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Arts and Humanities

Arthritis Foundation

Strives to improve the lives of those living with arthritis through leadership in the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis and related diseases by providing public health education, pursuing public policy and legislation, and conducting evidence-based programs. www.arthritis.org/alabama

Mudbugs and Music:

Family-friendly fundraising event complete with live music all day long, kid's activities, and crawfish and fixings cooked on-site. Dogs are welcome! Tickets are \$25 (\$30 on event day) for adults, \$15 for kids ages 11-17, and children 10 and under get in free, which includes entry into the event and food.

Contact: 205-314-8440

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services, Health and Medicine

Bankhead House and Heritage Center

Jasper, Alabama Historical Marker: Home of Speaker of the House William Brockman Bankhead, father of Tallulah Bankhead. The Bankhead House and Heritage Center aims to collect, showcase, and inspire the past, present, and future of all that is good and famous in Walker County. www.wacf.org/bankhead-house--heritage-center

2015 Exhibit Schedule: Admission is free. Group Tours available upon request

January 19 - June 3 | A Walk through Walker County, Featuring the collection of local historian, Pat Morrison

Come see culturally significant artifacts representing our rich history from across Walker County.

June 21 - September 30 | Call of the Wild, Featuring the collection of Dennis Campbell

A Sipsey native and life-long resident of Sumiton, Campbell is a world renowned and award winning big game hunter. The exhibit features animals from North America and all over the world.

October 18 - December 30 | Walker 24/7: A Day in the Life of Walker County "Summer" Photography Contest Exhibit

A time capsule in photographs depicting a day in the life of Walker County residents during the month of July. The exhibit will feature winners and selected photographs from six categories.

Contact: 205-302-0001

Other Affiliations: Education

Birmingham Children's Theatre

Educates, entertains, and enriches the lives of children through the magic of professional theatre. www.bct123.org

BCT on Tour & Study Guide Live

The touring division that brings theatre to thousands of students and families across Alabama and the Southeast or anywhere there is an audience seeking the best in theatre for young audiences. An interactive study guide is incorporated into the theatre program and seeks to educate through imagination and team-work.

Contact: 205-458-8186

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education

The Literacy Council

Focuses on reducing the illiteracy rate in Walker County by offering adult tutoring, children's prevention services, and young adult activities. www.literacy-council.org

Adult Literacy Training:

Through tutor training, which teaches potential tutors how to test and tutor adult learners, tutors and learners come together to improve or begin a learner's journey to literacy. Sessions are at least once per week for one to two hours in a provided location. Training and all supplies are free to both the tutor and the learner.

Walker County Reads:

Places volunteers in city and county schools to provide elementary-aged children an opportunity to have someone to practice their reading skills with or to get additional help with their skills if needed.

Junior Board:

Consists of ten young people who are dedicated to upholding and furthering the mission of The Literacy Council, and who serve as volunteers for a variety of community programs and events, including children and peer tutoring.

"Daddy and Me" Dance:

Annual fundraiser and awareness dance for fathers and their daughters held on the Thursday before Valentine's Day. Books are given away, as well as promotional materials. All ages are welcome. No mothers allowed.

Contact: 205-387-0511 ext. 5792

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Volunteer Opportunities

My A.R.T.S. Kids

Strives to provide opportunities for children to experience the fine arts in the public school systems. www.myartskids.org

Art Education Classes:

Weekly art education classes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade at West Jefferson Elementary School. www.myartskids.org

Contact: 205-295-8695

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

Positive Maturity, Inc.

Partnering with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), Positive Maturity strives to enhance, engage, and empower the older adults in our communities through social services and civic engagement, as well as health watch events, Yellow Dot Safety Program, referrals, and age-appropriate assistance as needed. www.positivematurity.org

RSVP:

Volunteer program for adults ages 55 and older in a variety of settings with diverse opportunities for the retired and senior individuals who want to be active in the community and stay socially engaged. Volunteer activities are based on community need and volunteer interests and skills. Services and activities are performed according to the volunteer's schedule.

Intergenerational Quilting Program:

RSVP Quilting Volunteers teach and assist 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in the Walker County schools to design, assemble, and quilt a square using paper (4th grade), to hand-stitch and quilt a potholder (5th grade), and to quilt a full size square (6th grade). All students are eligible to go compete in regional contests and participate at booths with RSVP at Art in the Park and the Walker County Fair.

Contact: 205-221-3760

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens, Volunteer Opportunities

University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Theatre Tours

The following tours are available for booking on Fridays only (www.uab.edu/cas/theatre):

Alice in Wonderland:

Alice's plummet down the rabbit hole introduces her to a host of outlandish characters, ingeniously played by four actors. Appropriate for: Grades K-6. Running time: Approximately 45 minutes.

Cabaret Tour: Cinemagic! Hollywood's Best Movie Music:

Celebrate the silver screen with an exciting revue spanning decades of movie magic. Appropriate for: All grade levels, retirement communities, and other adult facilities. Running time: Approximately 40 minutes.

Kids on the Block Presents "Dealing with Bullies":

A program on dealing with bullies raises questions and offers solutions about the age old problem. All of the questions are addressed in an insightful and challenging program. Appropriate for: Grades K-4. Running time: Approximately 40 minutes.

Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream:

The hilarious highlights of the Bard's enchanting comedy are presented by a company of five actors. Young lovers find their lives complicated by feuding faeries, magic, and mayhem. Appropriate for: Middle Schools, High Schools, retirement communities, and other adult facilities. Running time: Approximately 50 minutes.

The Tolerance Project:

Being a student in today's world presents more challenges than ever. The innovative Tolerance Project explores behaviors, choices, and consequences in the middle and high school arenas. Actors lead discussions after each scenario to help foster awareness in students of the power of their actions, words, and thoughts – an excellent addition to diversity and tolerance strategies explored in the classroom. Appropriate for: Middle and High Schools. To encourage discussion, The Tolerance Project works best for audiences of 50 students or less. Running time: 50 minutes.

Contact: 205-934-3237

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Senior Citizens

Walker County Arts Alliance

Promotes cultural arts and the awareness of arts to the citizens of Walker County through a variety of cultural arts programs. www.artsofwalkercounty.org

50-Mule Team Public Art Project:

Working with local artists and sponsors, 60+ painted and decorated mule statues now reside in Walker County at local businesses. A Mule Map is available to residents, visitors, or tourists who wish to view the mules and to learn about mules and the part they have played in area history.

Art in the Park:

A juried art show held at Gamble Park with over 70 artists from around the southeast – primarily Alabama – to expose area residents to the creative efforts of local and regional artists, as well as adding to the cultural climate of the community. Children's activities, dance troupes, live music, and performing arts are available throughout the day.

Dinner Theatre:

Fundraiser for the Arts Alliance that provides an opportunity to showcase local theatrical talent.

A Tasting of the Arts:

A gallery showing of artwork from one or two artists, combined with beverage and food tastings from local restaurants.

Healing Arts and Focus on Art:

Benefits children and adults by partnering with the Walker Baptist Medical Center to display artwork by local artists in the lobby and other public areas of the hospital, and by providing public displays of local artists' work in other locations in Walker County.

Jazz in the Park and Blues in the Park:

Free concerts held at the Bankhead House and Heritage Center.

Contact: 205-221-1711

Other Affiliations: Education

Walker County Christian Chorus

Annually presents Handel's "Messiah" as a Christmas gift to the community. The 80+ voices of the chorus are accompanied by members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and are under the direction of Dr. John Stallsmith. A children's chorus also performs a selection.

Rehearsals are held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. every Monday night beginning with the last Monday of September, continuing until the performance which is given the first Monday of December.

Contact: 205-221-6166

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

Winston County Arts Council

Strives to bring formal art education to all students in Winston County, to make multidisciplinary formal arts more accessible to all citizens of the area, and to keep the folk arts of the rural hill country alive through education, presentations, and exhibitions. www.winstoncountyarts.org

Provides part-time paid and volunteer teachers in Winston County schools, presents musical concerts and plays, and offers watercolor classes and pottery classes throughout the year.

Contact: 205-489-6569

Watercolor Classes: 205-444-9244

Pottery Classes: 601-260-9697

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education

Camps and Recreation

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Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis:

The largest holiday 5K race series aimed to fight arthritis is held annually on the 1st and 2nd Saturday of December in Montgomery and Birmingham respectively. Wear a holiday themed costume and tie jingle bells to your shoelaces. Raise funds to help find a cure for arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. Run or walk a 5 kilometer route with your team members and celebrate the season by giving. www.jbr.org/birmingham

Contact: 205-314-8440

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Contact: 205-522-9043

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Contact: 334-799-3449

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

Children's of Alabama

Specializes in medical care for ill and injured children. www.childrensal.org

Children's Harbour:

Educational, social, and mental health assessment; family, individual, marital, and group counseling; play therapy; disease specific support groups; information and referrals; therapeutic camping; ropes course; and therapeutic foster care. www.childrensharbour.com

Contact: 205-939-6123 or info@childrensharbour.com

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Special Olympics Equestrian Team

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Hero UP!

Assists military personnel and veterans through therapeutic riding services tailor to address specific issues faced by wounded or traumatized military personnel, encouraging the riders to live to their fullest potential. Candidates are screened for precautions and contraindications for safety. Each participant receives training in horse handling, safety, and ground work skills along with grooming, tacking, horse care and eventual riding lessons for sports/recreation.

Contact: 205-387-7486 or info@easitrc.org

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Disability Services, Education, Veteran’s Services, Volunteer Opportunities

Jasper Aquanauts

Swim team that practices at the Jasper Memorial Natatorium and is open to special needs children starting at age 8 and through adulthood. The swim team encourages teamwork, provides great exercise, improves swimming ability, and builds self-esteem. The team also swims at Alabama Special Olympics Meets, which provides the opportunity to meet other special Olympians throughout the state, and competes at state games, which helps each person learn independence in a supervised setting.

Contact: 205-384-3617

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Disability Services

Jasper Housing Authority

Committed to enhance the quality of life by providing safe, decent, and affordable rental housing for Walker County low-income families and non-working families, elderly, and disabled households.

Summer Youth Development Camp:

Provides a learning environment for their youth with programs such as: Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, fishing, bowling, gardening, computer skills (math, reading, and science software), Junior Achievement Program, field trips, and arts and crafts. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

After-School Program:

Provides a snack, assistance with homework assignments, an educational project, support to the Boy and Girl Scouts, support to the Junior Achievement Program, and recreational activities.

Contact: 205-384-4864 or jasperha@bellsouth.net

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Social Welfare: Housing

Jasper Parks and Recreation

Promotes community participation in activities, learning experiences, and social interactions by providing excellence in service, facilities, and programs throughout Jasper.

Dream Team:

Baseball, softball, soccer, flag football, and swimming for those who cannot compete in regular sports. Activities are available for people with disabilities or without, as all sports are modified to everyone's ability.

Contact: 205-384-6014

Developing Inclusive Movers Early:

Program that focuses on fine and gross motor skills for ages 2 to 5 years old.

Contact: 205-384-6014

Youth and Adult Sports:

Soccer and baseball offered for children ages 4 to 12, softball for children ages 6 to 12, and volleyball for children ages 8 to 12. Softball, volleyball, and baseball are offered for adults.

Contact: 205-384-6014

Senior Citizens:

Variety of activities, such as: ceramics, painting, dancing, card games, field trips, computer classes, cooking, and much more.

Contact: 205-221-8513

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Disability Services, Senior Citizens

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Dedicated to finding treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and other neuromuscular diseases by providing health care services and support to MDA families.

www.mda.org

MDA Summer Camp:

A one-week camp available to children, ages 6-17, who have been diagnosed with a neuromuscular disease. Activities include horseback riding, tubing, arts and crafts, fishing, splash pad waterpark, and zip-line.

Contact: 205-823-8191

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Disability Services

Children and Youth

Alabama Freewill Baptist Children's Home

Provides a year-round loving, stable Christian home for children who are struggling with life's challenges or troubling domestic situations regardless of gender, race, or social background. www.fwbhome.org

The Children's Home consists of four cottages (two for boys and two for girls), a large gymnasium, and a dining room; as well as, ponds, hay, and a garden.

Contact: 205-924-9751

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Housing

The Arc of Walker County

Provides support and training services for persons with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities, and for their family and friends. www.walkerarc.com

Early Head Start:

Center-based childcare for 1 and 2 year olds for an 11 month period every year. Priority is given to families who fall below the poverty level, families at risk of abuse, mothers of a certain age, and children with developmental disabilities.

Early Intervention/Outpatient:

Children birth to age 3 with developmental disabilities are provided with developmental evaluations and individual therapy sessions. Children over the age of 3 are provided with speech, occupational, and physical therapy. Autism testing is available for children ages 18 months and older.

REACH Pre-Kindergarten:

Prepares 4 year olds for 5-year-old Kindergarten. Program cost assistance is available for eligible families.

Contact: 205-387-0562

Other Affiliations: Disability Services, Education, Health and Medicine

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Juvenile Arthritis Family Education Weekend:

State-wide fun family engagement event where children who are affected by arthritis and their families can mix, mingle, and network with other families, Arthritis Foundation staff, and physicians to discuss triumphs, challenges, and other experiences. Family Weekend is held in the Spring of each year and is free to attend.

Juvenile Arthritis Power Pack:

A free resource kit including education about juvenile arthritis, medical resources, newsletters, information for teachers and school nurses, and "Raising a Child with Arthritis: A Parent's Guide", a family focused guide that teaches you more about juvenile arthritis, treatment options, and life-changing medications for your child. . The kit also includes a Buddy D. Bear (child) or Wrap (teen) which offers comfort and provides hot or cold treatment to sooth aching joints.
Website: www.JAPowerPack.org

Contact: 205-314-8442

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Camps and Recreation, Disability Services, Health and Medicine

Backyard Blessings

Strives to improve the health, well-being, and education of needy school children in Walker County by providing food for the weekends through a Backpack Food Program.

Backyard Blessing volunteers pack food bags each Thursday morning of the school year starting the first Thursday in September and going through the second week of May. Starting time is 8:30a.m..

Contact: 205-544-9094

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Food, Volunteer Opportunities

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships in order to achieve success in their lives by partnering with parents/guardians, volunteers, and other community members. www.bbbsbhm.org

School-Based Mentoring:

One-to-one mentoring services for children who are at risk of: dropping out of schools, drug and alcohol abuse, joining gangs, and other negative behaviors. Mentors help build self-esteem, improve grades, encourage children to make positive decisions, and inspire them to become contributing members in our community.

Contact: 205-939-5590

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Contact: 334-799-3449

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Health and Medicine

Carbon Hill First United Methodist Church

Lighthouse Children's Development Center:

Nurtures and provides care for the needs of the children in a loving, supportive, Christian setting. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Summer and after-school care is also available.

Contact: 205-924-4403

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Food, Clothing

Childcare Resources

Provides information, education, and assistance to families, providers of childcare, and the community. www.ccr-bhm.org

Parent Education at Work:

Parent education and support available for stress management, ages and stages of child development, and child abuse and neglect prevention.

Resource and Referral:

Assists families with selecting appropriate childcare programs to meet the families' needs.

Contact: 205-945-0018 or childcare@ccr-bhm.org

Other Affiliations: Education, Social Welfare:

Children's Aid Society

Provides services that meet the immediate needs of families for care and safety and to enhance their opportunities for optimum growth and development. www.childremsaid.org

Adoption Support Program:

Prepares families for the adoption process by providing home study services; adoption information; counseling, mediation, and reunification services; and support groups for adult adoptees and birth parents. Service fees are based on a sliding scale.

Contact: 205-943-5343

Alabama Pre/Post Adoption Connections:

Empowers adoptive families facing adoption challenges and facilitates stronger interactions through information and referral support, adoptive family support groups, family adjustment/crisis counseling, lending library, educational training, adoptive family mentoring, special events, Camp APAC, and adoptive family recruitment and training.

Contact: 205-943-5346

Independent Living Program:

Youth in the foster care system are taught independent living skills, such as career counseling, budgeting, healthy decision making, and managing responsibilities through camps and conferences for youth and social workers serving youth. Clients must be referred by the Dept. of Human Resources.

Contact: 205-943-5356

FOCUS (Family Outcome-Centered Unification Services):

Time-limited, in-home crises intervention and family education program. Clients must be referred by the Dept. of Human Resources.

Contact: 205-943-5328

Project Independence:

Serves pregnant and/or parenting homeless young mothers, ages 16 to 22, and their children by providing safe, stable living accommodations; career counseling; and GED/high school equivalency test instruction.

Contact: 205-943-5327

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Social Welfare; Housing

Children's of Alabama

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Patient Health & Safety:

Outreach services to help educate children and families about safety, such as Body Trek, CPR/First Aid, Kids on the Block, My School Nurse, Safe Sitter, School Nurse Workshops, Safety Store, and Health and Safety brochures and videos.

Contact: 205-638-9377

CHIPS Center:

Community education, prevention education, and counseling regarding child abuse. Non-emergent medical evaluations are provided to children when abuse is suspected. Services also support non-offending family members of the children being served at CHIPS.

Contact: 205-638-2751

Medical Autism Clinic:

Assists a child's doctor by offering a variety of special evaluations with special attention in certain areas that may be affected by autism. Physician referral required.

Contact: 205-638-5277

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Disability Services, Education; Health and Medicine

Concerned Citizens for Our Youth, Inc. (Beacon House)

Serves teenage girls ages 12 to 28 who are referred by the Alabama Department of Human Resources and are in foster care, providing counseling, academic assistance and remediation, behavior modification, and mental health education and monitoring.

Contact: 205-384-4539

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Housing

Daily Mountain Eagle Christmas Shoe and Coat Fund

Provides shoes to needy children in Walker County, and previously provided coats, which has been replaced with grocery vouchers for families.

The annual giveaway is the 2nd weekend in December to qualifying children 12 and under.

Contact: 205-221-2840

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“Reading is Magick” Literacy Program

In collaboration with local schools, the literacy program brings live horse experiences and classic horse literature to elementary school students in an effort to inspire a love of reading. Magick is EASI’s rescued Hackney Pony who attends schools and hosts her own events at the farm. She also helps teach children about understanding horse language and promotes a love for animals.

Contact: 205-387-7486 or info@easitrc.org

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Disability Services; Education; Veteran's Services; Volunteer Opportunities

Family Resource Center of Northwest Alabama, Inc. (Daybreak)

Provides temporary emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, court advocacy, safety planning, information and referral services, and other out-of-shelter services to meet the needs of local adult and child victims of domestic violence.

Daybreak Shelter:

Shelter for adult and child victims of domestic violence in a confidential location in Walker County providing food, toiletries, clothing, and other necessities, as well as safety planning, case management, and other advocacy services.

Contact: 205-387-1157

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Housing

Girls Incorporated of Central Alabama

Trained staff and volunteers build lasting, mentoring relationships in girls-only spaces that are physically and emotionally safe and where girls find a sisterhood of support with shared drive, mutual respect, and high expectations. Hands-on, research-based programs provide girls with the skills and knowledge to set goals, overcome obstacles, and improve academic performance. www.girlsinc.org

Contact: 205-595-4475

Other Affiliations: Education

Healthy Eating Active Living, Inc.

Measurably improves children's health and wellness by partnering with elementary physical education classrooms. www.healalabama.org

HEAL coordinators work with physical education teachers and provide teacher training, the HEAL curriculum, educational supplies, lesson plans, teacher assessment materials, workbooks, games, heart rate monitors, posters, motivational materials, and ongoing teacher support. HEAL, Inc. is currently supporting all elementary schools in Walker County.

Contact: 205-790-0001 or info@healalabama.org

Other Affiliations: Education, Health and Medicine

Impact Alabama

Engages students and recent college graduates to address community needs, empowering a generation through collaborative efforts to promote change in the communities served.

www.impactamerica.com/alabama

FocusFirst:

Provides free vision screenings to children, ages six months to five years, in Head Starts and lower-income daycares using high-tech digital screening cameras. All children failing the screenings receive free follow-up care through Sight Savers America.

SaveFirst:

Trains college, graduate, and law students to provide free tax preparation services and opportunities for savings to low-income, working families.

CollegeFirst:

Trains college and graduate students to implement a three-week, Summer Advanced Placement Institute for high-school students in Birmingham and Tuscaloosa and surrounding areas that challenges students to cultivate their skills and abilities and exposes them to the content knowledge they will need to succeed in college.

Contact: 205-934-0664

Other Affiliations: Education, Health and Medicine, Social Welfare: Finances, Volunteer Opportunities

Jasper Aquanauts

Swim team that practices at the Jasper Memorial Natatorium and is open to special needs children starting at age 8 and through adulthood. The swim team encourages teamwork, provides great exercise, improves swimming ability, and builds self-esteem. The team also swims at Alabama Special Olympics Meets, which provides the opportunity to meet other special Olympians throughout the state, and competes at state games, which helps each person learn independence in a supervised setting.

Contact: 205-384-3617

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Disability Services

Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.

Coordinates community resources that empower individuals and families for success. www.jafsc.org

Parent Project:

Helps parents learn effective prevention and intervention techniques in dealing with childhood behavior problems. 8 to 10 week training programs for adults and children that address choices and consequences, out-of-control behavior, school performance, and other issues.

Baby TALK:

Parent Advocacy Program designed to encourage parents in the nurturing of infants and toddlers that provides activities and information on basic development during the first 3 years of life, encourages literacy, provides hospital visits, and distributes books, newsletters, and other nurturing activities to parents.

HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters):

In-home instruction helping prepare children to be successful in school designed for families with children ages 3 and 4 through a partnership with the Walker County Board of Education.

Motherhood:

A communication and awareness program for moms to help improve relationships they have with fathers, for the benefit of the children.

Fatherhood Initiative:

Assist non-custodial parents by teaching and practicing skills that enhance their ability to meet financial responsibilities and maintain nurturing relationships with their children. Reinforce the rights and responsibilities of being a parent by offering case management and classes.

Cooperative Parenting:

Designed for parents no longer together. The focus is how to get along for the benefit of the child or children.

Cooperative Generations:

Designed for grandparents who have received temporary custody of grandchildren and parents who are attempting to regain custody. The focus is how to get along for the benefit and care of the children involved.

Youth Advocacy Program:

Empowers youth and families by establishing relationships and working with community partners.

Second Opportunity System:

Assists out of school youth (ages 16 to 24) in obtaining education, skills, and training needed to become successful, employable adults. Services include GED, work experience, mentoring, counseling, career assessment, and job placement.

Employment Preparation Services:

Prepares qualified participants for job market through life skills, job skills, job ethics, mock interview, resume writing, and job search activities.

GED:

Provides one-on-one support in remedial study aimed at obtaining the GED certificate. Services people ages 17 through adulthood at Beville State Community College.

The Alabama Career Readiness Certificate:

Reports an individual's Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information Skills in relation to the level of skills needed in 80% of the jobs and occupations contained in the ACT's Work Keys national database. Many employers find these Work Keys scores helpful in determining applicants that demonstrate specific job skills.

Defensive Driving:

A National Safety Council 4-hour class

Court Referral Education Programs (Level I, II, and Juvenile):

Teaches the risk and consequences of alcohol and drug abuse and provides opportunities for participants to develop a plan to avoid future problems with alcohol and other drug abuses.

Y.E.S.:

A behavior modification program designed to address shoplifting behavior among teens and to prevent and intervene on potential destructive choices/behaviors.

Contact: 205-302-0801

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Finances

Jasper Housing Authority

Committed to enhance the quality of life by providing safe, decent, and affordable rental housing for Walker County low-income families and non-working families, elderly, and disabled households.

Summer Youth Development Camp:

Provides a learning environment for their youth with programs such as: Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, fishing, bowling, gardening, computer skills (math, reading, and science software), Junior Achievement Program, field trips, and arts and crafts. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

After-School Program:

Provides a snack, assistance with homework assignments, an educational project, support to the Boy and Girl Scouts, support to the Junior Achievement Program, and recreational activities.

Contact: 205-384-4864 or jasperha@bellsouth.net

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Education, Social Welfare: Housing

Jasper Parks and Recreation

Promotes community participation in activities, learning experiences, and social interactions by providing excellence in service, facilities, and programs throughout Jasper.

Dream Team:

Baseball, softball, soccer, flag football, and swimming for those who cannot compete in regular sports. Activities are available for people with disabilities or without, as all sports are modified to everyone's ability.

Developing Inclusive Movers Early:

Program that focuses on fine and gross motor skills for ages 2 to 5 years old.

Youth and Adult Sports:

Soccer and baseball offered for children ages 4 to 12, softball for children ages 6 to 12, and volleyball for children ages 8 to 12. Softball, volleyball, and baseball are offered for adults.

Contact: 205-384-6014

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Disability Services, Senior Citizens

Jasper Police Explorers

Provides an educational opportunity for youth interested in law enforcement to become aware of the complexities and capabilities of police service, as well as the civic responsibilities in order to productively serve the community. www.exploring.learningforlife.org

Jasper Explorers:

Distinguished career orientation and experience program for young people ages 14 to 21 interested in a career in law enforcement or a related field in criminal justice. Explorers gain personal awareness through training, practical experiences, competition, and other activities.

Ride-Along:

Offers qualified explorers the opportunity to accompany a police officer on patrol to observe and gain practical experience with regard to the methods and techniques used in patrol operations and related services.

Contact: 205-221-8113

Other Affiliations: Education

Jimmie Hale Mission

Ministers to the spiritual and physical needs of men, women, and children by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through a homeless shelter for men, a shelter for women and children, after-school Bible clubs, recovery programs, learning centers, and fundraising thrift stores.

Jessie's Place:

Shelter for women and children that offers daily life skills training, Bible studies, case management and counseling, education remediation, and job readiness, as well as play therapy for the children's program.

Contact: 205-323-0170

Discovery Clubs:

Bible clubs meet in public elementary schools during after-school hours to teach the Gospel while building foundations for life, developing character, and changing our communities. Trained volunteers help children through fun, unforgettable weekly activities.

Contact: 205-941-9852

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Social Welfare: Clothing, Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

Kid One Transport System, Inc.

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Provides safe and reliable transportation for children who do not have access to health care due to a lack thereof. Health care transportation includes basic and critical health services, such as preventative care/well visits, behavioral counseling and other mental health services, dialysis, chemotherapy, physical therapy, dental and vision appointments, and prenatal care. www.kidone.org

Contact: 205-978-1000

Other Affiliations: Health and Medicine, Social Welfare: Transportation

The Literacy Council

Focuses on reducing the illiteracy rate in Walker County by offering adult tutoring, children's prevention services, and young adult activities. www.literacy-council.org

Walker County Reads:

Places volunteers in city and county schools to provide elementary-aged children an opportunity to have someone to practice their reading skills with or to get additional help with their skills if needed.

Junior Board:

Consists of ten young people who are dedicated to upholding and furthering the mission of The Literacy Council, and who serve as volunteers for a variety of community programs and events, including children and peer tutoring.

"Daddy and Me" Dance:

Annual fundraiser and awareness dance for fathers and their daughters held on the Thursday before Valentine's Day. Books are given away, as well as promotional materials. All ages are welcome. No mothers allowed.

Contact: 205-387-0511

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Education, Volunteer Opportunities

Magic Moments

The only wish-granting organization devoted exclusively to children in Alabama with chronically life-threatening diseases. www.magicmoments.org

Annual Family Camp

Magic Moment Fulfillment:

Provides non-medical gifts to children between the ages of 4 and 18 with life-threatening diseases to put joy and hope back in their lives.

Contact: 205-638-9608 or info@magicmoments.org

Other Affiliations: Health and Medicine

Mission of Hope

Serves to be a resource to improve the lives of the citizens of Walker County who for various reasons find themselves unable to provide for themselves with adequate nutrition and/or clothing/household items.

Easter Baskets: March-April
Vacation Bible School & Fund Days: June
Craft Day: July and November
School Supplies: August
Christmas Toys: December

Contact: 205-647-4766

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Clothing, Food

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Dedicated to finding treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and other neuromuscular diseases by providing health care services and support to MDA families.
www.mda.org

MDA Health Care Services:
Flu shots, support groups, educational seminars, therapy sessions (occupational, physical, respiratory, and speech), clinic visits, repairs to durable medical equipment, and MDA Summer Camp.

MDA Clinic:
Clinic visits and therapy consultations available for individuals in Alabama at Children's of Alabama, The Kirklin Clinic at UAB Hospital, and Spain Rehabilitation Center in Birmingham, Alabama.

MDA Summer Camp:
A one-week camp available to children, ages 6-17, who have been diagnosed with a neuromuscular disease. Activities include horseback riding, tubing, arts and crafts, fishing, splash pad waterpark, and zip-line.

Contact: 205-823-8191

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Disability Services

My A.R.T.S. Kids

Strives to provide opportunities for children to experience the fine arts in the public school systems.
www.myartskids.org

Art Education Classes:

Weekly art education classes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade at West Jefferson Elementary School. www.myartskids.org

Contact: 205-295-8695

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities

Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center

Serves adults and children in a variety of health settings including outpatient, residential, case management, and inpatient hospitalization, as well as a 24-hour crisis line, to provide assistance with behavioral health, mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities. Service fees are on a sliding scale based on the patient's ability to pay. www.nwamhc.com

Contact: 205-302-9000

Other Affiliations: Disability Services, Health and Medicine

Positive Maturity, Inc.

Partnering with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), Positive Maturity strives to enhance, engage, and empower the older adults in our communities through social services and civic engagement, as well as health watch events, Yellow Dot Safety Program, referrals, and age-appropriate assistance as needed. www.positivematurity.org

Intergenerational Quilting Program:

RSVP Quilting Volunteers teach and assist 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in the Walker County schools to design, assemble, and quilt a square using paper (4th grade), to hand-stitch and quilt a potholder (5th grade), and to quilt a full size square (6th grade). All students are eligible to go compete in regional contests and participate at booths with RSVP at Art in the Park and the Walker County Fair.

Contact: 205-221-3760

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Education, Elder Care, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens, Volunteer Opportunities

Pregnancy Test and Resource Center

Serves women and families who are facing an unplanned pregnancy through free services in a nonjudgmental and confidential environment. www.ptrcjasper.com

Clothes Closet:

Offers clothing for newborn to 2T and maternity clothing, as well as diapers, wipes, and basic baby items. An educational lesson is required to be completed before items are received. Clothes Closet appointments are available on Monday and Wednesday.

Contact: 205-221-5860 or ptrcjasper@gmail.com

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Health and Medicine; Social Welfare: Clothing

The Salvation Army

Preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ and strives to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.
www.salvationarmy.org

Christmas Angel Tree:

Provides new clothing or toys for children of needy families.

Back to School:

Provides children up to sixth grade with new backpacks, supplies, and clothing.

Contact: 205-221-7737

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Clothing, Disaster Relief, Food

Sight Savers of America

Identifies and secures treatment for unmet vision and health needs that impede a child's ability to reach their full potential in school and in life. All services are offered at no cost to qualifying children.
www.sightsaversamerica.org

Children's Eye Care Network:

Children who fail vision screenings are referred for comprehensive follow-up eye care services and assigned a personal Case Specialist, who oversees the child's vision treatment from start to finish to ensure that he or she receives the necessary eye care.

I Can See Now:

Provides vision assistive technology, such as Electronic Video Magnifiers, for children who are living with low vision.

Vision Check:

Vision screenings on-site to Jasper City Schools for 4th and 6th grade students who would not otherwise receive a school vision-screening during that year. Sight Savers provides comprehensive follow-up eye care for all children who fail the screening.

KidCheck Plus:

Head-to-toe health screening which includes: height and weight; BMI; temperature; blood pressure; heart and lung sounds; heart and respiratory rates; vision; dental; hearing; examinations of the eyes, ears, nose, and throat; and skin and musculoskeletal.

Contact: 877-942-2627

Other Affiliations: Health and Medicine

TriCounty Agency for Intellectual Disabilities

Provides case management and direct care services to individuals with developmental disabilities.
www.tricountyaid.org

Summer STARS (Striving Through Adversity to Reach Success):

Structured environment for learning and fun activities in the classroom and in the community.

Contact: 205-384-4253

Other Affiliations: Disability Services

Turnaround, Inc.

Camp Mitnick Wilderness Program:

Diversion program to keep young, criminal offenders out of the juvenile prison system. Residents are admitted through juvenile courts in Northwest Alabama.

Contact: 205-387-9911

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support

United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and Tennessee Valley, Inc.

Enhances the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and promotes their independence, self-sufficiency, and full citizenship in the community through direct services, training, education, technology, and advocacy. www.ucphuntsville.org

Childcare Enhancement with a Purpose (CCEP):

Free inclusion training for childcare providers provided by experienced teachers and therapists who share simple, practical ways to work and include children with special needs in daycare centers or home programs. Program offers: a curriculum with a multidisciplinary approach which utilizes developmentally appropriate practices, free training funding for substitute teachers during training, educational kits, clock-hour credit approved by the Dept. of Human Resources, onsite consultation and technical assistance, workshops, and resources for assistance.

Contact: 205-944-3966

Other Affiliations: Disability Services, Education, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens

University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Theatre Tours

The following tours are available for booking on Fridays only (www.uab.edu/cas/theatre):

Alice in Wonderland:

Alice's plummet down the rabbit hole introduces her to a host of outlandish characters, ingeniously played by four actors. Appropriate for: Grades K-6. Running time: Approximately 45 minutes.

Cabaret Tour: Cinemagic! Hollywood's Best Movie Music:

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Celebrate the silver screen with an exciting revue spanning decades of movie magic. Appropriate for: All grade levels, retirement communities, and other adult facilities. Running time: Approximately 40 minutes.

Kids on the Block Presents “Dealing with Bullies”:

A program on dealing with bullies raises questions and offers solutions about the age old problem. All of the questions are addressed in an insightful and challenging program. Appropriate for: Grades K-4. Running time: Approximately 40 minutes.

Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream:

The hilarious highlights of the Bard’s enchanting comedy are presented by a company of five actors. Young lovers find their lives complicated by feuding faeries, magic, and mayhem. Appropriate for: Middle Schools, High Schools, retirement communities, and other adult facilities. Running time: Approximately 50 minutes.

The Tolerance Project:

Being a student in today’s world presents more challenges than ever. The innovative Tolerance Project explores behaviors, choices, and consequences in the middle and high school arenas. Actors lead discussions after each scenario to help foster awareness in students of the power of their actions, words, and thoughts – an excellent addition to diversity and tolerance strategies explored in the classroom. Appropriate for: Middle and High Schools. To encourage discussion, The Tolerance Project works best for audiences of 50 students or less. Running time: 50 minutes.

Contact: 205-934-3237

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Education, Senior Citizens

Walker County Children’s Advocacy Center

Serves child victims of physical and sexual abuse and neglect and strives to reduce the trauma of child maltreatment by providing a child-oriented environment for the coordination, multidisciplinary investigation, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect victims in Walker County.

Forensic Interviews:

Interviews provided as needed or as requested for children who may have experienced abuse or witnessed a violent crime. Conversations are recorded for later use in the investigation and prosecution of the children’s cases. Interviews must be referred by law enforcement or the Department of Human Resources.

Multidisciplinary Team:

Meetings held monthly including representatives from law enforcement, prosecution, child protective services, mental health, and victim advocacy to investigate, intervene, and respond effectively and cooperatively to child maltreatment.

Individual and Group Counseling:

Counseling provided as needed or as requested for child victims of Walker County who have been physically or sexually abused, severely neglected, or have witnessed violent crimes.

Trainings and Awareness:

The center seeks to raise local awareness about child safety issues, specifically child abuse and neglect by participating in local educational opportunities, such as community speaking engagements and trainings for teachers, care providers, and others who work with children. Trainings are conducted as needed or as requested.

Contact: 205-387-8324

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education

Walker County Christian Chorus

Annually presents Handel's "Messiah" as a Christmas gift to the community. The 80+ voices of the chorus are accompanied by members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and are under the direction of Dr. John Stallsmith. A children's chorus also performs a selection.

Rehearsals are held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. every Monday night beginning with the last Monday of September, continuing until the performance which is given the first Monday of December.

Contact: 205-221-6166

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities

Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.

Assists low-income families and communities with overcoming barriers of self-sufficiency through programs and referrals. www.caawalker.org

Youth Program:

Afterschool program held at the Jasper Housing Authority Gym for youth ages 6 to 15 residing in Walker County that assists youth with academic, physical, and social advancement.

Contact: 205-221-4010

Other Affiliations: Education; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Clothing, Finances

Walker County Department of Human Resources

Provides services for the protection, well-being, social success, and self-sufficiency of children and adults. www.dhr.alabama.gov

Child Protective Services:

Prevents child abuse and neglect before it occurs by assessing strengths and needs of families where children are at risk of abuse/neglect, formulates Individual Service Plans with families, and provides services to meet those needs.

Foster Care:

A foster care worker takes care of each child in the caseload by acting as a surrogate parent while the child is out of their home, and works toward the goal of reunification with the family, or

permanency planning for the child when reunification is not possible.

Foster Care Resources:

Recruits, trains, and maintains resources for children who are unable to live safely in their own homes, including foster homes, adoptive homes, and visiting resources. This unit also serves as a point of contact for foster families seeking advocacy, educational opportunities, and information regarding available resources to provide for the DHR children they serve.

Child Support Enforcement:

Assists families to establish paternity, when necessary, obtain orders for payment of child support, and secure compliance with support orders.

Contact: 205-387-5400

Other Affiliations: Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Finances, Food

Winston County Arts Council

Strives to bring formal art education to all students in Winston County, to make multidisciplinary formal arts more accessible to all citizens of the area, and to keep the folk arts of the rural hill country alive through education, presentations, and exhibitions. www.winstoncountyarts.org

Provides part-time paid and volunteer teachers in Winston County schools, presents musical concerts and plays, and offers watercolor classes and pottery classes throughout the year.

Contact: 205-489-6569

Watercolor Classes: 205-444-9244

Pottery Classes: 601-260-9697

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Education

Youth Advocate Program, Inc.

Provides community-based services for high-risk, underserved youth and their families. www.yapinc.org

Wraparound:

Supervision, mentoring, coaching, brokering, and modeling through purposeful individual, family, and group activities; help with meeting obligations to judges, probation officers, and case managers; assistance with part-time employment; constructive use of leisure time; and community service.

Contact: 205-471-0315

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education

Counseling, Recovery, and Support

Alabama Grief Support Services, Inc.

Provides free grief support groups, grief counseling, and community grief education.
www.communitygriefsupport.org

Grief Support Group:

Support group for widowed persons, primarily retired, held at the Sumiton Community Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact: 205-915-4742 or communitygriefsu@bellsouth.net

Other Affiliations: Senior Citizens

Brandi's Blessings

Educates the public on different types of blood disorders by hosting bone marrow drives and educating donors why it is important to join the bone marrow registry; supports patients diagnosed with blood disorders financially with lodging, medical bills, care packages, gas cards, etc.; and spreads awareness to the public. www.brandiblessings.org

Contact: 205-586-2726 or brandiblessings@outlook.com

Other Affiliations: Health and Medicine

Camp Smile-A-Mile

Provides year-round challenging, unforgettable recreational and educational experiences for young cancer patients and their families, as well as young adult survivors, at no cost to the families to help them cope with their disease and to prepare them for life after cancer.

Camp Sessions:

Seven camp sessions held every summer at Children's Harbor on Lake Martin. Each session is tailored for stage of treatment and age or family need and include: on-therapy family camp, youth week-long camp, sibling camp, teen week-long camp, junior/senior camp, young adult retreat, and off-therapy family camp.

Hospital Outreach Program:

In-hospital camping adventures and activities for patients and their families throughout the year designed to stimulate the senses and improve quality of life while educating.

Contact: 205-323-8427

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

Carbon Hill First United Methodist Church

Celebrate Recovery:

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Fellowship of believers, men and women, who are recovering from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. The group meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. with fellowship and worship to follow.
Contact: 205-924-4409

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Social Welfare: Food, Clothing

Children's Aid Society

Provides services that meet the immediate needs of families for care and safety and to enhance their opportunities for optimum growth and development. www.childrensaid.org

Adoption Support Program:

Prepares families for the adoption process by providing home study services; adoption information; counseling, mediation, and reunification services; and support groups for adult adoptees and birth parents. Service fees are based on a sliding scale.

Contact: 205-943-5343

Alabama Pre/Post Adoption Connections:

Empowers adoptive families facing adoption challenges and facilitates stronger interactions through information and referral support, adoptive family support groups, family adjustment/crisis counseling, lending library, educational training, adoptive family mentoring, special events, Camp APAC, and adoptive family recruitment and training.

Contact: 205-943-5346

Independent Living Program:

Youth in the foster care system are taught independent living skills, such as career counseling, budgeting, healthy decision making, and managing responsibilities through camps and conferences for youth and social workers serving youth. Clients must be referred by the Dept. of Human Resources.

FOCUS (Family Outcome-Centered Unification Services):

Time-limited, in-home crises intervention and family education program. Clients must be referred by the Dept. of Human Resources.

Contact: 205-943-5328

Project Independence:

Serves pregnant and/or parenting homeless young mothers, ages 16 to 22, and their children by providing safe, stable living accommodations; career counseling; and GED/high school equivalency test instruction.

Contact: 205-943-5327

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Social Welfare: Housing

Children's of Alabama

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Specializes in medical care for ill and injured children. www.childrensal.org

Children's Harbour:

Educational, social, and mental health assessment; family, individual, marital, and group counseling; play therapy; disease specific support groups; information and referrals; therapeutic camping; ropes course; and therapeutic foster care. www.childrensharbour.com

Contact: 205-939-6123 or info@childrensharbour.com

CHIPS Center:

Community education, prevention education, and counseling regarding child abuse. Non-emergent medical evaluations are provided to children when abuse is suspected. Services also support non-offending family members of the children being served at CHIPS.

Contact: 205-638-2751

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services, Education, Health and Medicine

Community Grief Support Service

Provides free grief support groups, grief counseling, and community grief education. www.communitygriefsupport.org

Grief Support Group:

Support group for widowed persons, primarily retired, held at the Sumiton Community Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact: 205-915-4742 or communitygriefsu@bellsouth.net

Other Affiliations: Senior Citizens

Concerned Citizens for Our Youth, Inc. (Beacon House)

Serves teenage girls ages 12 to 28 who are referred by the Alabama Department of Human Resources and are in foster care, providing counseling, academic assistance and remediation, behavior modification, and mental health education and monitoring.

Contact: 205-384-4539

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Social Welfare; Housing

Equines Assisting Special Individuals

Provides safe and effective therapeutic riding for people with disabilities or special needs in Walker County and surrounding areas. Therapeutic riding, the most popular form of Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies is mounted horseback riding for the purpose of contributing positively to cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being of people with disabilities through the teaching or horsemanship skills. www.easitrc.org

“Trot On” Therapeutic Riding Program:

Serves children and adults with special needs from ages 4 to 60 through a weekly class.

Hero UP!

Assists military personnel and veterans through therapeutic riding services tailor to address specific issues faced by wounded or traumatized military personnel, encouraging the riders to live to their fullest potential. Candidates are screened for precautions and contraindications for safety. Each participant receives training in horse handling, safety, and ground work skills along with grooming, tacking, horse care and eventual riding lessons for sports/recreation.

Contact: 205-387-7486 or info@easitrc.org

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services, Education, Veteran’s Services, Volunteer Opportunities

Family Resource Center of Northwest Alabama, Inc. (Daybreak)

Provides temporary emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, court advocacy, safety planning, information and referral services, and other out-of-shelter services to meet the needs of local adult and child victims of domestic violence.

Daybreak Shelter:

Shelter for adult and child victims of domestic violence in a confidential location in Walker County providing food, toiletries, clothing, and other necessities, as well as safety planning, case management, and other advocacy services.

Court Advocacy:

Assists victims of domestic violence in filing Protection From Abuse Orders in the 14th Judicial Circuit and acts as a liaison between Daybreak and the courts and law enforcement agencies.

Contact: 205-387-1157

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Social Welfare: Housing

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama

Dedicated to the social, civic, and economic integration of Hispanic families in Alabama.
www.hispanicinterest.org

Strong Families:

Comprehensive Information and Referral Gateway, Family Advocacy Services, Assistance for Victims of Crime

Immigration and Access to Justice:

Citizenship and Naturalization Services, Humanitarian Visas, Immigration Benefits for Victims of Crime, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Access to Justice Clinics, Legal Referrals

Contact: 205-942-5505 or info@hispanicinterest.org

Other Affiliations: Education, Social Welfare: Latino Resources

Hope for Women, LLC

12 to 18 month program that provides a place of shelter and recovery to women suffering from alcohol and drug addiction, and provides educational resources to create a healthier future.

www.hopeforwomenllc.com

Contact: 205-265-2799 or hopeforwomenllc@gmail.com

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Housing

Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.

Coordinates community resources that empower individuals and families for success. www.jafsc.org

Parent Project:

Helps parents learn effective prevention and intervention techniques in dealing with childhood behavior problems. 8 to 10 week training programs for adults and children that address choices and consequences, out-of-control behavior, school performance, and other issues.

Baby TALK:

Parent Advocacy Program designed to encourage parents in the nurturing of infants and toddlers that provides activities and information on basic development during the first 3 years of life, encourages literacy, provides hospital visits, and distributes books, newsletters, and other nurturing activities to parents.

Motherhood:

A communication and awareness program for moms to help improve relationships they have with fathers, for the benefit of the children.

Fatherhood Initiative:

Assist non-custodial parents by teaching and practicing skills that enhance their ability to meet financial responsibilities and maintain nurturing relationships with their children. Reinforce the rights and responsibilities of being a parent by offering case management and classes.

Cooperative Parenting:

Designed for parents no longer together. The focus is how to get along for the benefit of the child or children.

Cooperative Generations:

Designed for grandparents who have received temporary custody of grandchildren and parents who are attempting to regain custody. The focus is how to get along for the benefit and care of the children involved.

Court Referral Education Programs (Level I, II, and Juvenile):

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Teaches the risk and consequences of alcohol and drug abuse and provides opportunities for participants to develop a plan to avoid future problems with alcohol and other drug abuses.

Y.E.S.:

A behavior modification program designed to address shoplifting behavior among teens and to prevent and intervene on potential destructive choices/behaviors.

Contact: 205-302-0801

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Finances

Jimmie Hale Mission

Ministers to the spiritual and physical needs of men, women, and children by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through a homeless shelter for men, a shelter for women and children, after-school Bible clubs, recovery programs, learning centers, and fundraising thrift stores.

Shepura Men's Center:

Men's shelter that offers Bible-based recovery classes, individual counseling sessions, group and individual Bible studies, work therapy, education remediation, and job readiness, as well as hot meals and clothing.

Contact: 205-324-2271

Jessie's Place:

Shelter for women and children that offers daily life skills training, Bible studies, case management and counseling, education remediation, and job readiness, as well as play therapy for the children's program.

Contact: 205-323-0170

Royal Pines:

16-week, in-resident recovery center for men that uses a Biblical approach to offer the chance to rise above imprisonment by drugs and alcohol and overcome life's obstacles.

Contact: 205-352-9444

Stewart Learning Centers:

Program offered at Shepura Men's Center, Jessie's Place, and Royal Pines that focuses on basic skills training, such as writing, math, budgeting; as well as literacy, GED preparation, résumé preparation, job search assistance, and job interview skills training.

Contact: Facility Director

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Education; Social Welfare: Clothing, Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

Pregnancy Test and Resource Center

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Serves women and families who are facing an unplanned pregnancy through free services in a nonjudgmental and confidential environment. www.ptrcjasper.com

Heart and Soul Post-Abortion Recovery Bible Study:

Anonymous and confidential Bible Study for women who have experienced a past abortion.

Contact: 205-221-5860 or ptrcjasper@gmail.com

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine, Social Welfare: Clothing

Turnaround, Inc.

Camp Mitnick Wilderness Program:

Diversion program to keep young, criminal offenders out of the juvenile prison system. Residents are admitted through juvenile courts in Northwest Alabama.

Contact: 205-387-9911

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

Walker County Children's Advocacy Center

Serves child victims of physical and sexual abuse and neglect and strives to reduce the trauma of child maltreatment by providing a child-oriented environment for the coordination, multidisciplinary investigation, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect victims in Walker County.

Individual and Group Counseling:

Counseling provided as needed or as requested for child victims of Walker County who have been physically or sexually abused, severely neglected, or have witnessed violent crimes.

Contact: 205-387-8324

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education

Youth Advocate Program, Inc.

Provides community-based services for high-risk, underserved youth and their families. www.yapinc.org

Wraparound:

Supervision, mentoring, coaching, brokering, and modeling through purposeful individual, family, and group activities; help with meeting obligations to judges, probation officers, and case managers; assistance with part-time employment; constructive use of leisure time; and community service.

Contact: 205-471-0315

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education

Disability Services

The Arc of Walker County

Provides support and training services for persons with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities, and for their family and friends.

Early Head Start:

Center-based childcare for 1 and 2 year olds for an 11 month period every year. Priority is given to families who fall below the poverty level, families at risk of abuse, mothers of a certain age, and children with developmental disabilities.

Early Intervention/Outpatient:

Children birth to age 3 with developmental disabilities are provided with developmental evaluations and individual therapy sessions. Children over the age of 3 are provided with speech, occupational, and physical therapy. Autism testing is available for children ages 18 months and older.

Day Habilitation:

Educational opportunities for self-care, self-direction, receptive and expressive learning, and the capacity for independent living.

Residential:

Provides individuals who cannot live alone or with family members with care and assistance 24 hours per day to enable them to live their community as independently as possible.

Semi-Independent Living:

Helps individuals to integrate and adjust to community living by providing assistance with financial management, shopping, or daily activities of living at home.

Supported Employment:

Increases the placement of capable workers into competitive jobs through intensive training and support.

Contact: 205-387-0562

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine

Arthritis Foundation

Strives to improve the lives of those living with arthritis through leadership in the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis and related diseases by providing public health education, pursuing public policy and legislation, and conducting evidence-based programs.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis:

The largest holiday 5K race series aimed to fight arthritis is held annually on the 1st and 2nd Saturday of December in Montgomery and Birmingham respectively. Wear a holiday themed costume and tie jingle bells to your shoelaces. Raise funds to help find a cure for arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. Run or walk a 5 kilometer route with your team members and

celebrate the season by giving. Website: www.jbr.org/birmingham

Mudbugs and Music:

Family-friendly fundraising event complete with live music all day long, kid's activities, and crawfish and fixings cooked on-site. Dogs are welcome! Tickets are \$25 (\$30 on event day) for adults, \$15 for kids ages 11-17, and children 10 and under get in free, which includes entry into the event and food.

Juvenile Arthritis Family Education Weekend:

State-wide fun family engagement event where children who are affected by arthritis and their families can mix, mingle, and network with other families, Arthritis Foundation staff, and physicians to discuss triumphs, challenges, and other experiences. Family Weekend is held in the Spring of each year and is free to attend.

Better Living Toolkit:

A free resource kit including disease-specific information for patients with arthritis, a health tracker to improve patient understanding and provider communication, a handy jar opener, and other related materials. Website: www.betterlivingtoolkit.org

Juvenile Arthritis Power Pack:

A free resource kit including education about juvenile arthritis, medical resources, newsletters, information for teachers and school nurses, and "Raising a Child with Arthritis: A Parent's Guide", a family focused guide that teaches you more about juvenile arthritis, treatment options, and life-changing medications for your child. . The kit also includes a Buddy D. Bear (child) or Wrap (teen) which offers comfort and provides hot or cold treatment to sooth aching joints. Website: www.JAPowerPack.org

Contact: 205-979-5700

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

Birmingham AMBUCS

Reaches out to children and youth with disabilities to create mobility and independence through AmTryke therapeutic tricycles. www.birminghamambucs.org

AMBUCS Bike Fairs:

Physical therapists recommend AmTryke tricycles to children and youth with disabilities who will benefit physically.

Contact: 205-823-7800 or birminghamambucs1@gmail.com

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

Camp COOL (Children Overcoming Obstacles through Love)

A free summer camp experience in July for children ages 6-21 who have cerebral palsy and/or spina bifida. Activities during the 4 day 3 night camp include recreation, swimming, crafts, a talent show night, an activity night, devotions, and camp fire - all modified for easy participation.

Contact: 205-522-9043

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

Children's of Alabama

Specializes in medical care for ill and injured children. www.childrensal.org

Medical Autism Clinic:

Assists a child's doctor by offering a variety of special evaluations with special attention in certain areas that may be affected by autism. Physician referral required.

Contact: 205-638-5277

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Health and Medicine

Disability Rights and Resources

Empowers individuals with disabilities to fully participate in the community and to support one another in reaching their own independent living goals. www.drradvocates.org

Services include:

- Advocacy
- Centers for Independent Living
- Disability Rights Groups
- Homelessness Advocacy Groups
- Independent Living Skills Instruction
- Job Search/Placement
- Mentoring Programs
- Personal Financial Counseling
- Ramp Construction Services
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Weather Alert Radios

Contact: 205-387-0159

Other Affiliations: Education; Environment; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Finances, Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

Easter Seals Disability Services

Helps individuals with disabilities and health impairments to achieve equality, dignity, and maximum independence. www.campascca.org

Camp ASCCA (Alabama's Special Camp for Children and Adults):

Year-round program of camping, therapeutic recreation, and education for children and adults with both physical and intellectual disabilities.

Contact: 256-825-9226 or info@campascca.org

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth

Equines Assisting Special Individuals

Provides safe and effective therapeutic riding for people with disabilities or special needs in Walker County and surrounding areas. Therapeutic riding, the most popular form of Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies is mounted horseback riding for the purpose of contributing positively to cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being of people with disabilities through the teaching or horsemanship skills. www.easitrc.org

“Trot On” Therapeutic Riding Program:

Serves children and adults with special needs from ages 4 to 60 through a weekly class.

Special Olympics Equestrian Team

Provides riders in the program the opportunity to compete at state-wide held shows and to participate in state games in Troy each year.

Hero UP!

Assists military personnel and veterans through therapeutic riding services tailor to address specific issues faced by wounded or traumatized military personnel, encouraging the riders to live to their fullest potential. Candidates are screened for precautions and contraindications for safety. Each participant receives training in horse handling, safety, and ground work skills along with grooming, tacking, horse care and eventual riding lessons for sports/recreation.

Contact: 205-387-7486 or info@easitrc.org

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Veteran’s Services; Volunteer Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity

Brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope, and builds quality affordable new homes, revitalizes existing donated or purchased homes, and makes critical repairs of owner-occupied homes. To be eligible for the program the family, elderly, or Veteran's income must be between 25 and 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) as defined through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. www.habitatbirmingham.org

Critical Home Repair:

Provides critical repairs for eligible low and moderate income elderly and Veteran homeowners, as well as elderly homeowners who have become disabled or have limited mobility. Typical repairs include: roof replacement or repair, plumbing/hot water heater or repair, window and door replacement, minor electric repairs, gutter replacement and repair, interior and exterior painting, installation of grab bars or railings, and ramps and HVAC replacement and repairs.

Contact: 205-780-1234

Other Affiliations: Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Housing, Disaster Relief; Veteran’s Services

The Horizons School

Teaches young adults with special needs, ages 18-26, how to live independently, have a satisfying career, and become productive members of their communities. www.horizonsschool.org

Providing a "college-like" experience, students attend classes and live in an apartment in the school residence. Students receive extensive training in skills associated with personal, social, and career independence and self-sufficient living. The school's two-year curriculum includes programs such as: Career Exploration, Transportation and Field Education, Career Orientation and Internships, Computer Labs, Job Development, Creative Writing and Art, Apartment Health and Safety, Money Management, Wellness and Fitness, Cooking and Nutrition, Life and Social Skills, and Conflict Management.

Contact: 205-322-6606

Other Affiliations: Education

Jasper Aquanauts

Swim team that practices at the Jasper Memorial Natatorium and is open to special needs children starting at age 8 and through adulthood. The swim team encourages teamwork, provides great exercise, improves swimming ability, and builds self-esteem. The team also swims at Alabama Special Olympics Meets, which provides the opportunity to meet other special Olympians throughout the state, and competes at state games, which helps each person learn independence in a supervised setting.

Contact: 205-384-3617

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth

Jasper Parks and Recreation

Promotes community participation in activities, learning experiences, and social interactions by providing excellence in service, facilities, and programs throughout Jasper.

Dream Team:

Baseball, softball, soccer, flag football, and swimming for those who cannot compete in regular sports. Activities are available for people with disabilities or without, as all sports are modified to everyone's ability.

Contact: 205-384-6014

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Senior Citizens

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging

Provides senior citizens with assistance and resources that will empower them to self-advocate, live independently, and enjoy the highest quality of life. www.m4a-alabama.org

Age and Disability Resource Center:

Provides information, referrals, resources, and options/benefits counseling to individuals in need of guidance and assistance.

Contact: 205-670-5770

Other Affiliations: Education; Health and Medicine; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Finances, Food

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Dedicated to finding treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and other neuromuscular diseases by providing health care services and support to MDA families.

www.mda.org

MDA Health Care Services Program:

Flu shots, support groups, educational seminars, therapy sessions (occupational, physical, respiratory, and speech), clinic visits, repairs to durable medical equipment, and MDA Summer Camp.

MDA Clinic Program:

Clinic visits and therapy consultations available for individuals in Alabama at Children's of Alabama, The Kirklin Clinic at UAB Hospital, and Spain Rehabilitation Center in Birmingham, Alabama.

MDA Summer Camp:

A one-week camp available to children, ages 6-17, who have been diagnosed with a neuromuscular disease. Activities include horseback riding, tubing, arts and crafts, fishing, splash pad waterpark, and zip-line.

Contact: 205-823-8191

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth

Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center

Serves adults and children in a variety of health settings including outpatient, residential, case management, and inpatient hospitalization, as well as a 24-hour crisis line, to provide assistance with behavioral health, mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities. Service fees are on a sliding scale based on the patient's ability to pay. www.nwamhc.com

Contact: 205-302-9000

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

TriCounty Agency for Intellectual Disabilities

Provides case management and direct care services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

www.tricountyaid.org

Summer STARS (Striving Through Adversity to Reach Success):

Structured environment for learning and fun activities in the classroom and in the community.

Contact: 205-384-4253

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and Tennessee Valley, Inc.

Enhances the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and promotes their independence, self-sufficiency, and full citizenship in the community through direct services, training, education, technology, and advocacy. www.ucphuntsville.org

Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network:

Respite resource information and referrals for caregivers; respite voucher assistance; education and public awareness; state, local, and federal advocacy; and technical assistance to begin new programs. www.alabamarespite.org

Contact: 866-737-8252

Childcare Enhancement with a Purpose (CCEP):

Free inclusion training for childcare providers provided by experienced teachers and therapists who share simple, practical ways to work and include children with special needs in daycare centers or home programs. Program offers: a curriculum with a multidisciplinary approach which utilizes developmentally appropriate practices, free training funding for substitute teachers during training, educational kits, clock-hour credit approved by the Dept. of Human Resources, onsite consultation and technical assistance, workshops, and resources for assistance.

Contact: 205-944-3966

Technology Assistance for Special Consumers (T.A.S.C.):

Assistive technology devices and services for individuals with disabilities, their families and advocates, and associated professionals to increase independence at home, school, and work. Augmentative and Alternative Communication evaluations with a licensed SLP are also available for individuals who can no longer communicate using their voice due to a disability, injury, or disease. www.ucphuntsville.org/what-we-do/t-a-s-c/

Contact: 256-859-4900 or tasc@ucphuntsville.org

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens

Education

American Red Cross

Prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. www.redcross.org

Preparedness and Health and Safety Services:

Free community education programs to groups, schools, and businesses to help prepare responses to crisis and emergencies.

Contact: 205-387-1478

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Clothing, Disaster Relief, Finances, Food; Veteran's Services

The Arc of Walker County

Provides support and training services for persons with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities, and for their family and friends. www.walkerarc.com

REACH Pre-Kindergarten:

Prepares 4 year olds for 5-year-old Kindergarten. Program cost assistance is available for eligible families.

Day Habilitation:

Educational opportunities for self-care, self-direction, receptive and expressive learning, and the capacity for independent living.

Supported Employment:

Increases the placement of capable workers into competitive jobs through intensive training and support.

Contact: 205-387-0562

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Disability Services, Health and Medicine

Bankhead House and Heritage Center

Jasper, Alabama Historical Marker: Home of Speaker of the House William Brockman Bankhead, father of Tallulah Bankhead. The Bankhead House and Heritage Center aims to collect, showcase, and inspire the past, present, and future of all that is good and famous in Walker County. www.wacf.org/bankhead-house--heritage-center

2015 Exhibit Schedule: Admission is free. Group Tours available upon request

January 19 - June 3 | A Walk through Walker County, Featuring the collection of local historian, Pat Morrison

Come see culturally significant artifacts representing our rich history from across Walker County.

June 21 - September 30 | Call of the Wild, Featuring the collection of Dennis Campbell

A Sipsey native and life-long resident of Sumiton, Campbell is a world renowned and award winning big game hunter. The exhibit features animals from North America and all over the world.

October 18 - December 30 | Walker 24/7: A Day in the Life of Walker County "Summer" Photography Contest Exhibit

A time capsule in photographs depicting a day in the life of Walker County residents during the month of July. The exhibit will feature winners and selected photographs from six categories.

Contact: 205-302-0001

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships in order to achieve success in their lives by partnering with parents/guardians, volunteers, and other community members. www.bbbsbhm.org

School-Based Mentoring:

One-to-one mentoring services for children who are at risk of: dropping out of schools, drug and alcohol abuse, joining gangs, and other negative behaviors. Mentors help build self-esteem, improve grades, encourage children to make positive decisions, and inspire them to become contributing members in our community.

Contact: 205-939-5590

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Volunteer Opportunities

Birmingham Children's Theatre

Educates, entertains, and enriches the lives of children through the magic of professional theatre. www.bct123.org

BCT on Tour & Study Guide Live

The touring division that brings theatre to thousands of students and families across Alabama and the Southeast or anywhere there is an audience seeking the best in theatre for young audiences. An interactive study guide is incorporated into the theatre program and seeks to educate through imagination and team-work.

Contact: 205-458-8186

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth

Childcare Resources

Provides information, education, and assistance to families, providers of childcare, and the community. www.ccr-bhm.org

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Childcare Provider Training and Technical Assistance:
Professional development for childcare providers.

Resource and Referral:
Assists families with selecting appropriate childcare programs to meet the families' needs.

Contact: 205-945-0018 or childcare@ccr-bhm.org

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

Children's Aid Society

Provides services that meet the immediate needs of families for care and safety and to enhance their opportunities for optimum growth and development. www.childrensaid.org

Independent Living Program:

Youth in the foster care system are taught independent living skills, such as career counseling, budgeting, healthy decision making, and managing responsibilities through camps and conferences for youth and social workers serving youth. Clients must be referred by the Dept. of Human Resources.

Project Independence:

Serves pregnant and/or parenting homeless young mothers, ages 16 to 22, and their children by providing safe, stable living accommodations; career counseling; and GED/high school equivalency test instruction.

Contact: 205-251-7148

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Housing

Children's of Alabama

Specializes in medical care for ill and injured children. www.childrensal.org

Children's Harbour:

Educational, social, and mental health assessment; family, individual, marital, and group counseling; play therapy; disease specific support groups; information and referrals; therapeutic camping; ropes course; and therapeutic foster care. www.childrensharbour.com

Contact: 205-939-6123 or info@childrensharbour.com

Patient Health & Safety:

Outreach services to help educate children and families about safety, such as Body Trek, CPR/First Aid, Kids on the Block, My School Nurse, Safe Sitter, School Nurse Workshops, Safety Store, and Health and Safety brochures and videos.

Contact: 205-638-9377

Regional Poison Control Center:

Free and confidential hotline for poison information and treatment recommendations for all ages to the public and health care providers 24 hours a day.

Contact: 1-800-222-1222

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Disability Services, Health and Medicine

Disability Rights and Resources

Empowers individuals with disabilities to fully participate in the community and to support one another in reaching their own independent living goals. www.drradvocates.org

Independent Living Skills Instruction

Job Search/Placement

Personal Financial Counseling

Contact: 205-387-0159

Other Affiliations: Disability Services; Environmnet; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Finances, Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

Equines Assisting Special Individuals

Provides safe and effective therapeutic riding for people with disabilities or special needs in Walker County and surrounding areas. Therapeutic riding, the most popular form of Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies is mounted horseback riding for the purpose of contributing positively to cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being of people with disabilities through the teaching or horsemanship skills. www.easitrc.org

“Trot On” Therapeutic Riding Program:

Serves children and adults with special needs from ages 4 to 60 through a weekly class.

BarnMice Junior Volunteer Program

Provides children ages 9-13 a place to serve and learn about horses in a safe environment while utilizing teamwork. BarnMice serve as horse handlers and side walkers once they pass specific horsemanship skills.

Hero UP!

Assists military personnel and veterans through therapeutic riding services tailor to address specific issues faced by wounded or traumatized military personnel, encouraging the riders to live to their fullest potential. Candidates are screened for precautions and contraindications for safety. Each participant receives training in horse handling, safety, and ground work skills along with grooming, tacking, horse care and eventual riding lessons for sports/recreation.

Contact: 205-387-7486 or info@easitrc.org

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Disability Services; Veteran's Services; Volunteer Opportunities

Girls Incorporated of Central Alabama

Trained staff and volunteers build lasting, mentoring relationships in girls-only spaces that are physically and emotionally safe and where girls find a sisterhood of support with shared drive, mutual respect, and high expectations. Hands-on, research-based programs provide girls with the skills and knowledge to set goals, overcome obstacles, and improve academic performance. www.girlsinc.org

Contact: 205-595-4475

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

Healthy Eating Active Living, Inc.

Measurably improves children's health and wellness by partnering with elementary physical education classrooms. www.healalabama.org

HEAL coordinators work with physical education teachers and provide teacher training, the HEAL curriculum, educational supplies, lesson plans, teacher assessment materials, workbooks, games, heart rate monitors, posters, motivational materials, and ongoing teacher support. HEAL, Inc. is currently supporting all elementary schools in Walker County.

Contact: 205-790-0001 or info@healalabama.org

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama

Dedicated to the social, civic, and economic integration of Hispanic families in Alabama. www.hispanicinterest.org

Community Engagement and Education:

Civic and Cultural Education, Comadres Women's Empowerment Initiative, Civic Engagement and Community Organizing, Parent Education and Educator Engagement, Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice

Contact: 205-942-5505 or info@hispanicinterest.org

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Latino Resources

The Horizons School

Teaches young adults with special needs, ages 18-26, how to live independently, have a satisfying career, and become productive members of their communities. www.horizonsschool.org

Providing a "college-like" experience, students attend classes and live in an apartment in the school residence. Students receive extensive training in skills associated with personal, social, and career independence and self-sufficient living. The school's two-year curriculum includes programs such as: Career Exploration, Transportation and Field Education, Career Orientation and Internships, Computer Labs, Job Development, Creative Writing and Art, Apartment Health and Safety, Money Management, Wellness and Fitness, Cooking and Nutrition, Life and Social Skills, and Conflict Management.

Contact: 205-322-6606

Other Affiliations: Disability Services

Impact Alabama

Engages students and recent college graduates to address community needs, empowering a generation through collaborative efforts to promote change in the communities served.

www.impactamerica.com/alabama

SaveFirst:

Trains college, graduate, and law students to provide free tax preparation services and opportunities for savings to low-income, working families.

CollegeFirst:

Trains college and graduate students to implement a three-week, Summer Advanced Placement Institute for high-school students in Birmingham and Tuscaloosa and surrounding areas that challenges students to cultivate their skills and abilities and exposes them to the content knowledge they will need to succeed in college.

Contact: 205-934-0664

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Health and Medicine, Social Welfare: Finances, Volunteer Opportunities

Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.

Coordinates community resources that empower individuals and families for success. www.jafsc.org

Second Opportunity System:

Assists out of school youth (ages 16 to 24) in obtaining education, skills, and training needed to become successful, employable adults. Services include GED, work experience, mentoring, counseling, career assessment, and job placement.

Employment Preparation Services:

Prepares qualified participants for job market through life skills, job skills, job ethics, mock interview, resume writing, and job search activities.

GED:

Provides one-on-one support in remedial study aimed at obtaining the GED certificate. Services people ages 17 through adulthood at Beville State Community College.

The Alabama Career Readiness Certificate:

Reports an individual's Applied Mathematics, Locating Information, and Reading for Information Skills in relation to the level of skills needed in 80% of the jobs and occupations contained in the ACT's Work Keys national database. Many employers find these Work Keys scores helpful in determining applicants that demonstrate specific job skills.

Computer Lab/Classes:

Basic computer classes are available for senior adults.

Defensive Driving:

A National Safety Council 4-hour class

Court Referral Education Programs (Level I, II, and Juvenile):

Teaches the risk and consequences of alcohol and drug abuse and provides opportunities for participants to develop a plan to avoid future problems with alcohol and other drug abuses.

Y.E.S.:

A behavior modification program designed to address shoplifting behavior among teens and to prevent and intervene on potential destructive choices/behaviors.

Contact: 205-302-0801

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Finances

Jasper Housing Authority

Committed to enhance the quality of life by providing safe, decent, and affordable rental housing for Walker County low-income families and non-working families, elderly, and disabled households.

Summer Youth Development Camp:

Provides a learning environment for their youth with programs such as: Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, fishing, bowling, gardening, computer skills (math, reading, and science software), Junior Achievement Program, field trips, and arts and crafts. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

After-School Program:

Provides a snack, assistance with homework assignments, an educational project, support to the Boy and Girl Scouts, support to the Junior Achievement Program, and recreational activities.

Contact: 205-384-4864 or jasperha@bellsouth.net

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Social Welfare: Housing

Jasper Police Explorers

Provides an educational opportunity for youth interested in law enforcement to become aware of the complexities and capabilities of police service, as well as the civic responsibilities in order to productively serve the community. www.exploring.learningforlife.org

Jasper Explorers:

Distinguished career orientation and experience program for young people ages 14 to 21 interested in a career in law enforcement or a related field in criminal justice. Explorers gain personal awareness through training, practical experiences, competition, and other activities.

Ride-Along:

Offers qualified explorers the opportunity to accompany a police officer on patrol to observe and gain practical experience with regard to the methods and techniques used in patrol operations and related services.

Contact: 205-221-8113

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

Jimmie Hale Mission

Ministers to the spiritual and physical needs of men, women, and children by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through a homeless shelter for men, a shelter for women and children, after-school Bible clubs, recovery programs, learning centers, and fundraising thrift stores.

Stewart Learning Centers:

Program offered at Shepura Men's Center, Jessie's Place, and Royal Pines that focuses on basic skills training, such as writing, math, budgeting; as well as literacy, GED preparation, résumé preparation, job search assistance, and job interview skills training.

Contact: Shepura Men's Center –205-324-2271, Jessie's Place –205-323-0170, and Royal Pines – 205-352-9444

Discovery Clubs:

Bible clubs meet in public elementary schools during after-school hours to teach the Gospel while building foundations for life, developing character, and changing our communities. Trained volunteers help children through fun, unforgettable weekly activities.

Contact: 205-941-9852

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Clothing, Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

The Literacy Council

Focuses on reducing the illiteracy rate in Walker County by offering adult tutoring, children's prevention services, and young adult activities. www.literacy-council.org

Adult Literacy Training:

Through tutor training, which teaches potential tutors how to test and tutor adult learners, tutors and learners come together to improve or begin a learner's journey to literacy. Sessions are at least once per week for one to two hours in a provided location. Training and all supplies are free to both the tutor and the learner.

Walker County Reads:

Places volunteers in city and county schools to provide elementary-aged children an opportunity to have someone to practice their reading skills with or to get additional help with their skills if needed.

Junior Board:

Consists of ten young people who are dedicated to upholding and furthering the mission of The Literacy Council, and who serve as volunteers for a variety of community programs and events, including children and peer tutoring.

“Daddy and Me” Dance:

Annual fundraiser and awareness dance for fathers and their daughters held on the Thursday before Valentine’s Day. Books are given away, as well as promotional materials. All ages are welcome. No mothers allowed.

Contact: 205-387-0511

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Volunteer Opportunities

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging

Provides senior citizens with assistance and resources that will empower them to self-advocate, live independently, and enjoy the highest quality of life. www.m4a-alabama.org

Senior Community Service Employment Program:

On-the-job training and opportunities to learn, improve, and build skills in order to find permanent employment.

Senior Medicare Patrol:

Teaches Medicare beneficiaries how to protect their personal identity, detect potential errors, fraud and abuse and how to report healthcare fraud.

State Health Insurance Assistance Program:

Helps Medicare beneficiaries make informed choices regarding health benefits through unbiased counseling.

Contact: 205-670-5770

Other Affiliations: Disability Services; Health and Medicine; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Finances, Food

Positive Maturity, Inc.

Partnering with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), Positive Maturity strives to enhance, engage, and empower the older adults in our communities through social services and civic engagement, as well as health watch events, Yellow Dot Safety Program, referrals, and age-appropriate assistance as needed. www.positivematurity.org

Health Watch:

Community outreach program for seniors held quarterly at the CHS building from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. where health information is provided by guest speakers from Walker Baptist Medical Center and other professionals within the county.

Intergenerational Quilting Program:

RSVP Quilting Volunteers teach and assist 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in the Walker County schools to design, assemble, and quilt a square using paper (4th grade), to hand-stitch and quilt a potholder (5th grade), and to quilt a full size square (6th grade). All students are eligible to go compete in regional contests and participate at booths with RSVP at Art in the Park and the Walker County Fair.

Contact: 205-221-3760

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens, Volunteer Opportunities

Pregnancy Test and Resource Center

Serves women and families who are facing an unplanned pregnancy through free services in a nonjudgmental and confidential environment. www.ptrcjasper.com

Now What:

Parenting education program, consisting of 8 or 12 classes, to expecting mothers and fathers who are in need of baby items to prepare for their newborn. Graduates can earn a car seat, clothing, diapers, etc. Classes are offered Monday - Thursday by appointment.

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Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Health and Medicine, Social Welfare: Clothing

United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and Tennessee Valley, Inc.

Enhances the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and promotes their independence, self-sufficiency, and full citizenship in the community through direct services, training, education, technology, and advocacy. www.ucphuntsville.org

Childcare Enhancement with a Purpose (CCEP):

Free inclusion training for childcare providers provided by experienced teachers and therapists who share simple, practical ways to work and include children with special needs in daycare centers or home programs. Program offers: a curriculum with a multidisciplinary approach which utilizes developmentally appropriate practices, free training funding for substitute teachers during training, educational kits, clock-hour credit approved by the Dept. of Human Resources, onsite consultation and technical assistance, workshops, and resources for assistance.

Contact: 205-944-3966

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Disability Services, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens

University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Theatre Tours

The following tours are available for booking on Fridays only (www.uab.edu/cas/theatre):

Kids on the Block Presents “Dealing with Bullies”:

A program on dealing with bullies raises questions and offers solutions about the age old problem. All of the questions are addressed in an insightful and challenging program. Appropriate for: Grades K-4. Running time: Approximately 40 minutes.

The Tolerance Project:

Being a student in today’s world presents more challenges than ever. The innovative Tolerance Project explores behaviors, choices, and consequences in the middle and high school arenas. Actors lead discussions after each scenario to help foster awareness in students of the power of their actions, words, and thoughts – an excellent addition to diversity and tolerance strategies explored in the classroom. Appropriate for: Middle and High Schools. To encourage discussion, The Tolerance Project works best for audiences of 50 students or less. Running time: 50 minutes.

Contact: 205-934-3237

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Senior Citizens

Walker County Arts Alliance

Promotes cultural arts and the awareness of arts to the citizens of Walker County through a variety of cultural arts programs. www.artsofwalkercounty.org

50-Mule Team Public Art Project:

Working with local artists and sponsors, 60+ painted and decorated mule statues now reside in Walker County at local businesses. A Mule Map is available to residents, visitors, or tourists who wish to view the mules and to learn about mules and the part they have played in area history.

Contact: 205-221-1711

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities

Walker County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Provides emergency communications during times of severe weather or natural disasters, as well as communications for community special events when requested, such as bike rides, charity runs, and trail rides.

Weekly Emergency Training:

Training sessions on how to pass emergency messages are held every Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. The frequency is 147.39 with a PL tone of 110.9. All licensed operators are welcome.

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Contact: 205-451-3229

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Disaster Relief

Walker County Children’s Advocacy Center

Serves child victims of physical and sexual abuse and neglect and strives to reduce the trauma of child maltreatment by providing a child-oriented environment for the coordination, multidisciplinary investigation, intervention, and treatment of child abuse and neglect victims in Walker County.

Trainings and Awareness:

The center seeks to raise local awareness about child safety issues, specifically child abuse and neglect by participating in local educational opportunities, such as community speaking engagements and trainings for teachers, care providers, and others who work with children. Trainings are conducted as needed or as requested.

Contact: 205-387-8324

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support

Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.

Assists low-income families and communities with overcoming barriers of self-sufficiency through programs and referrals. www.caawalker.org

Budgeting Class:

Classes are held once a week for a period more than 90 days. Classes are available in sessions (usually 8 sessions per year) and include information on budgeting, income and expenses, credit, insurance, and working on individual expenditures.

Career Development Program:

Assists individuals with resumes, job search, internet certification computer classes, and obtaining documents necessary for employment.

Youth Program:

Afterschool program held at the Jasper Housing Authority Gym for youth ages 6 to 15 residing in Walker County that assists youth with academic, physical, and social advancement.

Contact: 205-221-4010

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Clothing, Finances

Winston County Arts Council

Strives to bring formal art education to all students in Winston County, to make multidisciplinary formal arts more accessible to all citizens of the area, and to keep the folk arts of the rural hill country alive through education, presentations, and exhibitions. www.winstoncountyarts.org

Provides part-time paid and volunteer teachers in Winston County schools, presents musical concerts and plays, and offers watercolor classes and pottery classes throughout the year.

Contact: 205-489-6569
Watercolor Classes: 205-444-9244
Pottery Classes: 601-260-9697

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth

Youth Advocate Program, Inc.

Provides community-based services for high-risk, underserved youth and their families. www.yapinc.org

Wraparound:

Supervision, mentoring, coaching, brokering, and modeling through purposeful individual, family, and group activities; help with meeting obligations to judges, probation officers, and case managers; assistance with part-time employment; constructive use of leisure time; and community service.

Contact: 205-471-0315

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support

Health and Medicine

Alzheimer's of Central Alabama

Promotes research and provides services for local families living with dementia in its many forms, and support families who cannot afford the most basic necessities, like continence supplies and respite care. www.alzca.org

Continence Product Scholarship:

A case of products - including diapers, bed pads, gloves, and wipes - is delivered to each patient's home every month, which serves those who not only have limited financial resources, but also may not have access to transportation to purchase products.

Contact: 205-871-7970 or aca@alzca.org

Other Affiliations: Senior Citizens

American Diabetes Association

Strives to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Living with Type 2 Diabetes:

Offers an opportunity to learn more about diabetes and how to live well with diabetes over a 12-month period.

Contact: 205-870-5172

The Arc of Walker County

Provides support and training services for persons with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities, and for their family and friends. www.walkerarc.com

Early Intervention/Outpatient:

Children birth to age 3 with developmental disabilities are provided with developmental evaluations and individual therapy sessions. Children over the age of 3 are provided with speech, occupational, and physical therapy. Autism testing is available for children ages 18 months and older.

Contact: 205-387-0562

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Disability Services, Education

Arthritis Foundation

Strives to improve the lives of those living with arthritis through leadership in the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis and related diseases by providing public health education, pursuing public policy and legislation, and conducting evidence-based programs. www.arthritis.org/alabama

Mudbugs and Music:

Family-friendly fundraising event complete with live music all day long, kid's activities, and crawfish and fixings cooked on-site. Dogs are welcome! Tickets are \$25 (\$30 on event day) for

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adults, \$15 for kids ages 11-17, and children 10 and under get in free, which includes entry into the event and food.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis:

The largest holiday 5K race series aimed to fight arthritis is held annually on the 1st and 2nd Saturday of December in Montgomery and Birmingham respectively. Wear a holiday themed costume and tie jingle bells to your shoelaces. Raise funds to help find a cure for arthritis, the nation's leading cause of disability. Run or walk a 5 kilometer route with your team members and celebrate the season by giving. www.jbr.org/birmingham

Juvenile Arthritis Family Education Weekend:

State-wide fun family engagement event where children who are affected by arthritis and their families can mix, mingle, and network with other families, Arthritis Foundation staff, and physicians to discuss triumphs, challenges, and other experiences. Family Weekend is held in the Spring of each year and is free to attend.

Juvenile Arthritis Power Pack:

A free resource kit including education about juvenile arthritis, medical resources, newsletters, information for teachers and school nurses, and "Raising a Child with Arthritis: A Parent's Guide", a family focused guide that teaches you more about juvenile arthritis, treatment options, and life-changing medications for your child. . The kit also includes a Buddy D. Bear (child) or Wrap (teen) which offers comfort and provides hot or cold treatment to sooth aching joints. Website: www.JAPowerPack.org

Better Living Toolkit:

A free resource kit including disease-specific information for patients with arthritis, a health tracker to improve patient understanding and provider communication, a handy jar opener, and other related materials. Website: www.betterlivingtoolkit.org

Contact: 205-314-8440

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services

Birmingham AMBUCS

Reaches out to children and youth with disabilities to create mobility and independence through AmTryke therapeutic tricycles. www.birminghamambucs.org

AMBUCS Bike Fairs:

Physical therapists recommend AmTryke tricycles to children and youth with disabilities who will benefit physically.

Contact: 205-823-7800 or birminghamambucs1@gmail.com

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services, Health and Medicine

Brandi's Blessings

Educates the public on different types of blood disorders by hosting bone marrow drives and educating donors why it is important to join the bone marrow registry; supports patients diagnosed with blood disorders financially with lodging, medical bills, care packages, gas cards, etc.; and spreads awareness to the public. www.brandiblessings.org

Contact: 205-586-2726 or brandiblessings@outlook.com

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Support, and Recovery

Camp COOL (Children Overcoming Obstacles through Love)

A free summer camp experience in July for children ages 6-21 who have cerebral palsy and/or spina bifida. Activities during the 4 day 3 night camp include recreation, swimming, crafts, a talent show night, an activity night, devotions, and camp fire - all modified for easy participation.

Contact: 205-522-9043

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services

Camp Smile-A-Mile

Provides year-round challenging, unforgettable recreational and educational experiences for young cancer patients and their families, as well as young adult survivors, at no cost to the families to help them cope with their disease and to prepare them for life after cancer.

Camp Sessions:

Seven camp sessions held every summer at Children's Harbor on Lake Martin. Each session is tailored for stage of treatment and age or family need and include: on-therapy family camp, youth week-long camp, sibling camp, teen week-long camp, junior/senior camp, young adult retreat, and off-therapy family camp.

Hospital Outreach Program:

In-hospital camping adventures and activities for patients and their families throughout the year designed to stimulate the senses and improve quality of life while educating.

Contact: 205-323-8427

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support

Camp WheezeAway

Free educational, week-long, overnight summer camp every year in June for children ages 8 to 12 with moderate to severe asthma providing focused education and medical support through physicians, respiratory therapists, nurses, pharmacists, and professional students. The camp is held at YMCA Camp Chandler in Wetumpka, AL. Applications are available once school starts each year, and eligible campers are chosen based on their medical need. www.campchandler.org

Contact: 334-799-3449

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth

Capstone Rural Health Center

Meets family health needs by providing high-quality, affordable health and wellness services to insured and uninsured patients. www.capstoneclinic.org

Back to School Supplies Giveaway:

Health fair, kids activity zone, door prizes, giveaways, and free health screenings. Friday, August 14, 2015 9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Community Garden:

Garden produce that is free to patients and the community. Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday - 8:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Volunteer opportunities available on Tuesdays at 9:00a.m.

Affordable Care Act:

Opportunity for individuals and families without health care insurance to earn about their options and enroll in a plan that meets their needs. When to apply:

- Open Enrollment begins in the Fall of the year (October - November)
- Enroll by January to ensure your coverage will start early Spring
- Last Chance for Enrollment is late Winter or early Spring (February - March)

Contact: 205-724-9031

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Finances, Food; Volunteer Opportunities

Children's of Alabama

Specializes in medical care for ill and injured children. www.childrensal.org

Children's Harbour:

Educational, social, and mental health assessment; family, individual, marital, and group counseling; play therapy; disease specific support groups; information and referrals; therapeutic camping; ropes course; and therapeutic foster care. www.childrensharbour.com

Contact: 205-939-6123 or info@childrensharbour.com

Patient Health & Safety:

Outreach services to help educate children and families about safety, such as Body Trek, CPR/First Aid, Kids on the Block, My School Nurse, Safe Sitter, School Nurse Workshops, Safety Store, and Health and Safety brochures and videos.

Contact: 205-638-9377

Medical Autism Clinic:

Assists a child's doctor by offering a variety of special evaluations with special attention in certain areas that may be affected by autism. Physician referral required.

Contact: 205-638-5277

Regional Poison Control Center:

Free and confidential hotline for poison information and treatment recommendations for all ages to the public and health care providers 24 hours a day.

Contact: 1-800-222-1222

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Disability Services, Education

Healthy Eating Active Living, Inc.

Measurably improves children's health and wellness by partnering with elementary physical education classrooms. www.healalabama.org

HEAL coordinators work with physical education teachers and provide teacher training, the HEAL curriculum, educational supplies, lesson plans, teacher assessment materials, workbooks, games, heart rate monitors, posters, motivational materials, and ongoing teacher support. HEAL, Inc. is currently supporting all elementary schools in Walker County.

Contact: 205-790-0001 or info@healalabama.org

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education

Hope Clinic

Strives to strengthen families and individuals with bleeding disorders through advocacy and educational outreach, while facilitating programs that foster peer support and independence.

Contact: 205-302-0011 or hopeclinic205@bellsouth.net

Impact Alabama

Engages students and recent college graduates to address community needs, empowering a generation through collaborative efforts to promote change in the communities served.

www.impactamerica.com/alabama

FocusFirst:

Provides free vision screenings to children, ages six months to five years, in Head Starts and lower-income daycares using high-tech digital screening cameras. All children failing the screenings receive free follow-up care through Sight Savers America.

Contact: 205-934-0664

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Social Welfare: Finances, Volunteer Opportunities

Kid One Transport System, Inc.

Provides safe and reliable transportation for children who do not have access to health care due to a lack thereof. Health care transportation includes basic and critical health services, such as preventative care/well visits, behavioral counseling and other mental health services, dialysis, chemotherapy, physical therapy, dental and vision appointments, and prenatal care. www.kidone.org

Contact: 205-978-1000

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Social Welfare: Transportation

Magic Moments

The only wish-granting organization devoted exclusively to children in Alabama with chronically life-threatening diseases. www.magicmoments.org

Annual Family Camp

Magic Moment Fulfillment:

Provides non-medical gifts to children between the ages of 4 and 18 with life-threatening diseases to put joy and hope back in their lives.

Contact: 205-638-9608 or info@magicmoments.org

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging

Provides senior citizens with assistance and resources that will empower them to self-advocate, live independently, and enjoy the highest quality of life. www.m4a-alabama.org

Health and Wellness Programs:

Promotes healthy living through evidence-based programs in group settings, such as Arthritis Exercise, Tai Chi classes, and Chronic Disease Self-Management workshops.

Contact: 205-670-5770

Other Affiliations: Disability Services, Education, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Finances, Food

Northwest Alabama Mental Health Center

Serves adults and children in a variety of health settings including outpatient, residential, case management, and inpatient hospitalization, as well as a 24-hour crisis line, to provide assistance with behavioral health, mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disabilities. Service fees are on a sliding scale based on the patient's ability to pay. www.nwamhc.com

Contact: 205-302-9000

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

Positive Maturity, Inc.

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Health Watch:

Community outreach program for seniors held quarterly at the CHS building from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. where health information is provided by guest speakers from Walker Baptist Medical Center and other professionals within the county.

Yellow Dot:

Free program available for all citizens of Alabama that provides a Yellow Dot sticker to be placed in the rear window of your vehicle. The sticker alerts First Responders that your vital medical information is in a yellow folder in your glove compartment.

Contact: 205-221-3760

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Education, Elder Care, Senior Citizens, Volunteer Opportunities

Pregnancy Test and Resource Center

Serves women and families who are facing an unplanned pregnancy through free services in a nonjudgmental and confidential environment. www.ptrcjasper.com

Services:

Free pregnancy testing, information on pregnancy options, ultrasound to estimate gestational age, verification of positive pregnancy test, and referrals for prenatal care and Medicaid. Appointments are recommended.

Now What:

Parenting education program, consisting of 8 or 12 classes, to expecting mothers and fathers who are in need of baby items to prepare for their newborn. Graduates can earn a car seat, clothing, diapers, etc. Classes are offered Monday - Thursday by appointment.

Clothes Closet:

Offers clothing for newborn to 2T and maternity clothing, as well as diapers, wipes, and basic baby items. An educational lesson is required to be completed before items are received. Clothes Closet appointments are available on Monday and Wednesday.

Post Abortion Recovery Bible Study:

Anonymous and confidential Bible Study for women who have experienced a past abortion.

Contact: 205-221-5860 or ptrcjasper@gmail.com

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Social Welfare: Clothing

Sight Savers of America

Identifies and secures treatment for unmet vision and health needs that impede a child's ability to reach their full potential in school and in life. All services are offered at no cost to qualifying children.

www.sightsaversamerica.org

Children's Eye Care Network:

Children who fail vision screenings are referred for comprehensive follow-up eye care services and assigned a personal Case Specialist, who oversees the child's vision treatment from start to finish ensuring that he or she receives the necessary eye care.

I Can See Now:

Provides vision assistive technology, such as Electronic Video Magnifiers, for children who are living with low vision.

Vision Check:

Vision screenings on-site to Jasper City Schools for 4th and 6th grade students who would not otherwise receive a school vision-screening during that year. Sight Savers provides comprehensive follow-up eye care for all children who fail the screening.

KidCheck Plus:

Head-to-toe health screening which includes: height and weight; BMI; temperature; blood pressure; heart and lung sounds; heart and respiratory rates; vision; dental; hearing; examinations of the eyes, ears, nose, and throat; and skin and musculoskeletal.

Contact: 877-942-2627

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and Tennessee Valley, Inc.

Enhances the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and promotes their independence, self-sufficiency, and full citizenship in the community through direct services, training, education, technology, and advocacy. www.ucphuntsville.org

Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network:

Respite resource information and referrals for caregivers; respite voucher assistance; education and public awareness; state, local, and federal advocacy; and technical assistance to begin new programs. www.alabamarespite.org

Contact: 866-737-8252

Childcare Enhancement with a Purpose (CCEP):

Free inclusion training for childcare providers provided by experienced teachers and therapists who share simple, practical ways to work and include children with special needs in daycare centers or home programs. Program offers: a curriculum with a multidisciplinary approach which

utilizes developmentally appropriate practices, free training funding for substitute teachers during training, educational kits, clock-hour credit approved by the Dept. of Human Resources, onsite consultation and technical assistance, workshops, and resources for assistance.

Contact: 205-944-3966

Technology Assistance for Special Consumers (T.A.S.C.):

Assistive technology devices and services for individuals with disabilities, their families and advocates, and associated professionals to increase independence at home, school, and work. Augmentative and Alternative Communication evaluations with a licensed SLP are also available for individuals who can no longer communicate using their voice due to a disability, injury, or disease. www.ucphuntsville.org/what-we-do/t-a-s-c/

Contact: 256-859-4900 or tasc@ucphuntsville.org

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Disability Services, Education, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens

Alabama Grief Support Services, Inc.

Provides free grief support groups, grief counseling, and community grief education.
www.communitygriefsupport.org

Grief Support Group:

Support group for widowed persons, primarily retired, held at the Sumiton Community Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact: 205-915-4742 or communitygriefsu@bellsouth.net

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support

Alzheimer's of Central Alabama

Promotes research and provides services for local families living with dementia in its many forms, and support families who cannot afford the most basic necessities, like continence supplies and respite care.
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Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery and Support

Disability Rights and Resources

Empowers individuals with disabilities to fully participate in the community and to support one another in reaching their own independent living goals. www.drradvocates.org

Centers for Independent Living

Independent Living Skills Instruction
Contact: 205-387-0159

Other Affiliations: Disability Services; Education; Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Finances, Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

Eagles Rest

Boarding Home for Elder Care

Contact: 205-622-3240

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Food

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Birmingham

Brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope, and builds quality affordable new homes, revitalizes existing donated or purchased homes, and makes critical repairs of owner-occupied homes. To be eligible for the program the family, elderly, or Veteran's income must be between 25 and 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) as defined through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. www.habitatbirmingham.org

Critical Home Repair:

Provides critical repairs for eligible low and moderate income elderly and Veteran homeowners, as well as elderly homeowners who have become disabled or have limited mobility. Typical repairs include: roof replacement or repair, plumbing/hot water heater or repair, window and door replacement, minor electric repairs, gutter replacement and repair, interior and exterior painting, installation of grab bars or railings, and ramps and HVAC replacement and repairs.

Contact: 205-780-1234

Other Affiliations: Disability Services; Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Housing; Veteran's Services

Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.

Coordinates community resources that empower individuals and families for success. www.jafsc.org

Cooperative Generations:

Designed for grandparents who have received temporary custody of grandchildren and parents who are attempting to regain custody. The focus is how to get along for the benefit and care of the children involved.

Computer Lab/Classes:

Basic computer classes are available for senior adults.

J.A.M.E.S. (Jasper Area Ministerial Emergency Services, Inc.):

Emergency assistance for residents within the city limits of Jasper,

Contact: 205-302-0801

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Social Welfare: Finances

Jasper Parks and Recreation

Promotes community participation in activities, learning experiences, and social interactions by providing excellence in service, facilities, and programs throughout Jasper.

Senior Citizens:

Variety of activities, such as: ceramics, painting, dancing, card games, field trips, computer classes, cooking, and much more.

Contact: 205-221-8513

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging

Provides senior citizens with assistance and resources that will empower them to self-advocate, live independently, and enjoy the highest quality of life. www.m4a-alabama.org

Age and Disability Resource Center:

Provides information, referrals, resources, and options/benefits counseling to individuals in need of guidance and assistance.

Alabama Cares:

Caregiver support program for unpaid caregivers providing at least 20 hours of service a week to a loved one who is at least 60 years of age, and providing homemaker services, personal care assistance, respite care, and supplies.

Alabama Elderly Simplified Application Project:

Food assistance program for households where all members are elderly and have no earned income.

Health and Wellness Programs:

Promotes healthy living through evidence-based programs in group settings, such as Arthritis Exercise, Tai Chi classes, and Chronic Disease Self-Management workshops.

Legal:

Non-fee generating, non-criminal, legal services including power of attorney, wills, health care directives, Medicaid, nursing home problems, and public benefits.

Medicaid Waiver Services:

In-home assistance for people who are nursing home eligible and are at risk of going into a facility if they do not receive assistance, providing homemaker services, personal care assistance, unskilled respite care, and frozen meals.

Alabama Elderly Nutrition Program:

Meals are delivered either hot once a day from the senior center or in a frozen five pack once a week for recipients who are at least 60 years old, who are unable to drive, and who do not have anyone in their home during the day that can cook for them.

Ombudsman:

Advocacy for people in long-term care facilities and their loved ones.

SenioRx:

Medical assistance for people who are paying high out-of-pocket costs for their medicines.

Senior Community Service Employment Program:

On-the-job training and opportunities to learn, improve, and build skills in order to find permanent employment.

Senior Medicare Patrol:

Teaches Medicare beneficiaries how to protect their personal identity, detect potential errors, fraud and abuse and how to report healthcare fraud.

State Health Insurance

Assistance Program: Helps Medicare beneficiaries make informed choices regarding health benefits through unbiased counseling.

Senior Support Fund:

Provides financial assistance to help meet challenges for someone aging or disabled that they are unable to address on their own or through other community agencies.

Contact: 205-670-5770

Other Affiliations: Disability Services; Education; Health and Medicine; Social Welfare; Finances, Food

Positive Maturity, Inc.

Partnering with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), Positive Maturity strives to enhance, engage, and empower the older adults in our communities through social services and civic engagement, as well as health watch events, Yellow Dot Safety Program, referrals, and age-appropriate assistance as needed. www.positivematurity.org

RSVP:

Volunteer program for adults ages 55 and older in a variety of settings with diverse opportunities for the retired and senior individuals who want to be active in the community and stay socially engaged. Volunteer activities are based on community need and volunteer interests and skills. Services and activities are performed according to the volunteer's schedule.

Health Watch:

Community outreach program for seniors held quarterly at the CHS building from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. where health information is provided by guest speakers from Walker Baptist Medical Center and other professionals within the county.

Yellow Dot:

Free program available for all citizens of Alabama that provides a Yellow Dot sticker to be placed in the rear window of your vehicle. The sticker alerts First Responders that your vital medical information is in a yellow folder in your glove compartment.

Intergenerational Quilting Program:

RSVP Quilting Volunteers teach and assist 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in the Walker County schools to design, assemble, and quilt a square using paper (4th grade), to hand-stitch and quilt a potholder (5th grade), and to quilt a full size square (6th grade). All students are eligible to go compete in regional contests and participate at booths with RSVP at Art in the Park and the Walker County Fair.

Contact: 205-221-3760

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine, Volunteer Opportunities

United Cerebral Palsy of Huntsville and Tennessee Valley, Inc.

Enhances the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and promotes their independence, self-sufficiency, and full citizenship in the community through direct services, training, education, technology, and advocacy. www.ucphuntsville.org

Alabama Lifespan Respite Resource Network:

Respite resource information and referrals for caregivers; respite voucher assistance; education and public awareness; state, local, and federal advocacy; and technical assistance to begin new programs. www.alabamarespite.org

Contact: 866-737-8252

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Disability Services, Education, Health and Medicine

University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Theatre Tours

The following tours are available for booking on Fridays only (www.uab.edu/cas/theatre):

Cabaret Tour: Cinemagic! Hollywood's Best Movie Music:

Celebrate the silver screen with an exciting revue spanning decades of movie magic. Appropriate for: All grade levels, retirement communities, and other adult facilities. Running time: Approximately 40 minutes.

Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream:

The hilarious highlights of the Bard's enchanting comedy are presented by a company of five actors. Young lovers find their lives complicated by feuding faeries, magic, and mayhem. Appropriate for: Middle Schools, High Schools, retirement communities, and other adult facilities. Running time: Approximately 50 minutes.

Contact: 205-934-3237

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Education

Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.

Assists low-income families and communities with overcoming barriers of self-sufficiency through programs and referrals. www.caawalker.org

Low-Income Household Energy Assistant Program:

Heating Assistance begins in December and Cooling Assistance begins in June, both with a Senior Outreach Program. Programs assist citizens of Walker County in the 150% poverty level and below with meeting heating and cooling needs.

Contact: 205-221-4010

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Education; Social Welfare: Clothing, Finances

Walker County Department of Human Resources

Provides services for the protection, well-being, social success, and self-sufficiency of children and adults. www.dhr.alabama.gov

Adult Protective Services:

Provides protection, through social work or court intervention, to the elderly and to disabled individuals who are 18 years of age and older who are at risk for abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation.

Contact: 205-387-5400

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Social Welfare: Finances, Food

Social Welfare: Animal Services

Rescuers United For Furbabies

Promotes animal welfare, educates the public on spay and neuter, and acts as a safe haven for stray and shelter animals until they can be transferred to other reputable rescue animal organizations for adoption or until they can find a forever home locally. www.ruffrescuewalkercoal.org

Contact: 205-717-0794

Walker County Humane Society

Educates the public on the responsibilities of pet ownership, investigates and corrects abuse and neglect situations, assists in rehoming animals and in lost and found situations, and feeds and rehomes homeless cats and dogs.

Spay and Neuter Program:

Helps reduce the number of unwanted cats and dogs through an income-based spay and neuter program supported by all veterinarians in Jasper.

Contact: 205-387-2171

Social Welfare: Clothing and Household Items

American Red Cross

Prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. www.redcross.org

Disaster Services:

Response to families impacted by a manmade or natural disaster with food, shelter, clothing, medications, replacement of glasses or dentures, and physical and mental health referrals.

Contact: 205-387-1478

Other Affiliations: Education; Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Finances, Food; Veteran's Services

Carbon Hill First United Methodist Church

Safe Harbor Mission and Thrift Store:

Reasonably priced gently used clothing and household goods. Hours of operation are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, as well as the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Contact: 205-924-0232

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Food

Christian's Place Mission

Seeks to feed, clothe, and give spiritual guidance to Nauvoo and surrounding areas with God's guidance. www.christiansplacemission.com

Food and Clothes Distribution:

Third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact: 205-410-7029

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Food

Community Food Bank of Central Alabama

Serves people in need by securing and storing surplus food and household items and distributing it through local partnering service agencies and direct services programs. www.feedingal.org

Contact: 205-942-8911

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Food

Daily Mountain Eagle Christmas Shoe and Coat Fund

Provides shoes to needy children in Walker County, and previously provided coats, which has been replaced with grocery vouchers for families.

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The annual giveaway is the 2nd weekend in December to qualifying children 12 and under.

Contact: 205-221-2840

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Social Welfare: Food

Jimmie Hale Mission

Ministers to the spiritual and physical needs of men, women, and children by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through a homeless shelter for men, a shelter for women and children, after-school Bible clubs, recovery programs, learning centers, and fundraising thrift stores.

Corners of Your Field:

Gently-used clothing, furniture, and other items are donated by individuals benefitting the homeless. At the time of the donation, the name of their church is provided and both the individual and the church receive tax-deductible credit. Once a quarter, the church receives gift cards, depending on the amount of donations received, to the Jimmie Hale bargain centers that can be used as benevolences within its own congregation.

Contact: 205-323-5878

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Social Welfare: Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

Mission of Hope

Serves to be a resource to improve the lives of the citizens of Walker County who for various reasons find themselves unable to provide for themselves with adequate nutrition and/or clothing/household items.

School Supplies: August

Christmas Toys: December

Clothes Closet: Open the first and third Thursdays of November and December. Registration available from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

Contact: 205-647-4766

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Social Welfare: Food

Pregnancy Test and Resource Center

Serves women and families who are facing an unplanned pregnancy through free services in a nonjudgmental and confidential environment. www.ptrcjasper.com

Clothes Closet:

Offers clothing for newborn to 2T and maternity clothing, as well as diapers, wipes, and basic baby items. An educational lesson is required to be completed before items are received. Clothes Closet appointments are available on Monday and Wednesday.

Contact: 205-221-5860 or ptrcjasper@gmail.com

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Health and Medicine

The Salvation Army

Preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ and strives to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.
www.salvationarmy.org

Christmas Angel Tree:

Provides new clothing or toys for children of needy families.

Emergency Services:

Assists families with meals, clothing, and household supplies in the event of a personal or local disaster.

Back to School:

Provides children up to sixth grade with new backpacks, supplies, and clothing.

Contact: 205-221-7737

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Food

Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.

Assists low-income families and communities with overcoming barriers of self-sufficiency through programs and referrals. www.caawalker.org

Clothing Closet:

Clothing and household items are available to residents of Walker County at no charge. Households may be assisted with free items every 3 months or in cases of disaster, when disaster occurs.

Contact: 205-221-4010

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Finances

Social Welfare: Disaster Relief

American Red Cross

Prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. www.redcross.org

Disaster Services:

Response to families impacted by a manmade or natural disaster with food, shelter, clothing, medications, replacement of glasses or dentures, and physical and mental health referrals.

Contact: 205-387-1478

Other Affiliations: Education; Social Welfare: Clothing, Finances, Food; Veteran's Services

Disability Rights and Resources

Empowers individuals with disabilities to fully participate in the community and to support one another in reaching their own independent living goals. www.drradvocates.org

Weather Alert Radios

Contact: 205-387-0159

Other Affiliations: Disability Services; Education; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Finances, Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity

Brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope, and builds quality affordable new homes, revitalizes existing donated or purchased homes, and makes critical repairs of owner-occupied homes. To be eligible for the program the family, elderly, or Veteran's income must be between 25 and 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) as defined through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. www.habitatbirmingham.org

Critical Home Repair:

Provides critical repairs for eligible low and moderate income elderly and Veteran homeowners, as well as elderly homeowners who have become disabled or have limited mobility. Typical repairs include: roof replacement or repair, plumbing/hot water heater or repair, window and door replacement, minor electric repairs, gutter replacement and repair, interior and exterior painting, installation of grab bars or railings, and ramps and HVAC replacement and repairs.

Contact: 205-780-1234

Other Affiliations: Disability Services, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Housing, Veteran's Services

The Salvation Army

Preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ and strives to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. www.salvationarmy.org

Emergency Services:

Assists families with meals, clothing, and household supplies in the event of a personal or local disaster.

Contact: 205-221-7737

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Social Welfare: Clothing, Food

Walker County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

Provides emergency communications during times of severe weather or natural disasters, as well as communications for community special events when requested, such as bike rides, charity runs, and trail rides.

Regular Monthly Meeting and License Testing:

Monthly meetings are held every 2nd Saturday of each month at the Jasper Red Cross at 8:00 a.m. Testing for Amateur Radio licenses begin at 9:00 a.m. after the meeting.

Contact: 205-221-7437

Weekly Emergency Training:

Training sessions on how to pass emergency messages are held every Thursday evening at 8:00 p.m. The frequency is 147.39 with a PL tone of 110.9. All licensed operators are welcome.

Contact: 205-451-3229

Other Affiliations: Education

Walker County Emergency Management Agency

Contact: 205-384-7233

Social Welfare: Financial and Healthcare Assistance

American Red Cross

Prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. www.redcross.org

Disaster Services:

Response to families impacted by a manmade or natural disaster with food, shelter, clothing, medications, replacement of glasses or dentures, and physical and mental health referrals.

Services to Armed Forces:

Provides case management, facilitates emergency communications messaging, synchronizes access to financial assistance, and provides services to veterans.

Contact: 205-387-1478

Other Affiliations: Education; Social Welfare: Clothing, Disaster Relief, Food; Veteran's Services

Capstone Rural Health Center

Meets family health needs by providing high-quality, affordable health and wellness services to insured and uninsured patients. www.capstoneclinic.org

Affordable Care Act:

Opportunity for individuals and families without health care insurance to learn about their options and enroll in a plan that meets their needs. When to apply:

- Open Enrollment begins in the Fall of the year (October - November)
- Enroll by January to ensure your coverage will start early Spring
- Last Chance for Enrollment is late Winter or early Spring (February - March)

Contact: 205-724-9031

Other Affiliations: Health and Medicine, Social Welfare: Food, Volunteer Opportunities

Disability Rights and Resources

Empowers individuals with disabilities to fully participate in the community and to support one another in reaching their own independent living goals. www.drradvocates.org

Personal Financial Counseling

Contact: 205-387-0159

Other Affiliations: Disability Services; Education; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

Impact Alabama

Engages students and recent college graduates to address community needs, empowering a generation through collaborative efforts to promote change in the communities served.

www.impactamerica.com/alabama

SaveFirst:

Trains college, graduate, and law students to provide free tax preparation services and opportunities for savings to low-income, working families.

Contact: 205-934-0664

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine, Volunteer Opportunities

Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.

Coordinates community resources that empower individuals and families for success. www.jafsc.org

J.A.M.E.S. (Jasper Area Ministerial Emergency Services, Inc.):

Emergency assistance for residents within the city limits of Jasper,

Contact: 205-302-0801

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Senior Citizens

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging

Provides senior citizens with assistance and resources that will empower them to self-advocate, live independently, and enjoy the highest quality of life. www.m4a-alabama.org

Age and Disability Resource Center:

Provides information, referrals, resources, and options/benefits counseling to individuals in need of guidance and assistance.

SenioRx:

Medical assistance for people who are paying high out-of-pocket costs for their medicines.

Senior Support Fund:

Provides financial assistance to help meet challenges for someone aging or disabled that they are unable to address on their own or through other community agencies.

Contact: 205-670-5770

Other Affiliations: Disability Services, Education, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Food

Walker County Community Action Agency, Inc.

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Budgeting Class:

Classes are held once a week for a period more than 90 days. Classes are available in sessions (usually 8 sessions per year) and include information on budgeting, income and expenses, credit, insurance, and working on individual expenditures.

Career Development Program:

Assists individuals with resumes, job search, internet certification computer classes, and obtaining documents necessary for employment.

Contact: 205-221-4010

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Clothing

Walker County Department of Human Resources

Provides services for the protection, well-being, social success, and self-sufficiency of children and adults. www.dhr.alabama.gov

Family Assistance/Jobs:

Assists families in need of temporary financial assistance that allows people to provide the basic essentials of food, clothing, and shelter for their families through training and skills development programs, job placement programs, and job retention services.

Contact: 205-387-5400

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Food

Social Welfare: Food Assistance

American Red Cross

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Disaster Services:

Response to families impacted by a manmade or natural disaster with food, shelter, clothing, medications, replacement of glasses or dentures, and physical and mental health referrals.

Contact: 205-387-1478

Other Affiliations: Education; Social Welfare: Clothing, Disaster Relief, Finances; Veteran's Services

Backyard Blessings

Strives to improve the health, well-being, and education of needy school children in Walker County by providing food for the weekends through a Backpack Food Program.

Backyard Blessing volunteers pack food bags each Thursday morning of the school year starting the first Thursday in September and going through the second week of May. Starting time is 8:30a.m..

Contact: 205-544-9094

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Volunteer Opportunities

Bay Area Food Bank

Provides nutritious food to meet the challenge of feeding people who are hungry as a result of personal crisis or disaster, and educates the public regarding domestic hunger and proper nutrition. www.bayareafoodbank.org

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Outreach:

Provides additional access points for the application process to eligible food-insecure households not currently receiving benefits.

Contact: 334-300-9205

Capstone Rural Health Center

Meets family health needs by providing high-quality, affordable health and wellness services to insured and uninsured patients. www.capstoneclinic.org

Community Garden:

Garden produce that is free to patients and the community. Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday - 8:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Volunteer opportunities available on Tuesdays at 9:00a.m.

Contact: 205-724-9031

Other Affiliations: Health and Medicine, Social Welfare: Finances, Volunteer Opportunities

Carbon Hill First United Methodist Church

Food Pantry and Mission Fund:

Provides boxes of non-perishable grocery items as needed to families on a limited basis. Hours of operation are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: 205-924-4409

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Clothing

Christian's Place Mission

Seeks to feed, clothe, and give spiritual guidance to Nauvoo and surrounding areas with God's guidance. www.christiansplacemission.com

Food and Clothes Distribution:

Third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Contact: 205-410-7029 or cpmission123@gmail.com

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Clothing

Community Food Bank of Central Alabama

Serves people in need by securing and storing surplus food and household items and distributing it through local partnering service agencies and direct services programs. www.feedingal.org

Contact: 205-942-8911

Other Affiliations: Social Welfare: Clothing

Daily Mountain Eagle Christmas Shoe and Coat Fund

Provides shoes to needy children in Walker County, and previously provided coats, which has been replaced with grocery vouchers for families.

The annual giveaway is the 2nd weekend in December to qualifying children 12 and under.

Contact: 205-221-2840

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Social Welfare: Clothing

Eagles Rest

Food Ministry

Contact: 205-622-3240

Other Affiliations: Senior Citizens

First United Methodist Church

Strives to proclaim the kingdom of God throughout Jasper and Walker County. www.jasperfirstumc.com

Hope Kitchen:

Soup Kitchen offered every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Participants must be present at 11:00 a.m. for a brief devotional before lunch is served.

Contact: 205-387-2111

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging

Provides senior citizens with assistance and resources that will empower them to self-advocate, live independently, and enjoy the highest quality of life. www.m4a-alabama.org

Alabama Elderly Simplified Application Project:

Food assistance program for households where all members are elderly and have no earned income.

Alabama Elderly Nutrition Program:

Meals are delivered either hot once a day from the senior center or in a frozen five pack once a week for recipients who are at least 60 years old, who are unable to drive, and who do not anyone in their home during the day that can cook for them.

Contact: 205-670-5770

Other Affiliations: Disability Services, Education, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Finances

Mission of Hope

Serves to be a resource to improve the lives of the citizens of Walker County who for various reasons find themselves unable to provide for themselves with adequate nutrition and/or clothing/household items.

Food Bank:

Open on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Registration available from 8:00 to 9:00a.m.

Contact: 205-647-4766

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Social Welfare: Clothing

Northside Baptist Church

www.nbcjasper.net

Food Assistance:

Provides pre-made boxed and canned groceries to those who are eligible for assistance according to the church's guidelines. Assistance is available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: 205-384-3214 or nbc@nbcjasper.net

The Salvation Army

Preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ and strives to meet human needs in His name without discrimination. www.salvationarmy.org

Food Pantry:

Directly serves the residents of Walker County who suffer from hunger and food deficiencies. Available Monday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Emergency Services:

Assists families with meals, clothing, and household supplies in the event of a personal or local disaster.

Contact: 205-221-7737

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Social Welfare: Clothing, Disaster Relief

Sumiton Church of God

Strives to feed and minister to the community physically, spiritually, and mentally through the Daily Bread Ministry. www.sumitonscog.com

Contact: 205-648-3257

Walker County Department of Human Resources

Provides services for the protection, well-being, social success, and self-sufficiency of children and adults. www.dhr.alabama.gov

Food Stamps:

Provides food benefits to help ensure better nutrition, alleviate hunger, and reduce a family's stress in meeting this basic need.

Contact: 205-387-5400

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Finances

Westside Baptist Church

Food Pantry:

Open from 10:00 am. to 12:00 p.m. January – October: Second and Fourth Thursday of each month. November – December: First and Third Thursday of each month.

Contact: 205-384-5182 or wbcjasper@gmail.com

Social Welfare: Housing and Shelter

Alabama Freewill Baptist Children's Home

Provides a year-round loving, stable Christian home for children who are struggling with life's challenges or troubling domestic situations regardless of gender, race, or social background. www.fwbhome.org

The Children's Home consists of four cottages (two for boys and two for girls), a large gymnasium, and a dining room; as well as, ponds, hay, and a garden.

Contact: 205-924-9751

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth

Children's Aid Society

Provides services that meet the immediate needs of families for care and safety and to enhance their opportunities for optimum growth and development. www.childrensaid.org

Project Independence:

Serves pregnant and/or parenting homeless young mothers, ages 16 to 22, and their children by providing safe, stable living accommodations; career counseling; and GED/high school equivalency test instruction.

Contact: 205-943-5327

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education

Concerned Citizens for Our Youth, Inc. (Beacon House)

Serves teenage girls ages 12 to 28 who are referred by the Alabama Department of Human Resources and are in foster care, providing counseling, academic assistance and remediation, behavior modification, and mental health education and monitoring.

Contact: 205-384-4539

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support

Disability Rights and Resources

Empowers individuals with disabilities to fully participate in the community and to support one another in reaching their own independent living goals. www.drradvocates.org

Centers for Independent Living

Homelessness Advocacy Groups

Independent Living Skills Instruction

Ramp Construction Services

Contact: 205-387-0159

Other Affiliations: Disability Services; Education; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare; Disaster Relief, Finances; Volunteer Opportunities

Family Resource Center of Northwest Alabama, Inc. (Daybreak)

Provides temporary emergency shelter, a 24-hour crisis line, court advocacy, safety planning, information and referral services, and other out-of-shelter services to meet the needs of local adult and child victims of domestic violence.

Daybreak Shelter:

Shelter for adult and child victims of domestic violence in a confidential location in Walker County providing food, toiletries, clothing, and other necessities, as well as safety planning, case management, and other advocacy services.

Court Advocacy:

Assists victims of domestic violence in filing Protection From Abuse Orders in the 14th Judicial Circuit and acts as a liaison between Daybreak and the courts and law enforcement agencies.

Contact: 205-387-1157

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Birmingham

Brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope, and builds quality affordable new homes, revitalizes existing donated or purchased homes, and makes critical repairs of owner-occupied homes. To be eligible for the program the family, elderly, or Veteran's income must be between 25 and 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) as defined through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. www.habitatbirmingham.org

Affordable Housing:

Serves low to moderate income families who otherwise would not qualify for a conventional home loan. A family selection committee evaluates prospective homeowners using three criteria: (1) the need for quality affordable housing, (2) the willingness of the family to partner with Habitat by completing a minimum of 300 "sweat equity" hours and 10 hours of homeowner education classes, and (3) the ability to repay a zero percent interest mortgage.

Critical Home Repair:

Provides critical repairs for eligible low and moderate income elderly and Veteran homeowners, as well as elderly homeowners who have become disabled or have limited mobility. Typical

repairs include: roof replacement or repair, plumbing/hot water heater or repair, window and door replacement, minor electric repairs, gutter replacement and repair, interior and exterior painting, installation of grab bars or railings, and ramps and HVAC replacement and repairs.

Contact: 205-780-1234

Other Affiliations: Disability Services, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Veteran's Services

Hope for Women, LLC

12 to 18 month program that provides a place of shelter and recovery to women suffering from alcohol and drug addiction, and provides educational resources to create a healthier future.

www.hopeforwomenllc.com

Contact: 205-265-2799 or hopeforwomenllc@gmail.com

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support

Jasper Housing Authority

Committed to enhance the quality of life by providing safe, decent, and affordable rental housing for Walker County low-income families and non-working families, elderly, and disabled households.

Public Housing Application:

Established to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible persons.

Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher):

Provides rental assistance to eligible low-income families.

Contact: 205-384-4864 or jasperha@bellsouth.net

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Education

Jimmie Hale Mission

Ministers to the spiritual and physical needs of men, women, and children by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through a homeless shelter for men, a shelter for women and children, after-school Bible clubs, recovery programs, learning centers, and fundraising thrift stores.

Shepura Men's Center:

Men's shelter that offers Bible-based recovery classes, individual counseling sessions, group and individual Bible studies, work therapy, education remediation, and job readiness, as well as hot meals and clothing.

Contact: 205-324-2271

Jessie's Place:

Shelter for women and children that offers daily life skills training, Bible studies, case management and counseling, education remediation, and job readiness, as well as play therapy for the children's program.

Contact: 205-323-0170

Royal Pines:

16-week, in-resident recovery center for men that uses a Biblical approach to offer the chance to rise above imprisonment by drugs and alcohol and overcome life's obstacles.

Contact: 205-352-9444

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Social Welfare; Clothing; Volunteer Opportunities

Walker County Coalition for the Homeless

Assists individuals and families who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless by providing emergency shelter at local motels, referrals to other local resources, and other miscellaneous needs as determined.

Contact: 205-387-7408 or walkerccch@gmail.com

After-Hours Emergency: Please contact a local hotel or police department for assistance

Social Welfare: Latino Resources

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama

Dedicated to the social, civic, and economic integration of Hispanic families in Alabama.
www.hispanicinterest.org

Strong Families:

Comprehensive Information and Referral Gateway, Family Advocacy Services, Assistance for Victims of Crime

Immigration and Access to Justice:

Citizenship and Naturalization Services, Humanitarian Visas, Immigration Benefits for Victims of Crime, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, Access to Justice Clinics, Legal Referrals

Asset Building and Economic Development:

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, Financial Literacy and Computer Classes, Small Business Development, Workers' Rights

Community Engagement and Education:

Civic and Cultural Education, Comadres Women's Empowerment Initiative, Civic Engagement and Community Organizing, Parent Education and Educator Engagement, Alabama Coalition for Immigrant Justice

Contact: 205-942-5505 or info@hispanicinterest.org

Other Affiliations: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education

Social Welfare: Transportation

Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium (ClasTran)

Strives to improve the cost efficiency, increase the quantity, and improve the quality of general public transportation and paratransit service in Walker County. For complete information about schedules, routes, and fares please access the website at www.clastran.com.

Contact: 205-325-8787

Kid One Transport System, Inc.

Provides safe and reliable transportation for children who do not have access to health care due to a lack thereof. Health care transportation includes basic and critical health services, such as preventative care/well visits, behavioral counseling and other mental health services, dialysis, chemotherapy, physical therapy, dental and vision appointments, and prenatal care. www.kidone.org

Contact: 205-978-1000

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

Veteran's Services

American Red Cross

Prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. www.redcross.org

Services to Armed Forces:

Provides case management, facilitates emergency communications messaging, synchronizes access to financial assistance, and provides services to veterans.

Contact: 205-387-1478

Other Affiliations: Education; Social Welfare: Clothing, Disaster Relief, Finances, Food

Equines Assisting Special Individuals

Provides safe and effective therapeutic riding for people with disabilities or special needs in Walker County and surrounding areas. Therapeutic riding, the most popular form of Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies is mounted horseback riding for the purpose of contributing positively to cognitive, physical, emotional, and social well-being of people with disabilities through the teaching or horsemanship skills. www.easitrc.org

Hero UP!

Assists military personnel and veterans through therapeutic riding services tailor to address specific issues faced by wounded or traumatized military personnel, encouraging the riders to live to their fullest potential. Candidates are screened for precautions and contraindications for safety. Each participant receives training in horse handling, safety, and ground work skills along with grooming, tacking, horse care and eventual riding lessons for sports/recreation.

Contact: 205-387-7486 or info@easitrc.org

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Disability Services; Education; Volunteer Opportunities

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Birmingham

Brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope, and builds quality affordable new homes, revitalizes existing donated or purchased homes, and makes critical repairs of owner-occupied homes. To be eligible for the program the family, elderly, or Veteran's income must be between 25 and 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) as defined through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. www.habitatbirmingham.org

Critical Home Repair:

Provides critical repairs for eligible low and moderate income elderly and Veteran homeowners, as well as elderly homeowners who have become disabled or have limited mobility. Typical repairs include: roof replacement or repair, plumbing/hot water heater or repair, window and door replacement, minor electric repairs, gutter replacement and repair, interior and exterior painting, installation of grab bars or railings, and ramps and HVAC replacement and repairs.

Contact: 205-780-1234

Other Affiliations: Disability Services, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Housing

Volunteer Opportunities

Backyard Blessings

Strives to improve the health, well-being, and education of needy school children in Walker County by providing food for the weekends through a Backpack Food Program.

Backyard Blessing volunteers pack food bags each Thursday morning of the school year starting the first Thursday in September and going through the second week of May. Starting time is 8:30a.m..

Contact: 205-544-9094

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Social Welfare: Food

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Provides children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships in order to achieve success in their lives by partnering with parents/guardians, volunteers, and other community members. www.bbbsbhm.org

School-Based Mentoring:

One-to-one mentoring services for children who are at risk of: dropping out of schools, drug and alcohol abuse, joining gangs, and other negative behaviors. Mentors help build self-esteem, improve grades, encourage children to make positive decisions, and inspire them to become contributing members in our community.

Contact: 205-939-5590

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education

Capstone Rural Health Center

Meets family health needs by providing high-quality, affordable health and wellness services to insured and uninsured patients. www.capstoneclinic.org

Community Garden:

Garden produce that is free to patients and the community. Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday - 8:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Volunteer opportunities available on Tuesdays at 9:00a.m.

Contact: 205-724-9031

Other Affiliations: Health and Medicine; Social Welfare: Finances, Food

Disability Rights and Resources

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Empowers individuals with disabilities to fully participate in the community and to support one another in reaching their own independent living goals. www.drradvocates.org

Contact: 205-387-0159

Other Affiliations: Disability Services; Education; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Finances, Housing

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BarnMice Junior Volunteer Program

Provides children ages 9-13 a place to serve and learn about horses in a safe environment while utilizing teamwork. BarnMice serve as horse handlers and side walkers once they pass specific horsemanship skills.

Contact: 205-387-7486 or info@easitrc.org

Other Affiliations: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Disability Services; Education; Veteran's Services

Impact Alabama

Engages students and recent college graduates to address community needs, empowering a generation through collaborative efforts to promote change in the communities served.

www.impactamerica.com/alabama

FocusFirst:

Provides free vision screenings to children, ages six months to five years, in Head Starts and lower-income daycares using high-tech digital screening cameras. All children failing the screenings receive free follow-up care through Sight Savers America.

SaveFirst:

Trains college, graduate, and law students to provide free tax preparation services and opportunities for savings to low-income, working families.

CollegeFirst:

Trains college and graduate students to implement a three-week, Summer Advanced Placement Institute for high-school students in Birmingham and Tuscaloosa and surrounding areas that challenges students to cultivate their skills and abilities and exposes them to the content knowledge they will need to succeed in college.

Contact: 205-934-0664

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine, Social Welfare: Finances

Jimmie Hale Mission

Ministers to the spiritual and physical needs of men, women, and children by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ through a homeless shelter for men, a shelter for women and children, after-school Bible clubs, recovery programs, learning centers, and fundraising thrift stores.

Shepura Men's Center:

Men's shelter that offers Bible-based recovery classes, individual counseling sessions, group and individual Bible studies, work therapy, education remediation, and job readiness, as well as hot meals and clothing.

Contact: 205-324-2271

Jessie's Place:

Shelter for women and children that offers daily life skills training, Bible studies, case management and counseling, education remediation, and job readiness, as well as play therapy for the children's program.

Contact: 205-323-0170

Royal Pines:

16-week, in-resident recovery center for men that uses a Biblical approach to offer the chance to rise above imprisonment by drugs and alcohol and overcome life's obstacles.

Contact: 205-352-9444

Stewart Learning Centers:

Program offered at Shepura Men's Center, Jessie's Place, and Royal Pines that focuses on basic skills training, such as writing, math, budgeting; as well as literacy, GED preparation, résumé preparation, job search assistance, and job interview skills training.

Contact: Facility Director

Discovery Clubs:

Bible clubs meet in public elementary schools during after-school hours to teach the Gospel while building foundations for life, developing character, and changing our communities. Trained volunteers help children through fun, unforgettable weekly activities.

Contact: 205-941-9852

Other Affiliations: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Social Welfare: Clothing, Housing

The Literacy Council

Focuses on reducing the illiteracy rate in Walker County by offering adult tutoring, children's prevention services, and young adult activities. www.literacy-council.org

Adult Literacy Training:

Through tutor training, which teaches potential tutors how to test and tutor adult learners, tutors and learners come together to improve or begin a learner's journey to literacy. Sessions are at least once per week for one to two hours in a provided location. Training and all supplies are free to both the tutor and the learner.

Walker County Reads:

Places volunteers in city and county schools to provide elementary-aged children an opportunity to have someone to practice their reading skills with or to get additional help with their skills if needed.

Junior Board:

Consists of ten young people who are dedicated to upholding and furthering the mission of The Literacy Council, and who serve as volunteers for a variety of community programs and events, including children and peer tutoring.

Contact: 205-387-0511 ext. 5792

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Education

Positive Maturity, Inc.

Partnering with RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program), Positive Maturity strives to enhance, engage, and empower the older adults in our communities through social services and civic engagement, as well as health watch events, Yellow Dot Safety Program, referrals, and age-appropriate assistance as needed. www.positivematurity.org

RSVP:

Volunteer program for adults ages 55 and older in a variety of settings with diverse opportunities for the retired and senior individuals who want to be active in the community and stay socially engaged. Volunteer activities are based on community need and volunteer interests and skills. Services and activities are performed according to the volunteer's schedule.

Intergenerational Quilting Program:

RSVP Quilting Volunteers teach and assist 4th, 5th, and 6th graders in the Walker County schools to design, assemble, and quilt a square using paper (4th grade), to hand-stitch and quilt a potholder (5th grade), and to quilt a full size square (6th grade). All students are eligible to go compete in regional contests and participate at booths with RSVP at Art in the Park and the Walker County Fair.

Contact: 205-221-3760

Other Affiliations: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens

Glossary

Alabama Freewill Baptist: Children and Youth, Social Welfare: Housing

Alabama Grief Support Services, Inc.: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Senior Citizens

Alzheimer's of Central AL: Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens

American Diabetes Association: Health and Medicine

American Red Cross: Education; Social Welfare: Clothing, Disaster Relief, Finances, Food; Veteran's Services

The Arc of Walker County: Children and Youth, Disability Services, Education, Health and Medicine

Arthritis Foundation: Arts and Humanities, Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services, Health and Medicine

Backyard Blessings: Children and Youth, Social Welfare: Food, Volunteer Opportunities

Bankhead House and Heritage Center: Arts and Humanities, Education

Bay Area Food Bank: Social Welfare: Food

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Children and Youth, Education, Volunteer Opportunities

Birmingham AMBUCS: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services, Health and Medicine

Birmingham Children's Theatre: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Education

Birmingham Regional Paratransit Consortium: Social Welfare: Transportation

Black Warrior Council: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth

Brandi's Blessings: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Health and Medicine

Camp COOL: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services, Health and Medicine

Camp Smile-A-Mile: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Health and Medicine

Camp WheezeAway: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

Capstone Rural Health: Health and Medicine; Social Welfare: Finances, Food; Volunteer Opportunities

Carbon Hill First United Methodist Church: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Food, Clothing

Childcare Resources: Children and Youth, Education

Children's Aid Society: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Social Welfare: Housing

Children's of Alabama: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Disability Services; Education; Health and Medicine

Christian's Place Mission: Social Welfare: Clothing, Food

Community Food Bank of Central Alabama: Social Welfare: Clothing, Food

Community Grief Support: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Senior Citizens

Concerned Citizens for Our Youth: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Housing

Daily Mountain Eagle: Children and Youth; Social Welfare: Clothing, Food

Disability Rights and Resources: Disability Services; Education; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Finances, Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

Eagles Rest: Senior Citizens, Social Welfare: Food

Easter Seals Disability Services: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services

Equines Assisting Special Individuals: Camps and Recreation; Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Disability Services; Education; Veteran's Services; Volunteer Opportunities

Family Resource Center: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Housing

First United Methodist Church: Social Welfare: Food

Girls Incorporated of Central Alabama: Children and Youth, Education

Habitat for Humanity: Disability Services; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Disaster Relief, Housing; Veteran's Services

Healthy Eating Active Living: Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine

Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Social Welfare: Latino Resources

Hope Clinic: Health and Medicine

Hope for Women: Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Social Welfare: Housing

The Horizons School: Disability Services, Education

Impact Alabama: Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine, Social Welfare: Finances, Volunteer Opportunities

Jasper Aquanauts: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services

Jasper Area Family Services Center, Inc.: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Finances

Jasper Housing Authority: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Education, Social Welfare: Housing

Jasper Parks and Recreation: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services, Senior Citizens

Jasper Police Explorers: Children and Youth, Education

Jimmie Hale Mission: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Social Welfare: Clothing, Housing; Volunteer Opportunities

Kid One Transport: Children and Youth, Health and Medicine, Social Welfare: Transportation

The Literacy Council: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Education, Volunteer Opportunities

Magic Moments: Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging: Disability Services; Education; Health and Medicine; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Finances, Food

Mission of Hope: Children and Youth; Social Welfare: Clothing and Household Items, Food

Muscular Dystrophy Assoc.: Camps and Recreation, Children and Youth, Disability Services

My A.R.T.S. Kids: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth

Northside Baptist Church: Social Welfare: Food

Northwest Alabama Mental Health: Children and Youth, Disability Services, Health and Medicine.

Positive Maturity: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Education, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens, Volunteer Opportunities

Pregnancy Test and Resource Center: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education; Health and Medicine; Social Welfare: Clothing

Rescuers United For Furbabies: Social Welfare: Animal Services

The Salvation Army: Children and Youth; Social Welfare: Clothing, Disaster Relief, Food

Sight Savers: Children and Youth, Health and Medicine

Sumiton Church of God: Social Welfare: Food

TriCounty Agency for Intellectual Dis.: Children and Youth, Disability Services

Turnaround: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support

United Cerebral Palsy: Children and Youth, Disability Services, Education, Health and Medicine, Senior Citizens

UAB Dept. of Theatre: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Education, Senior Citizens

Walker County Arts Alliance: Arts and Humanities, Education

Walker County Amateur Radio Emergency Services: Education, Social Welfare: Disaster Relief

Walker County Children’s Advocacy Center: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education

Walker County Christian Chorus: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth

Walker County Coalition for the Homeless: Social Welfare: Housing

Walker County Community Action Agency: Children and Youth; Education; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Clothing, Finances

Walker County Dept. of Human Resources: Children and Youth; Senior Citizens; Social Welfare: Finances, Food

Walker County Emergency Management Agency: Social Welfare: Disaster Relief

Walker County Humane Society: Social Welfare: Animal Services

Westside Baptist Church: Social Welfare: Food

Winston County Arts Council: Arts and Humanities, Children and Youth, Education

Youth Advocate Program: Children and Youth; Counseling, Recovery, and Support; Education