food and toys are provided to needy families at Christmas.
Contact: 770.534.2305 or www.tsagac.org

Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. Sometimes "Helping Children Become Successful Adults" means helping them make good choices about sexual activity. We know that teen mothers are more likely to deliver low birth weight babies, be abandoned by the fathers of their children, not graduate from high school, depend on public assistance, and receive little child support. The mission of Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. is to address the issue of teenage pregnancy and its prevention by providing comprehensive and age-appropriate prevention programming, counseling, support services, and community education and awareness.
Contact: 770.535.7066 or www.tppinc.org