

THE CONNECTOR- QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



It is with sincere excitement that we present to you the Elks Aidmore quarterly newsletter, the "Connector". It is our hope that this newsletter will provide our stakeholders with up-to-date information on our programs and the services we are providing to the children, youth, and families that we serve. It is also our hope to keep you informed about upcoming events and opportunities to support Elks Aidmore.



GREETINGS FROM THE CEO'S DESK DR. VICKEY HALE

Elks Aidmore's mission "To provide youth and families in crisis with the necessary skills and resources to help heal their hearts, restore their hopes and rebuild their lives." has driven the work we do every day for the last 29

years. It is this same mission that gives us purpose, commitment, and determination to make a difference. While the leadership of this agency has shifted with Abe's retirement, the quality of work we do daily will not shift.

We are just as devoted and intentional about the work that needs to be done to fulfill our mission.

Children's lives are impacted by the work that we do at Elks Aidmore. Our staff in all programs are challenged to continue learning new and innovative ways to connect, interact and meet the needs of the children and families in our care. We are transforming the lives of children, adults, and families. What an awesome responsibility to have and I am thankful for the opportunity.

HEALING HEARTS

RESTORING HOPES

REBUILDING LIVES

WELCOME COO DR. KIM WOODS



Kimberlee A. Woods, PhD, LMSW has lived most of her life in servitude.

Her passion is advocating for those who cannot advocate for themselves. Her post-Master's practice experience began working with children who were in the custody of the Georgia Department of Family and Children's Services and has moved into roles that worked with the same population in the private sector for over 10 years. Dr. Woods functioned in leadership roles with two different private therapeutic foster care agencies. The first as a supervisor for four years and the second as a Regional & State Director. Dr. Woods has also worked with individuals who have intellectual and/or developmental disabilities with the state agency, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). She has maintained licensure in the state of Georgia since 2009. Dr. Woods serves on the Board of Directors for Decatur Cooperative Ministries and is an Adjunct Professor for Clark Atlanta University.

WHO DO WE SERVE AND WHERE DO THEY COME FROM

We are receiving referrals and serving children from all 14 DFCS Regions.

Region 1:

Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Gordon, Murray, Pickens, Walker, Whitfield

Region 2:

Banks, Dawson, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Lumpkin, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White

Region 3:

Bartow, Douglas, Floyd, Haralson, Paulding, Polk

Region 4:

Butts, Carroll, Coweta, Fayette, Heard, Henry, Lamar, Meriwether, Pink, Spalding, Troup, Upson

Region 5:

Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Rockdale, Walton

Region 6:

Baldwin, Bibb, Crawford, Houston, Jasper, Jones, Monroe, Peach, Putnam, Twiggs, Wilkinson

Region 7:

Burke, Columbia, Glascoc, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Warren, Washington, Wilkes

Region 8:

Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, Webster

Region 9:

Appling, Bleckley, Candler, Dodge, Emanuel, Evans, Jeff, Davis, Johnson, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Tattnall, Telfair, Toombs, Treutlen, Wayne, Wheeler, Wilcox

Region 10:

Baker, Calhoun, Colquitt, Decatur, Dougherty, Early, Grady, Lee, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Terrell, Thomas, Worth

Region 11:

Atkinson, Bacon, Ben Hill, Berrien, Brantley, Brooks, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Pierce, Tift, Turner, Ware

Region 12:

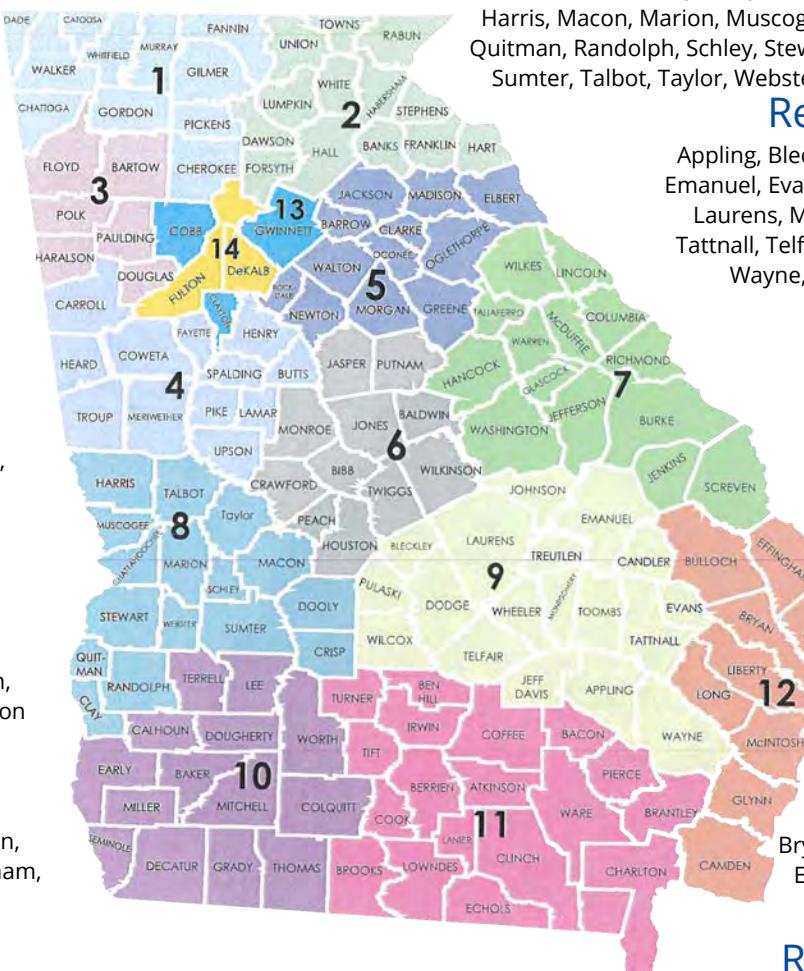
Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh

Region 13:

Clayton, Cobb, Gwinnett

Region 14:

Dekalb, Fulton



THERE ARE 12559 CHILDREN IN STATE CUSTODY IN GEORGIA

THERE ARE ONLY 6,035 FOSTER HOMES OPEN IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA

ELKS AIDMORE 2022 GRADUATES



Carolyn - Residential
Graduated from Rockdale High School



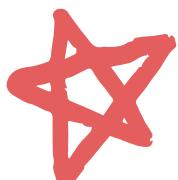
Zykeria - Residential
Graduated from Rockdale High School

Joshua- Dalton
Graduated from N.Cobb High School

NEWSWORTHY

Conyers:

- Cameron was featured on Wednesday's child and started a podcast that airs on Monday's and Wednesday's.
- Carlos received the presidents list award from his school.



Dalton:

- Ricky became a greeter at school.
- Joshua was adopted by his forever family.
- Braxton received the pro award for being a good example to other children.

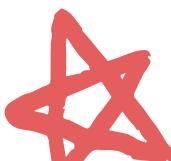


Valdosta:

- Dontarrius was adopted by his forever family.
- Dylan was adopted and placed with his adoptive family in Orlando, FL
- Larry has started his own car detailing business. Larry plans to save his earnings and put them into an Individual Development Account (IDA) and DFCS will match his savings up to \$1,000 for asset purchases.

Residential:

- Zykerria was accepted into Georgia Gwinnett College and received a \$10,000 Scholarship to use at any college of her choice.
- Beverly received employee of the month at Goodwill.
- Shannon was selected to participate in the week long Embark program at UGA



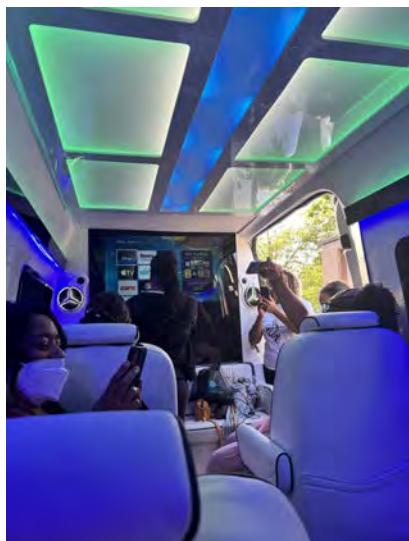
AGENCY ADOPTIONS FOR THE QUARTER: 8

FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS FOR THE QUARTER: 9

ELKS AIDMORE PROM 2022

Thank you to Ms. Princess and Ms. Marla of Princess Palace for pampering the residents of Elks Aidmore, Inc. by providing full salon services including, hairstyling, make overs, jewelry, and corsages. The chariot that was provided to whisk the girls away and ensure they arrived at their prom in style was such a special touch and helped to create a memorable experience for them.

Thank you to the following vendors who also donated to this cause: Bundles by Tee, Rockin Jewels & Co., and Makeup Artist, Ayanna Jazmyne of Beauty in a Vanity. Words are not enough to express our gratitude to you, Ms. Princess for being a community partner of Elks and believing in our mission.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Savannah Elks Auxiliary for always going above and beyond to help the children that we serve.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

We thank everyone who stopped by to visit and check in on us at the Aidmore booth during the Elks National Convention.

Where we received a



We would also like to recognize our volunteers, Greg and Heather Hickey, and their daughters, Christa and Beatrice (Brunswick Lodge). Al Deutsch (Savannah Lodge), Penny Hart (LaGrange Lodge), and Deborah Johnson (Valdosta Lodge)



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6, 2022

Finance Committee Meeting 1pm – Virtual

September 16, 2022

Golf Fore Kids

October 1, 2022

Board of Trustees Meeting 10am – Virtual (A Zoom link and phone number will be provided)

December 6, 2022

Finance Committee Meeting 1pm - Virtual

December 10, 2022

Georgia Elks Aidmore Auxiliary
Decorating Party, 10am
Gymnasium, Conyers GA



Program Planning and Evaluation Committee, 10am
Conference Room, Conyers GA

Elks Aidmore Executive Committee, 11am
Conference Room, Conyers GA

Elks Aidmore Board of Trustees, 1pm
Gymnasium, Conyers GA

December 11, 2022

Georgia Elks Aidmore Auxiliary
Christmas Party, 10:30am
Gymnasium, Conyers GA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 16, 2022



ELKS AIDMORE, INC.
is a private non-profit organization providing services and support to nearly 300 children and their families in times of crisis.

Elks Aidmore has offices in:
Conyers
Dalton
Savannah
Valdosta

Services include:
Residential Treatment
Therapeutic Family Foster Care
Transitional Living
Independent Living

100% of the proceeds from the *Golf Fore Kids* charitable golf tournament benefit the children and young adults served by Elks Aidmore.

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At Hard Labor Creek State Park, adjacent to the golf course. Elks Aidmore has 11 cottages reserved on September 15th and 16th

The two-bedroom, two bath Premier Cottages include a screened in porch, full kitchen and have been recently renovated.

The cost of a cottage for two nights is \$298.32, a 20% savings off regular price (two-night minimum stay required by park)

Cottages may be reserved by contacting Andrea Fronek at 770-483-3535 or afronek@elksaidmore.com



MAKE IT A GETAWAY WEEKEND!

Thursday, September 15th
 Pot-Luck Dinner at one of the Hard Labor Creek Pavilions

Friday, September 16th
 A great day of *Golf Fore Kids* to support Elks Aidmore

Visit the Covington Elks Lodge in the evening for one of their famous Friday Night Dinners

Sleep-in Saturday morning before hitting the road

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The Creek at Hard Labor

Rutledge GA
 Friday, September 16, 2022