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*Human Services*

# HIGHLIGHTS

*from 2022*



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DEKALB COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have now entered into 2023 but we want to take a moment to highlight the impact of the services and resources provided by the DeKalb Human Services Department. In 2022 we continued our commitment to providing individuals and families access to services that promote self-sufficiency, independence, and protect the county's vulnerable children and adults, even with the challenges we face globally. With these contributions our ability to help the community thrive is stronger than ever.

These moments are a reflection and celebration of our mission to support the development of safe families, neighborhoods and communities for the citizens of DeKalb. We finished 2022 strong- with no gaps in our service delivery. We look forward to all that we will accomplish in the months ahead.

Damon Scott, Director  
DeKalb Human Services Department



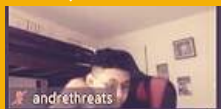
# 1

Human Services established a new partnership with Georgia State University, School of Social Work and collaborated with their graduate interns to develop new strategies for youth services.




# 2

The Department's Office of Youth Services partnered with Morehouse College to enhance the mentorship components of our R.I.S.E. UP Program for DeKalb County male youth, grades 6-12. R.I.S.E. UP is supported with funding by Commissioner Steve Bradshaw, District 4, Reserve for Allocation Funding.





# 3



DeKalb County received \$1 million in funding for the DeKalb Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Grant initiative. The grant, administered by Human Services, partners with local nonprofits that provide youth violence prevention and intervention strategies.



The Department held a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the newly constructed East DeKalb Senior Center at Bruce Street in Lithonia.

The new 16,000-square-foot facility features a multipurpose room and dining hall with stage, classrooms, an aerobics studio, and a game room.





# 5

The Department continued its Virtual Village: Senior Center Without Walls, an online class platform, while also hosting engagement and outreach efforts for its seniors during Older Americans Month and National Senior Center Month; and hosting food, clothing and toy drives to collect items for those in need.

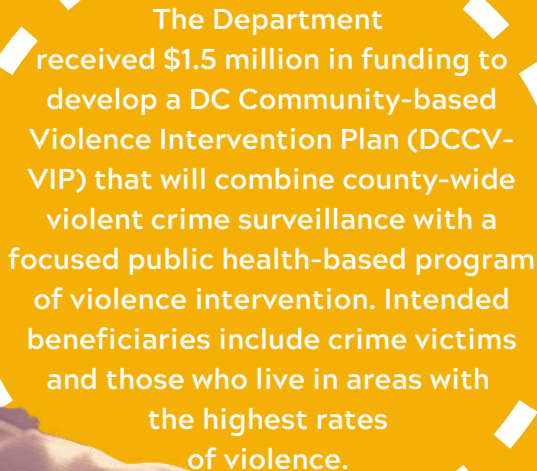




The Human Services Grant  
Program awarded over \$600,000  
in grants to 55 non-profits to  
supplement existing programs  
and activities that address  
community needs in DeKalb.







The Department received \$1.5 million in funding to develop a DC Community-based Violence Intervention Plan (DCCV-VIP) that will combine county-wide violent crime surveillance with a focused public health-based program of violence intervention. Intended beneficiaries include crime victims and those who live in areas with the highest rates of violence.





The Department hosted community events focused on health, fitness and resources. In partnership with the DeKalb County Board of Health we provided free COVID-19 vaccinations, booster shots and flu vaccinations; and glucose and high blood pressure screenings.

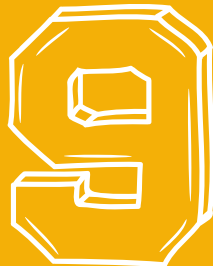


#### Adult health

- Breast and cervical cancers
- Dental health
- Family planning\*\*
- Immunizations
- Refugee health
- Ryan White Early Care (HIV/AIDS)
- Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
- Travel medicine\*\*\*
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Women's health



The DeKalb Housing Rental Assistance Program provided \$25k in rent & utility assistance to 34 families. The program, held in partnership with District 7 Commissioner Lorraine Cochran Johnson, assisted residents living in District 7, who were impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic for the purpose of Emergency Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance.



A close-up photograph of a woman and a young child with dark skin and curly hair. The woman is on the left, smiling broadly, looking towards the child. The child is on the right, looking back at the woman. The background is a solid bright yellow.

# 10

The Department assisted over 1,000 families through the MIECHV (Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting) Program. MIECHV supports the Georgia Home Visiting Program and provides voluntary, evidence-based home visiting programs for pregnant women and families with children through kindergarten entry.

# 11

The Department's Office of Youth Services partnered with Soccer in the Streets to host their grand opening for its location at Kensington MARTA Station. The goal is to build a League of Stations to overcome the transportation hurdles that limit accessibility to soccer.

