



AMAZING GRACE
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ANNUAL REPORT 2024

HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION

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Youth Empowerment Program

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Executive Director

When I try to count the blessings that God has bestowed upon us and with the intention by which we do what we do, I can only side with John Bunyan-
"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."
--- John Bunyan

Such is our heart and aspiration. More than 15 years of God's faithfulness has allowed us to be able to wipe away the tears of many, provided hope to the hopeless, clothe the naked, provided housing and shelter for the homeless, supply food to the needy, guide and counsel the misguided, empower the youth, prevent others from going to jail through community services. This year we have witnessed people in need like never before, the demographics has also changed from women and children to men who are desperately seeking help for their families. This is also the year that we have counseled and provided essential items for AAP like never before. We take pride in knowing that we are a place where a person in need can walk in and have their needs met right away and have someone live and in person to attend to you

WELCOME TO AMAZING GRACE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Our journey --- started by operating from cars and homes, parking lots and stores to a rental store front and now thankfully our own property! Without question, this journey has been possible only because we acknowledge God is our source and help, and the great support of our partners and volunteers. Despite all the challenges we faced, we are proud of how we have stretched every dollar. Eighty-five percent of our income was spent on programs. This was achieved by the hard work of a few volunteers who dedicated their time and talents to the organization. I must at this point say that we are still in dire need of volunteers.





WE Salute YOU ON A SUCCESSFUL YEAR!!

Thank you for your incredible heart and unwavering dedication to our community! Your kindness, generosity, and commitment have touched countless lives in ways that words can hardly capture. **You truly embody selflessness, uplifting everyone around you with grace and compassion.** We deeply appreciate the invaluable work being done by the Amazing Grace Community Resource Center, Inc

Your leadership is a shining example of what it means to serve with integrity and love. Congratulations on being honored as the **Nonprofit of the Year at the 2024 Rising in Community Excellence (RICE) Awards.** On behalf of the entire Georgia Injury Attorneys team, may your journey continue to inspire, and may your work be blessed with continued success!



MARTHA HARLEY
EVANGELIST | FOUNDER

*Amazing Grace
Community Resource Center, Inc.*





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VISION AND MISSION

VISION

We envision a future in which children grow to be healthy, successful adults, families have the resources to prosper, and lives are transformed through love.

We will stitch our neighborhoods, villages, cities, and the country together like a giant quilt--feeding the hungry, giving a place of refuge, educating the youth, and elevating members of our community.

MISSION

- Our mission is to draw strength from God's love for us to express our love for our neighbors through care.
- We commit our lives, our resources, and our compassion to helping our neighbors in need.



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



Amazing grace Won the 2024 Nonprofit of the year award at the Rising In Community Excellence (**RISE**) Awards.



The Choice Youth Program was selected by the Clayton County Police for the Christmas scholarship. Each student received \$300 to buy their Christmas gifts and a privately assigned cop to chaperon each student while they shop



Amazing grace partnered with Walk with A Purpose to give away over 150 free sneakers to youth and young adults. It rewarding to see many young people smile and joyfully walking out with purpose.



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CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH



This past year, Amazing Grace Community Resource Center has faced significant hurdles that have tested our resolve and dedication to our mission.

Funding and Staffing: Our journey has been marred by the scarcity of administrative funding and the shortage of skilled human resources. Despite our unwavering commitment, we struggled to maintain adequate staffing levels, which impacted critical operations. The need for recruitment in our Choice Program, as well as finding a capable media manager, has been pressing.



Volunteers and Support: Our dedicated volunteers are the backbone of our organization, yet we've been challenged by a shortage of hands-on support. This has meant that, heartbreakingly, numerous calls and emails from those in desperate need of our services went unanswered due to insufficient manpower.

Call to Action: These challenges illuminate the vital role that donors and sponsors play in enabling us to continue our work. Your support can make a world of difference in transforming these challenges into opportunities for growth and greater impact. Together, we can ensure that every call for help is heard and answered.



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STRATEGIC INITIATIVES



1

Capacity Building and Staff Development Program

Objective: Enhance the organization's operational efficiency and service delivery by recruiting, training, and retaining skilled staff and volunteers. Actions:

- **Recruitment Campaign:** Launch a targeted recruitment campaign to attract skilled professionals and dedicated volunteers, utilizing local universities, community organizations, and online job platforms.
- **Training and Development:** Develop a comprehensive training program to upskill current staff and volunteers, focusing on administrative tasks, media management, and program-specific skills.
- **Volunteer Engagement:** Create a volunteer engagement plan that includes recognition programs, regular feedback sessions, and opportunities for personal and professional growth to boost retention and commitment.
- **Partnerships:** Establish partnerships with local businesses and educational institutions to create a pipeline of talented interns and volunteers.



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Fundraising and Community Outreach Initiative

Objective: Secure sustainable funding and increase community engagement to support the organization's programs and services. Actions:

- **Grant Writing Team:** Form a dedicated grant writing team to identify and apply for relevant grants from government agencies, foundations, and corporate sponsors.
- **Fundraising Events:** Organize community fundraising events, such as charity runs, benefit concerts, and online crowdfunding campaigns, to raise awareness and generate financial support.
- **Donor Relations:** Implement a donor relations strategy that includes regular updates, personalized communication, and recognition programs to strengthen relationships with current and potential donors.
- **Social Media Campaign:** Launch a targeted social media campaign to raise awareness about the organization's mission, impact stories, and funding needs, leveraging engaging content and storytelling techniques.

These initiatives aim to address the immediate challenges while laying a strong foundation for long-term growth and sustainability.



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A YEAR OF IMPACT

STORIES OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION

In the heart of our community, Amazing Grace Community Resource Center has been a beacon of hope, providing crucial support to countless individuals and families. This past year, our centers in Jonesboro and Fayetteville welcomed 2,055 walk-ins, each seeking assistance, compassion, and a helping hand.

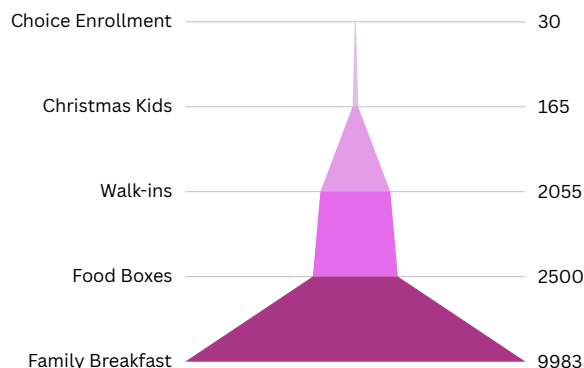
Through our dedicated efforts, we distributed 2,500 food boxes, ensuring that no one went hungry. Mondays became a day of nourishment and warmth as we served 9,983 families with fresh bread and pastries. Our Choice Program saw 30 enrollments, with 21 participants successfully completing the journey from January to December, finding new paths to stability and success.

We stood by our neighbors in their darkest hours, paying utility and other bills for 10 citizens, and providing temporary shelter through hotel assistance for 3 individuals. When rent and other needs arose, we referred 735 people to partner agencies, ensuring they received the help they needed.

The holiday season brought smiles to the faces of 165 children who received toys, while countless individuals received clothes to keep them warm. We also gave away 65 care boxes filled with essentials, and offered some form of case management to those navigating difficult circumstances.

These achievements are a testament to the incredible support of our donors and sponsors. Your prayers and financial contributions have been the lifeline that enables us to continue this vital work. As we look forward to 2025, we are reminded that it is through your unwavering support that we can anticipate even greater impact and transformation.

Together, let's ensure that every call for help is answered, every need is met, and every heart is touched. Join us in making a difference, one life at a time.





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THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY STORIES OF HOPE AND TOGETHERNESS

At Amazing Grace Community Resource Center, each event and program we host is a testament to the power of community, love, and unwavering support.

Honoring a Life: The memorial for our Choice Program graduate, Kianu Hammock, was a poignant reminder of the impact we have on lives. Amidst the tears, we drew strength from God and celebrated Kianu's memories with love and reverence.

A Valentine's Day to Remember: Our Community Valentine's Day celebration at the Fayette Center was crowned with the presence of remarkable individuals like Lawyer Poe, the People's Champ, Dr. Swanson, and 35 others who shared the love and joy of the day. The center was filled with warmth, laughter, and heartfelt connections.

Empowering the Youth: Partnering with Walk with A Purpose, we gave away over 150 free sneakers to youth and young adults. The sight of young people walking out with new sneakers and renewed purpose was **heavenly and rewarding**.

A Blessing for Our Youth: The "Shop with a Cop" program was an amazing experience for our Choice Youth Empowerment participants. Thanks to the Clayton Police, Each of our youth received a Christmas scholarship of \$300 or more to shop with a privately assigned cop. This act of kindness was a big blessing and an honor for the kids.

Fun and Fundraising: Our Golf Fundraiser was more than a financial success; it was a day filled with fun and camaraderie as non-golfers enjoyed cruising in golf carts, thanks to our enthusiastic participants.

Community Connections: Our various events, including the Meet and Greet led by Lawyer Francis Kwafo (WFG), the Read 50 Books for \$50 summer campaign, and the heartfelt repass for Ms. Lisa Burns, brought our community closer together, fostering connections and shared experiences.

Supporting Virtually: The Choice Youth Empowerment program continued to thrive with Zoom meetings, and our Saturday Community Prayer sessions remained a beacon of unity and faith.

Adapting to Challenges: Despite the cancellation of our Community Back to School Bash at the park, we privately served those in need, ensuring that no one was left without support. Our Food and Clothing Banks saw an unprecedented increase in donations, providing more food and clothes than ever before.

Spiritual Healing: During our One-on-One with the Prophet sessions, countless souls found solace and deliverance through prayer and ministration, leaving with a sense of hope and spiritual renewal.

Gracious Support: Our board members, aptly titled "Gracious Board Members," have been pillars of strength. Their financial contributions, professional expertise, and dedicated involvement in planning and implementing programs have been invaluable. Their plans for 2025 promise even greater impact.

Through these stories of hope, love, and resilience, we are reminded of the profound difference we can make together. With your continued support, we can overcome challenges and create lasting change in our community.



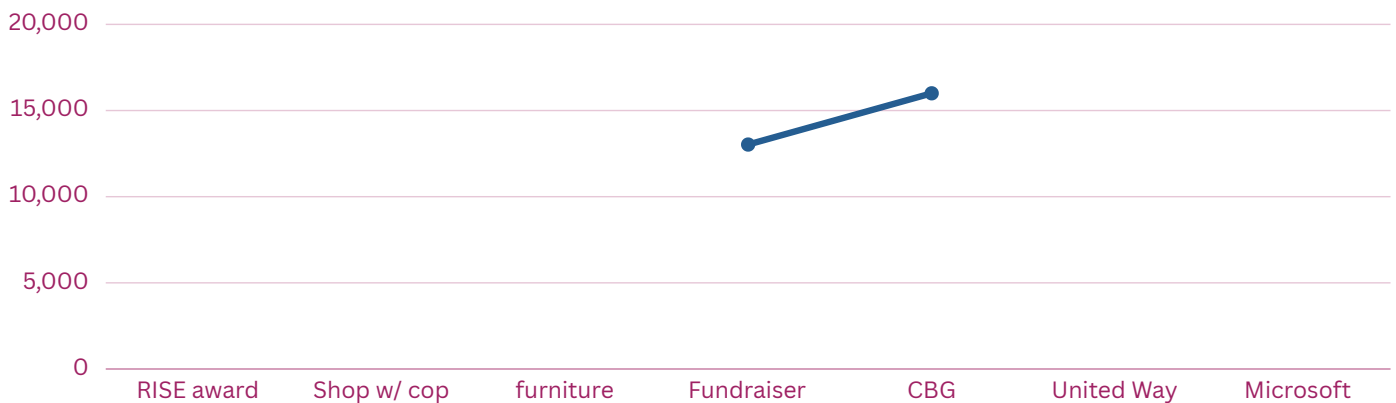
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A YEAR OF GENEROSITY AND NEED BRIDGING THE GAP FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

As we reflect on the past year, Amazing Grace Community Resource Center is immensely grateful for the incredible generosity that has empowered us to serve our community. We have received significant financial support, in-kind donations, and grants that have made a world of difference.

Thanks to the United Way's Learning Loss Grant, our Choice Youth Development Program received a much-needed boost of \$25,000. Clayton County's Community Block Grant provided an additional \$16,000 for our community outreach and youth development efforts. The Microsoft for Nonprofit grant continued to support us with \$30,000 worth of software and cloud services, enabling us to operate efficiently and effectively.

Individual donors, the heart and soul of our fundraising efforts, contributed \$13,026, and the Clayton Police generously gifted over \$5,000 in gift cards to our Choice Youth Development students for their "Shop with a Cop" initiative. Our partners at Atlanta Office Liquidators Inc. donated \$6,000 worth of furniture, ensuring that our spaces are welcoming and functional.



We are honored to have been recognized with a \$3,000 reward for winning the Nonprofit of the Year award at the Rising In Community Excellence (RISE) Awards. Our annual dinner fundraiser was another highlight, bringing in \$20,500 through the generous contributions of our supporters.

In total, we received \$199,873 in monetary and in-kind donations, a testament to the incredible support from our community. However, we still fell short of our \$255,000 target budget by over \$50,000.

The gap in our funding underscores the urgent need for continued and increased support. Every contribution, big or small, plays a crucial role in enabling us to bridge this gap and continue our mission. Your support will help us provide essential services, from youth development programs to food distribution and community outreach.

We invite you to join us on this journey of hope and transformation. Together, we can ensure that no need goes unmet and that every individual in our community has the opportunity to thrive. Your generosity today will create a brighter tomorrow for countless lives.

Thank you for being a part of our mission and for making a lasting impact.



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A PILAR OF AMAZING GRACE IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAYOR GREG CLIFTON

Responsibility is a friend to hard work



You represent Amazing Grace well each time



--Portia

Together we serve the youth



You were Amazing Grace's 911

We will miss your hard work, your commitment and your love for all



--Staff



That's who are!

--Martha Harley

Winner of the 2024
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Award



Thanks for showing me Fayetteville
--Prophet Kotaix from Ivory Coast



Super
exciting and go getter
--Jesiah & Leonard



Revelation 14:13

And their work will follow them



You are a big fun to be around



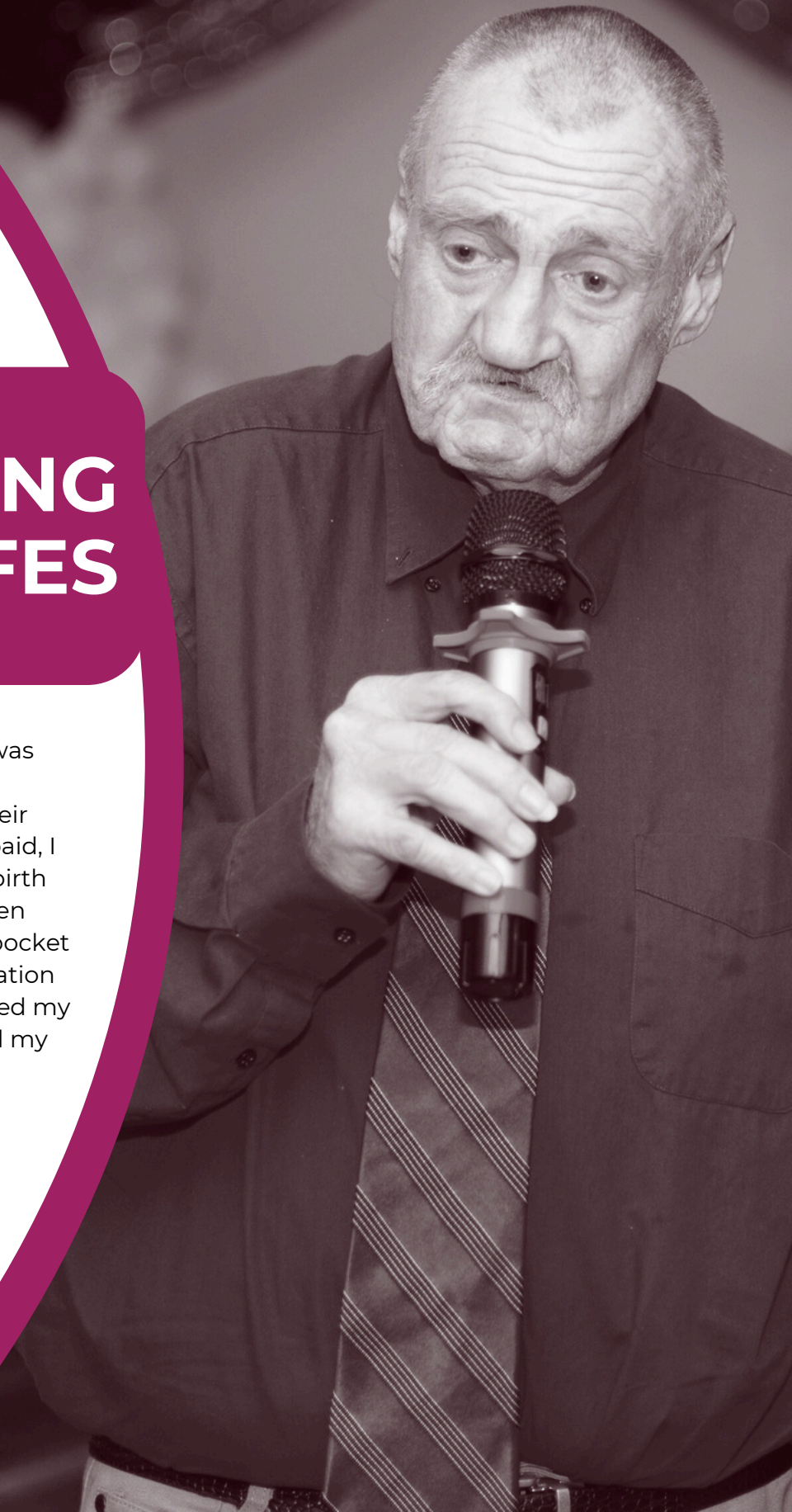


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TRANSFORMING LIFES

"The best thing that has happened to me was coming in contact with Amazing Grace Community Resource Center. Thanks to their incredible support, my medical bills were paid, I received assistance to get my license and birth certificate, new clothing and shoes, and even coverage for my hotel bills. They gave me pocket money to job hunt and provided transportation for four months. Amazing Grace transformed my life and gave me the opportunity to rebuild my future."

—Darrion Null

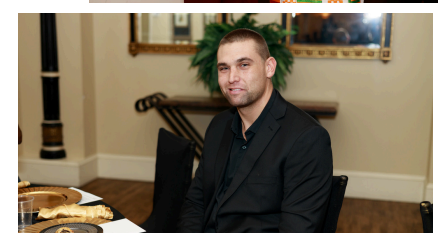


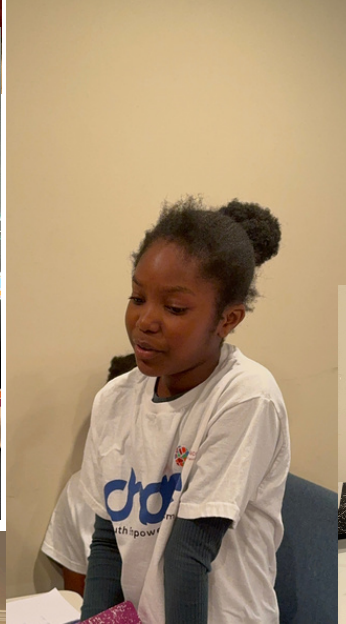
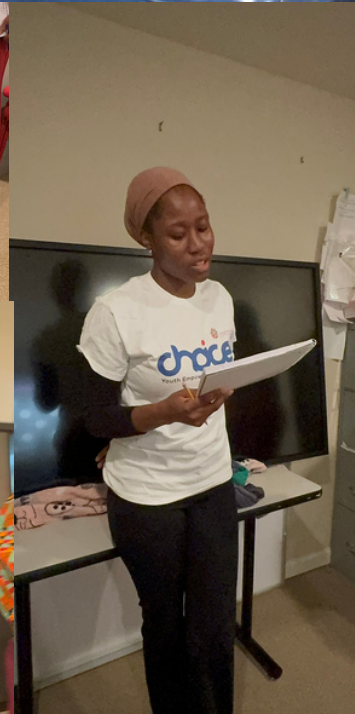
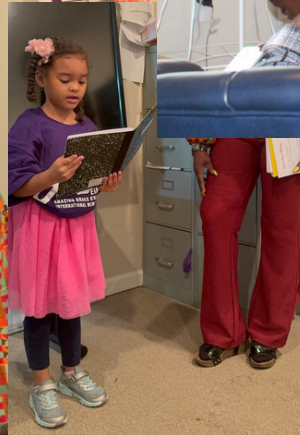
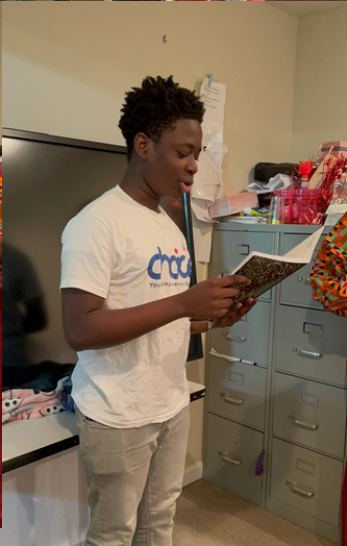


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IN PICTURES







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SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Dear Esteemed Supporters,

We are immensely grateful for the unwavering support of Doctors Amanda and Jeremy Hess of Discover Chiropractic, our top sponsors. Your dedication and generosity continue to bless us, and we pray for God's endless blessings upon you.

In 2025, we are eager to welcome 5 new sponsors with the same commitment and passion as the Hesses. If you would like to join us in making a profound difference, please don't hesitate to call. To all our families, sponsors, partners, business associates, prayer warriors, and volunteers, we extend our deepest heartfelt gratitude. Your kind acts and steadfast support enable us to strive for excellence, overcome limitations, and persevere in our mission to change lives and put food on the tables of the less fortunate.

This year, we are proud to announce that the "Chairman Jeffrey Turner Scholarship" was awarded to Ms. Joy Arthur, a testament to our collective efforts in empowering and uplifting our community.

A special appreciation goes to our table sponsors:

- Drs. Jeremy and Amanda Hess
- Mike Higginbotham - Mike's Trailer Hitches
- Dr. Riley Swanson – Riley Swanson Dental Office
- Mr. and Mrs. Mark Fincannon
- Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Elzie
- S&J Good Samaritan Foundation INC New
- Peoples Champ - Georgia's Injury Attorneys

We also extend our gratitude to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners for their grant support to the Community Resource Center and the Choice Youth Empowerment Program, as well as to United Way of Greater Atlanta, the Department of Family & Children Services, and the Apostolic Church of Peachtree City for their partnership in massive community service and cleaning efforts.

Our newest partners, AOL and Peoples Champ - Georgia's Injury Attorneys, have made a significant impact, and we are deeply thankful for your support. It's often said that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. What are you giving?

Together, let's continue to build a brighter future and create lasting change in our community.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Martha Harley, Amazing Grace Community Resource Center



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THANK YOU

On behalf of Amazing Grace Community Resource Center, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters for your unwavering generosity and commitment to our mission—your contributions make a world of difference.

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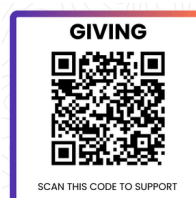
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