

January and February 2021

A Glance of 2020

3,153 Bed Nights

343 Crisis Calls

12,612 Meals

245 Victims Served.

15,969 Services Provided.

Many lives have been impacted by Domestic Violence in Ware, Pierce, Brantley, Bacon, and Coffee Counties.

Magnolia House Newsletter



Overview

Magnolia House is a non-profit agency that provides temporary shelter and services to victims of Domestic Violence who do not know where to turn or have no place to go for assistance. Domestic Violence crosses all social, economic, and cultural boundaries. We provide many services which include but are not limited to the following: 24 Hour Crisis Line, Safe, Confidential Shelter, Emotional Support, Child Services and Advocacy, Legal Advocacy, Referrals to Community Partners, Client Assistance, Personal Advocacy, and Transportation. Victims do not have to reside in our shelter to receive services. Magnolia House services for outreach Victims of Domestic Violence also include Support Groups, Legal Advocacy, Client Assistance, Child Advocacy, Referrals, Collaboration with other agencies, and Donation Distribution. The Mission of Magnolia House is to empower victims of family violence to become safe and self-sufficient by providing a safe environment and instilling hope through advocacy, information, partnerships, and services that promote economic and family stability.



Message from our Director:

The year 2020 has been hard on so many, including Magnolia House. We had to find new ways to serve victims and their families, while navigating how to keep everyone safe from COVID-19. Although, it was no easy task, Magnolia House never closed its doors. With the commitment of staff and your donations, we were able to navigate through it. We want to thank you for your continued support and ask you to remember us in the days ahead. We also want to thank all the front-line workers for their dedication to our communities. Everyone is needed to ensure our community stays safe. We are truly in this together. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Michelle Girtman, Executive Director

The Family Justice Center

Magnolia House has been awarded a 4-year grant to move forward on the development of a Family Justice Center in Waycross, Georgia. The Family Justice Center will be a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary, co-located center that provides services to victims of interpersonal violence under one roof. The Waycross Family Justice Center will provide service to all six counties of the Waycross Judicial Circuit. This is a great opportunity and accomplishment for the victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse in our six counties.

The Family Justice Center model will build upon our community's strong partnerships and provide new opportunities for collaboration and innovation. Once the Waycross Family Justice Center is open, victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse will be connected quickly and confidentially to a full range of services provided by our community partners under one roof. The Center will streamline services via a centralized intake process and will reduce the number of places victims must go and times they must tell their story to receive services.

The first Family Justice Center was founded in San Diego, CA in 2002. Due to its success, the model has been replicated over 130 times internationally! The Family Justice Center model has been identified as a best practice model by the U.S. Department of Justice. Beyond significantly increasing levels of victim safety, engagement, and empowerment, additional outcomes in communities with Family Justice Centers include reduced domestic violence homicides, reduced calls to 911 from the same house, cycles of domestic violence being broken for children, reduced fear and recantation by victims, and increased accountability for and prosecution of offenders. This is truly a collaborative project and requires support from our governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations to work together to improve victim safety and offender accountability in our judicial circuit.

For More information about the Family Justice Center, please contact Heather M. Flowers, Family Justice Center Site Coordinator, at 912-387-3644.



Community Awareness and Education Spotlight:

Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month

A note from Zina Ponsell, Magnolia House Community Awareness and Education Coordinator

With February having come to an end as Teen Dating Violence Awareness month, please keep in mind the following and educate your children on healthy relationships:

1. Respect each other.
2. Support and encourage each other.
3. Encourage spending time with friends.
4. Communicate openly and honestly and do so respectfully.
5. Both partners should accept the differences between them
6. People can easily educate teens on healthy and unhealthy relationships. It is often the environment teens are raised in that has the greatest impact.
7. Open communication between parents and teens is crucial in helping teens navigate through their dating relationship era.

If you or someone you know is experiencing teen dating violence, you can text Project SAFE's Teen Text line at (706) 765-8019 (gpb.org). These conversations need to continue well past February!

February was Teen Dating Violence (TDV) Awareness Month - you deserve love, you deserve respect, you deserve a healthy relationship!

Thank you for helping us spread the word about TDV and Chalk About Love.



Too Good for Violence Program taught at Hoboken Elementary School on February 27, 2021.

Tuggles had a super good time seeing the kids at Hoboken Elementary School last week. He had been looking for a 'peaceable' place to hang out where people were kind to each other. He found kindness at Hoboken Elementary School!

Tuggles is part of the 'Too Good for Violence' Program and enjoys visiting with children. The older kids at Hoboken Elementary School participated in discussion on 'upstairs and downstairs' brain and relaxation techniques. All kids were reminded of how wonderful and important they are, and that they are all teachers and role models to other children.



Special Projects: Dancing with the Southern Stars

WIN!
WIN!
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\$10,000 DRAWING

PEZLO TICKET

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*** Only 300 tickets will be sold**

*** Tickets \$100.00 Donation**

**DRAWING:
Thursday
April 1st**

**You do not have to be
present to win**

**Get your tickets today
by calling Lisa at
912-490-8921.**

**Waycross Area Shelter for Abused Persons, Inc.
Magnolia House**

We have a small number of tickets left for our annual \$10,000 drawing. The drawing is held on April 1st - there are only 300 tickets being sold and one person will win \$10,000! It could be you. Tickets are available for a \$100 donation. Call Lisa Manders at 912-490-5550 to get your ticket.

Thank you to our three Corporate Sponsors who have joined together to present
2021 Dancing with the Southern Stars
benefiting both Magnolia House and the Miracle League of the Okefenokee

ANKLE & FOOT ASSOCIATES, LLC

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Magnolia House Thrift Store:

Huge Sale



Magnolia House Thrift Shop

Located at 2051 Plant Ave. Waycross, Ga. 31501

Mark your Calendars for:

Friday, March 5th 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, April 10th 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Saturday, May 1st 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

All Clothes \$1.00

Shoes \$2.00

Purses \$2.00

Fill a bag for \$5.00 or fill two bags for \$8.00.

All household items 50% Off.

****Every Monday is fill a bag for \$5.00.**

The Magnolia House Thrift Shop accepts clothing, housewares & other donations. Our clients can shop in the Thrift Shop at no cost to them. Funds from the Thrift Shop are used to provide services to our clients. Thank you for your support!

Miscellaneous:

SPRING CLEANING WITH A PURPOSE

WE'RE PARTNERING WITH MAGNOLIA HOUSE
WOMEN'S SHELTER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH!
RECEIVE 10% OFF YOUR PURCHASE BY BRINGING
IN GENTLY LOVED AND WORN CLOTHING ITEMS TO
DONATE!

BRING DONATIONS TO: KARMA BOUTIQUE 400
MARY STREET
WAYCROSS, GA 31501

EXCLUSIONS FOR DISCOUNTS DO APPLY



Magnolia House Employment Opportunities:



The Waycross Area Shelter for Abused Persons, Inc. d/b/a Magnolia House is currently accepting applications for the position of Victim Advocate - Shelter Technician I. This is a full-time position working 40 hours per week. This position requires above-average skills, knowledge and qualities which may result from formal education having at least two years' experience in duties of related field. Minimally, the person in this position shall have a GED/High School Diploma. A two-year college degree in psychology, sociology, social work, or related field is preferred. Hours of work are Monday through Friday, 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Duties include but are not limited to answering and properly documenting all telephone and/or crisis calls, completing emergency admissions and discharges, and maintaining client and shelter security during shift coverage. Drug screen and criminal records/background check will be conducted on candidate. Driver's License and valid insurance required. To apply, you may e-mail your resume to admin@waycrossareashelter.com. Deadline to apply for this position is 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, 2021. NO PHONE CALLS. E.O.E.

The Waycross Area Shelter for Abused Persons, Inc. d/b/a Magnolia House is currently accepting applications for the position of Limited Services Worker. This is a substitute, entry level position working mostly weekends and holidays. Pay will be \$12.00 per hour. Minimum requirements include having a high school diploma, a valid GA driver's license, personal vehicle, and vehicle insurance. Drug screen and criminal records/background check will be conducted on candidate. To apply, you may e-mail your resume to admin@waycrossareashelter.com. Deadline to apply for this position is 3:00 p.m., March 9, 2021. NO PHONE CALLS. E.O.E.

The Waycross Area Shelter for Abused Persons, Inc. d/b/a Magnolia House is currently accepting applications for the position of Receptionist/Victim Advocate. This position is mainly responsible for providing administrative and clerical support as required, assisting with financial services and monthly reports, working with Family Advocate regarding case management for program clients, and providing support, direct services, and relocation assistance as necessary for clients. Benefits include health, dental, vision, life, and long-term disability benefits. Minimum requirements include strong PC skills including MS Office as well as a background in database creation/maintenance; two years of administrative support experience in a corporate environment; a background in accounting; a valid GA driver's license, personal vehicle, and vehicle insurance. Drug screen and criminal records/background check will be conducted on candidate. To apply, you may e-mail your resume to admin@waycrossareashelter.com. Deadline to apply for this position is 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 17, 2021. NO PHONE CALLS. E.O.E.

If you are being abused....

Call Magnolia House for information on resources that are available to you at 912-285-5850

Tell family and/or friends about the abuse.

The shame belongs to your abuser.....not to you.

Teach your children to call 911 in case of an emergency.

Trust yourself and stay safe!

All Services are Free and Confidential! Crisis Hotline is Available 24/7 912-285-5850 or 800-33HAVEN