



A Personal Note... From Board President, Chief Carol Martin

As our communities in Dawson, Forsyth, Habersham, Hall, Lumpkin and White Counties continue to grow, so does the need for more services from Rape Response (RR). 2016 was a very busy year for law enforcement and the staff of RR

as more survivors of sexual assault continue to come forward seeking services. Some in the community may ask, is this because there are more problems than ever before? I don't believe this is the case; I believe that sexual assaults are reported more because of the services, awareness and outreach RR provides. When survivors feel safe divulging details of an unimaginable assault, they will report these crimes. RR volunteers and staff put in countless hours to educate the community, advocate and provide a safe space for survivors. Because of this, survivors come forward.

Over the last year, RR received increases in both State and Federal grant funding, allowing the addition of two new staff: a full-time bilingual advocate and a part-time therapist who also serves our collaborative partners as a mental health consultant and trainer. Group and individual therapy were offered this year, deepening the level of support RR provided to survivors in 2016.

Three new prevention programs were offered: the 7th grade *Healthy Relationships* program was taught in 13 schools; *Let's Talk: Healthy Relationships* was taught at the Regional Youth Detention Center monthly; and *Smart Response* for parents was presented in five of our six counties. *Keeping it Safe*, our 8th grade prevention program created in 1993, continues to be taught in 16 schools. Prevention and awareness programs are offered regularly at six colleges in our service area.

Increased staff and programming helps RR to meet the growing needs in our service area. We are very blessed to work and live in communities that care enough to take care of each other. I want to thank the RR staff, volunteers, donors and community for their support in our efforts to help survivors of sexual assault.

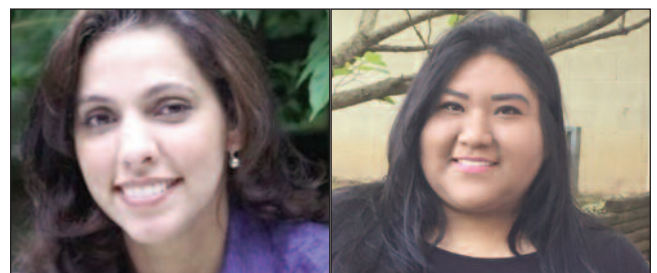
Welcome New Board Members!



V.P. Sean McCusker welcomes new Board Members
Wanda Bryant (left) and **Michelle Taylor** (right)

MISSION

Rape Response serves as a system of support, advocacy and education, providing services to the community and survivors of sexual assault while safeguarding the dignity of each person served.



Meet RR's newest staff members:
Anjana Freeman, LPC (left) & Rebeca Ruelas (right)



Rape Response Staff

L-R: Gale Adams, Anjana Freeman, Jeanne Buffington, Rebeca Ruelas, Erica Autry & Angel Jackson

More Than a Crisis Line...

Rape Response is a nonprofit agency providing 24/7 services to male and female sexual assault survivors, ages 13 and older in Dawson, Forsyth, Habersham, Hall, Lumpkin and White Counties. Advocacy in action for 2016 included:

- **Crisis Calls** answered **346**
- **Face-to-face Crisis Interventions** supported survivors as they processed the sexual assault & equipped them with essential tools needed on their path to recovery **95**
- **Information & Referrals** connected survivors to their community for continued support & healing **636**
- **Hospital Accompaniment** provided support to survivors at the hospital during forensic medical exams **112**
- **Follow Up Calls** extended emotional support to survivors to address ongoing issues **586**
- **Aftercare** referrals & information offered survivors health care exams for STI's; paid for by RR & provided by local health departments **146**
- **Victims' Compensation Fund** referred survivors for information & application regarding reimbursement for medical expenses or counseling costs **105**
- **Personal Advocacy** helped survivors to navigate health care, law enforcement, criminal justice & other social service agencies **415**
- **Prevention Education** provided to **6,468** middle school students, **1,726** high school & college students & **140** parents
- **Court Accompaniment** supported survivors during trials **18 days**
- **Collaborations** participated in interagency & professional engagement opportunities to benefit survivors **139 agencies/over 3,943 participants**
- **Counseling/Support Groups** supported survivors in therapy setting **40**

Volunteer Advocates dedicated more than 1,594 hours in 2016!

COLLEGE INTERNS



Spring Interns
Madeline Portscher (left)
& Nicole Kessler (right)



Fall Interns
Melany Sanchez (left),
Ambriah Griggs (right) &
Stephanie Armstrong (not pictured)

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



Fall 2016 Volunteer Training
Front L-R: Gale A., Alyssa G., Sarah S., Katiee M., Ambriah G. & Kelsey P.
Middle L-R: Melany S., Nancy C., Amber G. & Andrea G.
Back L-R: Stephanie A., Alexis B., Brooke R. & Kara W.

Volunteer Roster

Carmen Adams*	Andrea Gaines	Ruskee Porterfield
Casey Adams	Amber Glaspie*	Madeline Portscher*
Elsa Alvarez	Rachel Glazer*	Brooke Reed
Stephanie Armstrong	Ambriah Griggs	Jennifer Reed
Jazzmin Bailey	Alyssa Grindle	Jacqueline Robledo
Alexis Bingham	Heather Hollimon	Brianna Rice*
Katie Bruner	Ginger Imperiale	Melany Sanchez
Nancy Butcher*	Kalia Jordan	Addrienne Session
Nancy Cancel	Nicole Kessler*	Angela Slay
Erin Cansler*	Melissa King	Sarah Smudde
Tennile Chapman*	Daisy Kitchens	Sarah Strzemienski
Marjorie Cunningham	Julia Lee	Ashley Sullins
Carly Dale*	Jolinda Martin*	Kathy Thompson
Sarah Deitsch	Dixie Mayes	Cheyenne Thornton
Tellia Edmonds*	Katiee McKinstry	Christy Wade
Debbie Edwards	Tiffany Myers	
Jasmine Fortson	Kelsey Payne	

*Inactive Crisis Line Volunteers

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United Way:
Dawson County, Forsyth County, Greater Atlanta, Habersham County, Hall County, & White County
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

Churches

First Presbyterian Church
Gainesville First
United Methodist Church
Grace Episcopal Church

Local Government

City of Gainesville
County Board of Commissioners:
Habersham, Hall, Lumpkin & White (5% Funds)
Hall County Government

Business & Community Organizations

Belk, Inc.♥
Chattahoochee Country Club♥
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Forum Communications*
Gateway Domestic Violence Center*
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Steve Cronic in honor of
Nellie C. McDonald
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Jeanne Buffington
Joe & Caryl Roark♥ in honor of
Jeanne Buffington
Kittie Ross♥ in honor of
Hazel Propes & Helen Ross
Lydia Sartain in honor of
Dana Chapman
Laurie Spiess♥ in honor of
Jeanne Buffington

Individuals

Anonymous♥

Gale Adams
Sonia Alcantar*
Mary Beth Begley♥
Ellen Corinne Briggs
Kris Brown
Dr. Robert & Ruth Bruner
Jeanne Buffington♥
Kelly Cate
Miles & Sharon Coker♥
Susan Cole♥
Andrea Conarro♥
Jackie Cooley♥
Gerald Couch♥
Katie Crumley♥
Carly Dale
Cathy & Denny Drerup
Dr. Jewell & Tonya Duncan♥
Lyndon Evans
Debbie Edwards*
Ron & Martha Fritchley♥
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Wendy Glasbrenner♥
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Miles Coker♥ in memory of
Keaten Coker
Janelle Whalen♥ in memory of
Gus Whalen

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Thank you to all who made Dancing for a Cause a huge success!

Presentations & Trainings

- Dawson County Family Connection
- Demorest Police Department
- Flowery Branch Police Department
- Forsyth DV Task Force
- Forsyth County Family Connection
- Forsyth Prevention Forum
- Habersham Chamber of Commerce
- Hall County Family Connection
- Hall County Health Department
- Hall County Sheriff's Office
- Helen Police Department
- Lumpkin County Family Connection
- Lumpkin County Juvenile Court
- Mountain Family Violence Task Force
- Northeast GA Physicians Group
- Oakwood Police Department
- Piedmont College Police Department
- UPS
- United Way Habersham
- White County Family Connection
- White County Sheriff's Office

Quote from a Survivor

"Rape Response has given me and my daughter friendship, education, validation, support, and empowerment. I cannot think of a greater asset to victims of sexual violence and their families. Their warmth, knowledge, and vital community engagement and education saves lives. I know for certain it saved our lives."

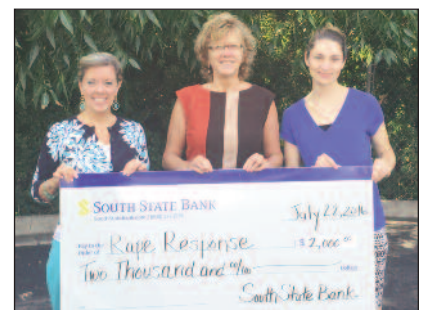


United Way of Forsyth County

L-R: Melissa Corliss, Rebeca Ruelas,
Gale Adams, Ruth Goode



Thank you **Forum Communications** for your support of RR by participating in United Way's "Day of Action!"



Thank you to **Carol Shirley** and **South State Bank** for your support!

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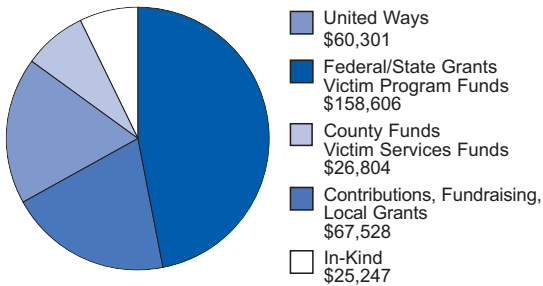
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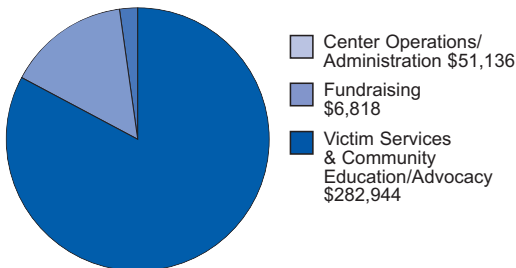
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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

REVENUE – \$338,486



EXPENSES – \$340,898



Note: Federal and state reimbursement schedules and grant cycles overlap fiscal years.

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