



Creatively Speaking Newsletter

January Edition



Welcome, 2023!



A Look Back at 2022:

As we welcome the new year, let's take a moment to reflect on some major accomplishments we achieved together this past year.

- We served 50 adults with developmental disabilities and 78 foster youth
- We celebrated our 40th anniversary
- For the first time in two years, we held our annual picnic and holiday party
- Our Teen-Parent-Connection program received a \$25K matching grant from the Detwiler Family Foundation
- We participated in Atlanta's Pride Festival
- Our Kinship Care program initiated
- All of our 2022 high school graduates finished with honors
- Ms. McClain, one of our foster parents who went on to adopt her youth, won the DFCS' Caregiver of the Year Award

Our youth and adults are the reason why we do what we do, but the CCS Team, parents, friends, donors, and our CEO Sally are the *how*. Thank you all for your hard work and commitment to fulfilling our organization's mission. Here's to another prosperous year!

Announcements

See below for training classes, upcoming events, new things happening at CCS, and much more!

Recruitment and Retention



ADVISORY BOARD

Calling all foster parents and host home providers who are interested in being active members of our decision-making process! We are relaunching our Advisory Board, where you can support and speak on behalf of CCS parents to help implement the change you want to see in our organization.

I'm interested!

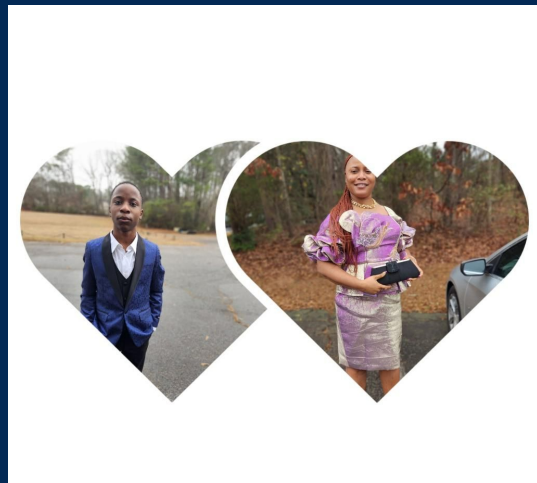
MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Be on the lookout for the launch of our new foster parent and host home provider mentorship program! This is an opportunity for our experienced and skilled parents to train our new families.

If you would like to learn more information, please contact Quinterra by calling the office or emailing qwright@ccsgeorgia.org.

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES!

We are so happy to have you here at CCS.



Iverine and Warren Forsythe
Foster Parents



Shaquana Forbes
Foster Parent

Siah Bengue
Foster Parent



Frank Hartley & Adolph Goldenburg
Foster Parents

Referral and Sign-On Bonus



Know someone who is interested in becoming a therapeutic foster parent or host home provider? Our current parents are our best recruiters!

1. If you refer a new foster parent to CCS, you will receive \$250 when their home is fully approved and has accepted a child(ren) for respite and/or permanent placement.
2. The newly licensed parent/family receives a \$250 bonus once they complete the process and accept their first respite or permanent placement.
3. If you coordinate a recruitment speaking engagement of 5 or more people, you will receive \$50.

Success Story

Nathen joined CCS in 2019 due to medical neglect. He was severely weak and dehydrated, used a feeding tube, and had limited usage of his legs, often scooting on the floor to get



around. He was diagnosed with nonverbal autism, ADHD, epilepsy, and severe scoliosis.

This past summer, Nathen underwent surgery to improve his scoliosis. The operation was very successful! Thank you to Ms. Clare (pictured right), Ms. Hogan, and Nathen's team for their amazing dedication to his progress. Foster parents, never doubt the impact you make on our youth. Thank you for all that you do!

To Our Christmas Donors, Thank You

- AOT Office Technologies, Inc.
- Advanced Urology
- Atlanta Flooring Design Centers
- City Wide Facility Solutions - Metro Atlanta
- Crawford and Boyle, LLC
- Dave & Alison Collier
- Drew & Karen Garner
- The Goldenburg Family, CCS foster parents
- Georgia Underwriting Association
- Group Resources
- Holli & Kent Dickerson
- Jeffrey Krutoy
- Jim Barnhart
- Linda B. Rogers
- Mundy's Collision Center
- White Oak Hills Baptist Church
- Poplar Hill Baptist Church
- Rajesh Jobanputra
- TEKsystems

Upcoming Classes and Events

January-March
Training Calendar

Fun Friday



TRAINING CLASSES (JAN-MARCH)

CPR/ First Aid 10am-1pm

Friday, February 17th
Friday, March 17th

Safety Care 10am-1pm

Saturday, January 14th
Saturday, February 11th
Saturday, March 18th

PCA Recertification 10am-5pm

Saturday, February 11th
*If this date does not work for you, please call to let us know.

Medication 10am-1pm

Saturday, February 4th

IDD (Virtual) 9am-1pm

Saturday, January 21st

Please call us at (770) 469-6226 to sign up for classes.

Dates are subject to change and classes have limited availability.

We will notify you if more dates are added.

Save the Date Fun Friday



27 January 2023

Youths
12+

More details coming soon!

If you need transportation Please reach out to your family consultant or SOAR specialist.



Honoring Martin Luther King Day

Martin Luther King Day is held on the third Monday of every January around his birthday, January 15, 1929. While MLK Day is not until Monday, we are sharing this information now, so anyone can make plans to honor the day.



KING DAY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT
Hosted by The King Center and ADID (Atlanta Downtown Improvement District)

MONDAY JAN. 16 11AM - 3PM

THE SERVICE PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Donation Collections for the Unsheltered and Homeless by The King Center
- Distribution by ADID in the city of Atlanta to partner organizations

JAN. 9 - 13, 2023 - 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM EST
Donation Drop Off Locations:
The King Center Parking Lot
449 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta GA 30312

DAY OF SERVICE: JAN. 16, 2023 - 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM EST
Donation Drop off Location:
The National Park Service Parking Lot
413 John Wesley Dobbs
Atlanta GA 30312

FOLLOW DONATION DROP OFF SIGNS!

WE ARE REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- New or gently used clothing
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- soaps
- Diapers size 4 and 5
- socks, coats
- small pack tissues
- lotion
- Kids socks
- disposable underwear
- deodorants
- books, magazines,
- Beanie
- blankets
- wet wipes, sanitizers
- puzzles

PLEASE EMAIL VOLUNTEER@THEKINGCENTER.ORG FOR ANY INQUIRIES OR TO SCHEDULE A DROP OFF TIME.

ADID Atlanta Downtown Improvement District
3KEYS High Impact Good People
DOING THE MOST GOOD



Poplar Hill Missionary Baptist Church Youth Present

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

CELEBRATION
JANUARY 16TH | 10AM

234 E. SHADBURN AVE.
BUFFORD, GA 30518
WWW.POPLARHILLBAPTIST.COM

For more ways to honor Martin Luther King, [click here.](#)

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

foster youth and adults



January

Zaedon C.
Andrew W.
Jaiwun H.
Dimitrius S.
Josiah F.
Montraveous S.
Dillon S.
Charlotte H.
Wesley S.
Chris H.

February

Keenan H.
Isaiah F.
Trey S.
Jason M.
Tim F.
Jacques H.
Ember R.

Become a Birthday Buddy

Compliance



REMINDERS

ANNUAL REQUIRED HOURS FOR FOSTER PARENTS

Primary Parents - 36 hours

Secondary Parents - 24 hours

ALWAYS SUBMIT UPDATED PAPERWORK

insurance (auto/home), annual medicals/tb's, pet vaccinations, driver's license

NOTIFY US OF CHANGES IN THE HOME

If you have a household member move in, a household member move out, or are moving to a new address, please let compliance know immediately

Looking Forward to 2023

This is our first newsletter of the new year. As such, we'd like to conclude with a focus on the future. Let's hear directly from our staff on what they hope for CCS.



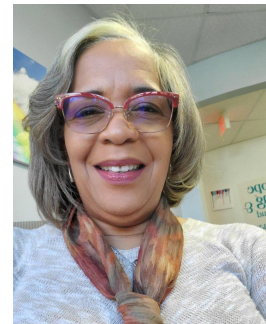
"I hope for more community engagement and an increased number of foster homes and host home providers."

— *Quinterra Wright,*
Director of Recruitment and Retention & Kinship Specialist



"I am new to CCS and still learning about the culture. I would like to see us grow and obtain more foster homes to help more children, adults and families."

— *Aida Emanuels,*
Community Evaluation



"I hope for more participation with the classes that CCS gives. The classes are very important for our organization to succeed in 2023."

— *Monica Bampfield,*
Receptionist

Specialist



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