Mental Health Services at ACS

Did you know that 2 in 5 children have trouble accessing the mental health treatment they need in Georgia?

Providing mental health services is one way ACS helps ensure that all our children thrive. School-based mental health programs like the one offered at ACS increase access to mental health support by removing barriers to care. In partnership with the Center for Interrelational Science and
Pediatrics, students at the Atlanta Children’s Shelter receive onsite mental health services individually and in a small group setting both in the classroom and in our designated play therapy room. All students are pre-screened for mental health needs and trauma recovery support upon enrollment.

Ms. Jordan, a Certified Pediatric Nurse, visits twice each week and provides individual behavioral health services, professional development, intervention tools, support for parents, and more, improving our children’s behavioral health outcomes.

The 2022 ACS Achievers

The Aftercare Program is proud to announce the nomination of Ms. Karen Thomas and Ms. Iman McCullough as Atlanta Children’s Shelter’s 2022 Achievers!

These former ACS clients achieved self-sufficiency with the assistance of the Atlanta Children’s Shelter. Now they are returning to our Women’s Giving Luncheon to be celebrated and to share more about their personal journey out of homelessness.

Ms. Karen Thomas

Ms. Thomas was born in Cleveland Ohio and moved with her family to Atlanta GA at the age of 5. She grew up in Decatur GA and is the loving mother of 3 children. Karen has worked in food service management, the APS system, and is currently employed with Jewish Home Life in hospitality.

In 2019, Karen’s ambition led her to start her own business in health and wellness, Go Natural LLC. Having sustained permanent housing for the past 5yrs, Karen’s now on the quest of home ownership.

Ms. Iman McCullough

Ms. McCullough hails out of Ocala, Florida and moved to Atlanta, Georgia in 2013. She is the proud mother of four,
including a GSU freshman and a class of 2022 high school graduate. Iman obtained her CNA qualifications in 2015 and has worked in both the private and public sectors.

She is currently employed with Grady Health System with sights on becoming a Registered Nurse. Iman has been permanently housed since 2018 and seeks to ultimately become a homeowner.

Cool Cars for a Great Cause!

Come check out tons of awesome cars, shop local vendors, and get lucky in a raffle at the Shift Atlanta and Six Bridges Brewing Car Show! Admission is free and donations will be accepted benefiting the Atlanta Children’s Shelter!

For more information about the car show, please contact the event coordinator, Jonathan Klein, at Jonathanklein123@gmail.com
This year's Atlanta Voices for Hope mass choir festival raised over $5,000 for the Atlanta Children’s Shelter. We would like to thank Scott Keesey for reaching out to ACS and partnering with us for this event.

The event was conducted by renowned, internationally known Christian composer, Heather Sorenson. She was accompanied by a full orchestra made up of Atlanta area professionals. The community joined these wonderful musicians in the Sanctuary of Norcross First United Methodist Church for an evening of incredible music.

We are grateful for everyone who participated in the event and supported the mission of ACS.

Upcoming Events
We hope you'll join us for our annual Women's Giving Luncheon taking place on Wednesday, May 11th. This year's event will be held at Magnolia Hall in Piedmont Park.

The Luncheon connects, empowers, and inspires executive leaders in Atlanta's business community to make an impact through philanthropy.

The Women's Giving Luncheon recognizes the Achiever and Legacy Honorees, former ACS clients who achieved self-sufficiency with the Atlanta Children's Shelter's assistance.

Registration for the event will open Monday, April 4, 2022. Please visit our website, www.acsatl.org, to RSVP.

Sponsorships are available! Please contact Aseelah Williams at, awilliams@acsatl.org.