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Chatham

Union Mission, Inc.

Victim Services

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Project Description

The Counseling Center at Union Mission is a comprehensive community-based behavioral health center serving adults, adolescents & children. The center offers an array of high quality services, provided by highly trained professionals in a caring, confidential manner to meet individual and family needs. The program's aim is to enable children, adults, couples and families, regardless of age, religion, or socioeconomic status, to move forward in achieving goals which promote more successful and satisfying lives.

Federal Award: \$40,784

Cherokee

Cherokee Family Violence Center

Multi-Cultural Program

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Project Description

Cherokee Family Violence Center is a registered, non-profit 501(c)(3) agency in the State of Georgia and has been providing assistance to victims of domestic violence since 1986. Our mission is to enhance the safety of women and children who are victims of domestic violence by providing a 12-bed emergency shelter; offering crisis intervention services through both our English and Spanish 24-hour hot lines; operating a 72-unit transitional housing apartment complex; providing legal advocacy; offering longer term education and support services through our case management and multi-cultural programs, support groups and individual counseling; developing community partnerships and institutional awareness of domestic violence issues; and promoting a community standard of zero tolerance for violence in the home.

Federal Award: \$42,708

Clarke

Community Connection of Northeast Georgia

Piedmont Rape Crisis Center, Inc.

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Athens, GA 30606

Project Director: Chris Griner
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Project Description

Piedmont Rape Crisis Center is the sole service provider for sexual violence victims in Barrow, Jackson, and Banks counties. PRCC works from a holistic approach model to empower survivors through advocacy and support services, crisis intervention, a 24/7 Crisis hotline, and financial assistance for counseling sessions with a licensed therapist. Additionally, PRCC works as a resource and referral agency, provides forensic exam accompaniments, and is active in providing and participating in training regarding sexual violence.

Federal Award: \$15,081

Project Safe, Inc.

Community Based Contact and Support

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Athens, GA 30604

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Project Description

Project Safe is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization working to end domestic violence through prevention and educational programs, crisis intervention and ongoing supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their children, and advocacy/ systems change work in the community. Founded in Athens, GA first as a network of safe houses, and later as a confidentially located emergency shelter and hotline, Project Safe has expanded over the years to better meet the needs of those seeking to put the pain and horror of abuse behind them. Today the agency's services range from short term crisis counseling on the hotline to long term support through its Transitional Housing programs. Although the majority of Project Safe's clients come from Athens and the surrounding area, the agency is a routing point for a national hotline, and assists adults and children from across Georgia and out of state. Project Safe's approach to the fight against domestic violence combines energy of the heart with a commitment to

evaluation and attention to operational efficiencies. Ninety-two cents of every dollar contributed to Project Safe goes to programs and services directly benefitting battered women and children.

Federal Award: \$35,184

Clayton

The Southern Crescent Sexual Assault Center, Inc.

Victim Services

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Jonesboro, GA 30237

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Project Description

SCSAC provides crisis intervention services to victims of sexual violence and their families in Clayton, Henry, Fayette, Spalding, Butts, Lamar, and Pike counties.

Federal Award: \$62,110

DeKalb

International Women's House, Inc.

SARA: Sexual Assault and Rape Advocacy project

PO Box 1327
Decatur, GA 30031

Project Director: Anna Blau

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Project Description

International Women's House, Inc. is a nonprofit agency serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. With a primary focus on helping refugee and immigrant women and their children, the agency offers safe haven in a culturally sensitive environment. Staff is multilingual and multicultural. Supportive services for the sexual assault project includes 24-hour response to hospitals when requested, accompaniment to courts, counseling, and referrals to appropriate community resources for additional assistance.

Federal Award: \$41,966

DeKalb Rape Crisis Center

Bilingual Victim Services

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Decatur, GA 30030

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Project Description

The DeKalb Rape Crisis Center has provided services for rape and sexual assault victims/ survivors in DeKalb County since 1989. In DeKalb county, the center projects that one in every 2300 citizens of all ages, races, cultures and genders is a victim of sexual assault. In 2009, the center's staff saw 282 new survivors of sexual assault with 259 new victims receiving services in 2010. DRCC exists to assist victims of sexual assault, their families and the community in coping with these crimes

Federal Award: \$18,219

Refugee Family Services, Inc.

Refugee Family Violence Prevention Project

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Project Description

Every year, Refugee Family Services (RFS) serves approximately 2,500 refugee/immigrant women and children in the metro-Atlanta area. RFS provides critical human services, youth programs, health services, education programs, and domestic violence prevention programs. This work furthers RFS's mission to support the efforts of refugee women and children to achieve self-sufficiency in the United States by providing education and economic opportunity. RFS provides culturally and linguistically appropriate services through the Community and Youth Center, located in unincorporated Stone Mountain, Georgia (metropolitan Atlanta). All RFS programs focus on helping refugee women achieve self-sufficiency, and nowhere is this mission more clear or critical than in the Refugee Family Violence Prevention Project (RFVPP), where achieving self-sufficiency is often a matter of life or death for refugee women facing violent situations. Refugee Family Services, formerly Newcomers' Network, is an outgrowth of Save the Children/Child Care Support Center, Atlanta. Originally, the program provided

childcare training to refugee women in the metro Atlanta area, and then grew into the Refugee Program, adding many refugee services. Newcomers' Network, Inc. was incorporated in 1996 to operate the refugee program as a stand-alone entity and became a fully independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization on October 1, 1997. The present name, Refugee Family Services, went into effect in June of 2002. Since first receiving CJCC funding in 1999, the RFVPP has served more than 1,000 refugee/immigrant victims of domestic violence and approximately 2,000 secondary (children) victims. Also since 1999, more than 100 women have been placed safely in shelters, and approximately 200 women have exercised their legal option to obtain a TPO. The RFVPP has also helped hundreds to build a self-sufficient future for themselves and their families by obtaining driver's licenses, preparing for employment, and becoming active in their children's schools.

Federal Award: \$23,586

International Women's House, Inc.

Victims Services

PO Box 1327
Decatur, GA 30031

Project Director: Anna Z. Blau

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Project Description

International Women's House, Inc. is a non profit agency that serves victims of domestic violence, with a primary focus on refugee and immigrant women and their dependent children. The agency is a safe haven whose staff is multilingual and multicultural. IWH has provided shelter and supportive services since 1997 and has received CJCC funding since 1998. Supportive services include financial aid, transportation, counseling, housing assistance and other services to help victims of abuse become economically self-sustaining.

Federal Award: \$22,973

Caminar Latino, Inc.

Providing Culturally Appropriate Domestic Violence Services for Latinas

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Doraville, GA 30362

Project Director: Carolina Martinez

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Project Description

Caminar Latino's ("Latino Journey") mission is to create opportunities for Latino families affected by violence to transform their lives and communities. Caminar Latino is a non-profit domestic violence intervention and prevention program serving Latino families in the metro-Atlanta area and is the only Spanish speaking and culturally-specific domestic violence program that provides services for women, men, and their children.

Federal Award: \$34,375

Tapestri, Inc.

Victim Services

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Tucker, GA 30084

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Project Description

Tapestri, Inc. is dedicated to ending violence in refugee and immigrant communities using culturally competent and appropriate methods. As advocates for refugee and immigrant families affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and exploitation, Tapestri is committed to using direct services, education, community organizing, and advocacy to effect change in the lives of these families. Tapestri is committed to increasing access to services that are respectful of the diverse languages, cultures, races, ages, sexual orientations, disabilities and religious beliefs of its communities. The Domestic Violence Program provides social support services and legal advocacy, such as temporary protective orders and legal referrals for child support, divorces, child custody, and immigration, for battered refugee & immigrant women. The Program also conducts community outreach about domestic violence and available options among immigrant and refugee communities via presentations and mass media. The Access for Immigrants Program provides trainings on domestic violence and immigrant and refugee issues to court interpreters and develops appropriate training material for court personnel and interpreters

Federal Award: \$31,078

Jewish Family & Career Services

Shalom Bayit (Peace in the Home)

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Atlanta, GA 30338

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Project Description

Guided by the wisdom and values of our tradition, Jewish Family & Career Services (JF&CS) provides health, career and human services to support and enhance the well-being of individuals and families across all ages, faiths, cultures and lifestyles. JF&CS began in 1890 as a refugee-service agency and was incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) in 1982. In 1997 the agency merged with Jewish Vocational Services creating Jewish Family & Career Services, Inc. Since its inception, JF&CS has continued to serve as a community leader, striving to design and implement new programs where gaps in services are discovered, expanding existing programs and collaborating extensively with public and private agencies to develop a seamless continuum of care for clients in need.

JF&CS provides non-sectarian health, career and human services to increase self sufficiency, improve health, and foster community engagement to approximately 30,000 Atlanta individuals and families annually. To achieve these outcomes JF&CS provides programs and services through five divisions, including Career and International Services, Older Adult Services, Developmental Disabilities Services, Counseling Services, and Specialty Services, including our Ben Massell Dental Clinic.

The proposed Domestic Violence project aligns with the agency's mission of offering hope and personal and practical support to Atlanta-area individuals and families in need. In fact, working to strengthen families and assist clients in achieving stability and self-sufficiency is common among most of the agency's programs. Recognizing that JF&CS cannot do this work alone, the provision of community referrals, outreach and education is essential to achieving this goal.

Federal Award: \$28,956

Douglas

Douglas County Task Force on Family Violence, Inc.

DV-ALERT

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Project Description

The Douglas County Task Force (DCTF) is a grassroots 501(c) 3 non-profit community collaborative established in 1994. DCTF serves as the central point of information and coordination of services for approximately 25 active representatives of local agencies and systems, including law enforcement, prosecution, faith based agencies, and others who serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

DCTF facilitates regularly scheduled monthly meetings to discuss the needs and safety of victims, identify gaps in services and knowledge that compromises victim safety. The DCTF is committed to eradicating domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence in our community. DCTF provides an outreach program, support groups and legal advocacy and hospital accompaniment to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Federal Award: \$72,608

Floyd

Sexual Assault Center of NW GA, Inc.

Victim Services

P.O. Box 928
Rome, GA 30162

Project Director: Dennis Marcott

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Project Description

The Sexual Assault Center of NWGA's mission is to facilitate healing for victims of sexual assault and their families through on-going crisis intervention services; to promote community awareness of the Center's services; to educate our students and community about the nature of sexual assault; and, to foster strong partnerships with all agencies involved in dealing with sexual assault. Our Guiding Principles The Sexual Assault Center is committed to:

- * Serving all survivors and those supportive of them at any time regardless of age, gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, income, ability, religion, or geography.
- * Creating a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for survivors and their families.
- * Providing timely access to services and programs.
- * Working to end the silence surrounding sexual violence.
- * Educating our community to the realities of sexual violence and it's impact on the entire community.
- * Fostering strong partnerships with law enforcement, hospital staff, and criminal justice agencies.

Federal Award: \$12,149

Forsyth

Forsyth County Family Haven. Inc.

Domestic Violence Services

PO Box 1160
Cumming, GA 30028

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Project Description

Established in 1989 and primarily serving Forsyth and North Fulton counties, Forsyth County Family Haven, a domestic violence agency, provides immediate crisis intervention. The goal is to promote, support and equip potential victims and survivors with the knowledge and skills necessary to progress beyond victimization. Those the agency serves have access to the following programs and services: 24 hour hotline offers immediate crisis assistance seven days a week by: 1. Being the first step toward the healing process for survivors; 2. Listening, being compassionate, sensitive and supportive while providing information on programs, services and resources available to survivors; and 3. Answering questions as needed.

Emergency Shelter (27 beds) is offered up to 90 days for survivors and their children in a confidential setting. This is Tier I of housing services. While in shelter, survivors receive emotional support, food, and clothing, advocacy for medical, legal and financial resources, information and referrals. Transitional Housing (3 units) is offered up to one year for survivors and their children in a confidential setting. This is an expansion of Tier I to include one year of free housing while assisting head of households in developing knowledge, skills and abilities to obtain a job, increase income opportunities, and manage finances. Shelter Advocates provide advocacy to victims by offering safety planning, supportive services, referrals and assistance with access to community resources. Case Managers assess, plan, refer and monitor survivors to help them become self-sufficient in a life free of violence.

Legal Advocates assist survivors with questions concerning their rights as a victim of a crime, filing and completing a Temporary Protective Order (TPO) and accompaniment to related court proceedings. Counseling Services are provided to clients Monday through Friday free of charge by Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC) individually and in group settings. Community Outreach works to enact social change and prevent domestic violence by engaging the entire community in conversation and by encouraging people of all genders, ages and backgrounds to speak out against violence. Aftercare helps survivors learn about resources in their new community and advocates on their behalf so they stay in permanent housing and out of abusive relationships.

Federal Award: \$17,967

Franklin

Harmony House Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

SASP

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Royston, GA

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Project Description

The mission of Harmony House Child Advocacy and Sexual Assault Center's dual service program is to provide a central location in the judicial circuit using a multidisciplinary team approach for the evaluation, intervention, prosecution, and trauma focused counseling for all victims and their non-offending caregivers who have been victims of sexual assault and severe abuse. These services are provided in the five counties of the Northern Judicial Circuit. Harmony House is a child friendly location designed to offer all services from forensic interviews to sexual assault medical examinations and to offer on-site crises counseling, ongoing counseling referrals and financial assistance. Harmony House provides assistance with Victim Compensation, ongoing court and personal advocacy, gas assistance, onsite group therapy sessions and support groups.

Federal Award: \$50,875

Fulton

Victim Witness Assistance Program, Inc.

Victim Services

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Project Description

Atlanta Victim Assistance, Inc. (AVA) ensures that families and survivors of domestic violence, child abuse/neglect, sexual assault and the family survivors of a homicide victim have access to comprehensive services that ease their transition from victim to victor. AVA's main domestic violence priorities are to reinforce victim safety and security and end each instance of violence and abuse. Recognizing that victims may not appreciate the extent to which they are in danger, AVA has developed a strategy that moves victims, a bit more gradually, toward safety. The advocates encourage abused women to seek legal remedies such as bond orders as an 'on ramp' toward the twelve months Temporary protective Order (TPO). Cases that are heard in the City of Atlanta Municipal Court may be

eligible for Special Conditions Bond Orders or TPO as recourse to aid in the protection from the immediate violence in homes throughout the city of Atlanta. Atlanta Victim Assistance continues sit at the nexus of the network of law enforcement, legal and nonprofit groups to collectively address domestic violence.

Federal Award: \$79,561

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Atlanta

VAWA Transformation Project

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Atlanta, GA 30308

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Project Description

Founded in 1953, Catholic Charities Atlanta (CCA) is one of the premier social service agencies serving Atlanta and north Georgia. The agency provides services in 17 languages, with all services provided in English and Spanish. Our staff mirrors the diversity of those we serve. Half of CCA's 68-person staff is from another country and is multilingual. Last year the agency responded to 66,152 calls and served 21,362 individuals, including nearly seven times the number of Hispanics, Asians, and other ethnic groups served by other highly-regarded social service agencies in Atlanta. Referrals of non-English speaking clients are made every day by hospitals, police departments, health agencies and other nonprofit service providers. CCA partners with organizations like the American Red Cross, Goodwill Industries, and United Way to respond to requests for emergency assistance, teaching English to immigrants and refugees, and stabilizing families through counseling and life skills education. In 2005, Catholic Charities Atlanta earned national accreditation from the Council on Accreditation (COA), affirming its philosophy that effective social services must be driven by data and oriented toward outcomes. COA is an independent non-profit accreditor of community-based social service organizations.

Federal Award: \$66,280

Partnership Against Domestic Violence

Victim Services

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Atlanta, GA 30317

Project Director: Carolyn Booth

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Project Description

Fifth in the nation to open an emergency domestic violence shelter, Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV) was founded in 1975 by a volunteer task force to provide a safe haven for women and children fleeing life-threatening violence in metro Atlanta. PADV is now the largest domestic violence agency in Georgia and a recognized leader in the field. PADV's mission is to end the crime of intimate partner violence and empower its survivors, and it envisions a community free of domestic violence. To that end, PADV's goals are to offer safety and shelter for battered women and their children

Federal Award: \$85,000

Raksha, Inc.

Himmat

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Atlanta, GA 30355

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Project Description

Raksha is a community-based nonprofit organization established in 1995 by a group of South Asian women to provide social support to South Asian immigrants in Georgia. Raksha provides direct services (case management, counseling, legal and personal advocacy, and support services) to domestic, sexual violence and stalking survivors and their children, who include, but are not limited to, immigrants or their descendants from Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka and other communities. Over 20 languages and over 10 religions are represented in the South Asian community of 100,000 individuals in Georgia. Due to the complex interaction between domestic and sexual violence and the dynamics within immigrant communities, Raksha has always pursued a holistic approach to providing support. This approach requires a comprehensive set of services to address the emotional, social, legal and economic needs of the agency's clients. Raksha continues to be one of the only immigrant domestic violence organizations that provide licensed therapeutic counseling free to survivors and their children. Raksha remains the only organization of its kind addressing the needs of South Asians in Georgia.

Federal Award: \$58,192

Grady Health System Rape Crisis Center

Victim Services

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Atlanta, GA 30303

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Project Description:

Grady Hospital is a 953-bed facility with 8 neighborhood health centers. It is an inner city teaching hospital with students from Morehouse and Emory Schools of Medicine. Grady has one of two trauma centers in metro Atlanta. Grady Health System was created by and named for Henry W. Grady, editor of Atlanta Constitution, who worried about the lack of quality health care for Atlanta's poor. Since that time, Grady has grown considerably from its original three story, 110-bed facility. It now stands as one of the largest health systems in the United States.

The Grady Rape Crisis Center was established in 1974. It is a comprehensive program providing crisis intervention, education, advocacy, consultation, information and referrals to sexually assaulted victims, their families / friends and the community.

Federal Award: \$88,958

Georgia Network to End Sexual Assault

Victim Services Grant

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Project Director: Jennifer Bivins

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Project Description

GNESA's vision is to lead Georgia to a society free from sexual violence. The agency's mission is to build statewide capacity to end sexual violence by raising awareness and creating social change. GNESA is working to support building capacity of Georgia's rape crisis centers through training, education and outreach. GNESA collaborates with strategic partners and partnering organizations to promote and support ending violence against women. GNESA works to give a voice to victims of sexual violence at a statewide level, as well as providing trainings for law enforcement, victim advocates, nurses, other professionals. GNESA also provides outreach and community awareness throughout the state.

Federal Award: \$123,314

Hall

Rape Response, Inc.

Sexual Assault

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Gainesville, GA 30503

Project Director: Jeanne Buffington

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Project Description

Rape Response is a nonprofit agency with 24/7 services for adolescent and adult victims of sexual assault. The mission is to serve as a system of support, advocacy and education, providing services to the community and to victims of sexual assault while safeguarding the dignity of each person served. The agency serves five counties in Northeast Georgia (Hall, Habersham, Dawson, Lumpkin and White). Comprehensive services provided for victims, their families and the community include: *24-Hour Crisis Hot Line *Emergency Room response and support *Crisis intervention *Information and referral *After-care health screenings and examinations *Court accompaniment *Emergency financial assistance *Victims compensation assistance *Prevention education, when funding is available.

Federal Award: \$60,106

Lumpkin

NOA's Ark, Inc.

Civil Legal Victims' Assistance Services

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Dahlonega, GA 30533
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Project Description

NOA's Ark, Inc. (No One Alone) is established as a leading voice against domestic violence and a strong advocate for victims. The program operates a 24 hour emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence in Dawson and Lumpkin counties. Not only are victims sheltered from physical and emotional violence, but they are also provided with food, clothing, transportation, medicine, and personal necessities. Legal, social and medical advocacy provide the help victims need to safely separate from their abuser.

Federal Award: \$15,799

Muscogee

Sexual Assault Support Center, Inc.

Victim Services

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Columbus, GA 31904

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Project Description

The Sexual Assault Support Center, Inc. was established in 1981 by a group of community members committed to providing services to sexual assault victims and their family members. Sexual Assault Support Center, Inc. serves Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit, which is comprised of Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Talbot, and Taylor counties. However, anyone in need of services will not be turned away. Services include, but are not limited to the following: 1) 24 hour hotline, both free and confidential, 2) medical accompaniment and support, 3) court support and assistance, 4) victim compensation and support, 5) counseling referral and assistance, 6) community education and training, 7) prevention education and training, 8) resources and referrals.

Federal Award: \$54,762

Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.

Victim Services

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Columbus, GA 31901

Project Director: Jeanne Buffington

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Project Description

Georgia Legal Services Program (GLSP), founded in 1971, is the State's largest provider of civil legal assistance to low-income families and individuals. GLSP's clients have income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. The agency serves 154 counties surrounding the metro-Atlanta area. Parts of GLSP's service region suffer from chronic poverty, and some regions have no practicing lawyers. GLSP handles only civil legal problems that affect a family's basic need for food, shelter, healthcare, safety and stability. The agency sets priorities for the types of cases that it handles based on information from community needs assessments gathered by 11 field offices. GLSP's priorities are supporting families,

preserving homes, maintaining economic stability, achieving safety, stability, and healthcare, serving populations with special vulnerabilities, and improving the delivery of legal services.

Federal Award: \$45,612

Rabun

F.A.I.T.H. in Rabun County, Inc.

Sexual Assault Services

PO Box 1964
Clayton, GA 30525

Project Director: Caroline White

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Project Description

FAITH in Rabun County, Inc, FAITH, was initially established in 1993 in a grass roots effort to assist victims of domestic violence. In 1994 FAITH formed a Board of Directors, applied for incorporation and nonprofit status, started a hot line and hired its first director. In 1995 the FAITH Thrift Store opened and in 1996 FAITH purchased and renovated the first shelter. The need for services increased and in 1998 the sexual assault program was incorporated to assist sexual assault victims and adults molested as children. As the need grew to include children, efforts and collaborations resulted in the opening of FAITH's child advocacy center, The Power House for Kids. At present FAITH has recently purchased and renovated a historic building in Rabun County that serves as the office as well as a shelter. FAITH's mission is to provide free and confidential services which include but are not limited to: a crisis line manned 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, crisis intervention and crisis counseling, educating victims of the legal process and their rights, court accompaniment, protective orders, stalking orders, follow up, information and referrals, hospital accompaniment, comfort kits, counseling and support groups, peer support, job resumes, emergency food and clothing, transportation, financial assistance, forensic interviews, peer support and parenting, follow up with interrelated agencies and transitioning assistance. To further carry out FAITH's mission, the agency also works to create awareness and educate the community to prevent further victimization.

Federal Award: \$24,629

Richmond

Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services

Sexual Assault Services

1350 Walton Way
Augusta, GA 30901

Project Director: Anne Ealick Henry

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Project Description

Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services (RCSAS) is a community-based program operating under the auspices of University Health Services, Inc., also known as University Hospital. Through its staff and trained volunteer advocates RCSAS provides quality, efficient and culturally competent crisis intervention advocacy, therapy, and prevention education to children, women and men. The agency's services include: 24-hour Crisis Line with staff or trained volunteers available seven days a week, Advocacy and Crisis Intervention for survivors at the hospital, law enforcement or court, Information and Referral to community resources, Therapy and Support Groups with licensed counselors, Sexual Assault Prevention Education Programs for all ages, Community Education, Training for Professionals and Promotion of Survivor's Rights. Rape Crisis and Sexual Assault Services (RCSAS) is a department of University Hospital located in Augusta, Georgia in Richmond County, providing a wide array of direct and prevention services to the community, the victims of sexual assault, their families and those assisting victims of all types of violence particularly sexual assault. RCSAS works to improve the availability and access to services in the community.

The primary service area for the program is comprised of Richmond, Burke, Columbia, McDuffie and Jefferson Counties. Rape Crisis is currently supported by a roster of 72 trained volunteer advocates. RCSAS is committed to the availability and accessibility of services to crime victims without discrimination. Furthermore, Rape Crisis is committed to ensuring there are no barriers which prevent access to services. RCSAS provides help at no cost for survivors of sexual assault and their families regardless of how long ago the abuse occurred or whether it was reported. Services are culturally appropriate to each client served and great efforts are made to provide non-judgmental and compassionate care and services to marginalized citizens.

Federal Award: \$83,249

SafeHomes of Augusta, Inc.

Victim Services Community Trainings/Education

PO Box 3187
Augusta, GA 30914

Project Director: Aimee Hall

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Project Description

SafeHomes of Augusta is a not for profit agency that has been in existence since 1986. SafeHomes' mission is to transform victims of domestic violence into survivors. The agency envisions a community free of abuse through advocacy, education and awareness. Services and programs that are offered in a 10 county area but not limited to: a 24 hour emergency shelter, 24 hour crisis hotline, Outreach program, women, children and men support groups, financial assistance, legal advocacy, relocation assistance, Children's Program, Teen Intervention Program and Community Trainings. Through the program and services provided, SafeHomes wants to ensure that every victim served is safe and offered resources that will enable them to become self sufficient.

Federal Award: \$57,205

Tift

Tifton Judicial Circuit Shelter, Inc.

Victims Services

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Tifton, GA 31793

Project Director: Sonia Harper

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Project Description

Ruth's Cottage is a non-profit domestic violence prevention and intervention program which serves the five-county region of Tift, Turner, Irwin, Worth and Ben Hill. The program offers an array of confidential services to victims and families which include safe shelter, food, clothing, support and education groups, legal advocacy to assist with temporary protective orders and stalking orders, relocation and transportation assistance, counseling referrals and other specialized services. Ruth's Cottage provides a twelve bed confidential safe shelter to victims and their children who are in need of emergency residential services. Programs for children and adults are focused on safety planning, enhancing life skills, building self esteem, improving anger and stress management, and building communication skills. All services are provided to the community free-of-charge.

Federal Award: \$52,751

Union

Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc.

Victim Services

PO Box 11
Blairsville, GA 30514

Project Director: Dennis Marcott

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Project Description

S.A.F.E. is a private, non-profit organization serving Union and Towns counties since 1989. SAFE's mission is to provide support, advocacy and emergency shelter to victims of domestic abuse, child abuse and sexual abuse, regardless of gender, and to heighten community awareness of such abuse in Union and Towns counties. The agency is unique in its provision of comprehensive services to Union and Towns counties to include domestic violence intervention and emergency shelter, sexual abuse victim services, child abuse/maltreatment services, supervised child visitation and family support services. S.A.F.E. has maintained certification by the State of Georgia as a Domestic Violence Shelter since 1991 and is registered with the State of Georgia Secretary of State and the IRS.

The Sexual Abuse Crisis Center meets standards set forth by the Georgia Department of Human Services and has provided services to victims in the community for ten years. The Enotah Children's Advocacy Center is an accredited member of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia and has provided supervised child visitation services approved by the Georgia Department of Human Services for seven years.

Victims of abuse seeking safety will be provided emergency shelter for up to 30 days during which time they will be supported and assisted in accessing legal remedies, economic/social advocacy, counseling, support groups and information referrals services designed to assist them to overcome the physical and emotional effects of the trauma they have experienced. Medical response/accompaniment is provided for victims of abuse. Victims contacting SAFE for services will be provided supportive assistance in meeting immediate needs as well as developing individualized safety plans. This assessment and safety plan will include providing victims with information regarding their rights and assisting them with accessing legal remedies such as protective orders, law enforcement reports and court interventions.

Federal Award: \$43,848

Walker

Family Crisis Center of (WDCC) Counties, Inc.

Victim Services - Legal Project

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Project Description

The Family Crisis Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is dedicated to the assistance of victims of domestic violence. The agency offers an 18-bed facility shelter and two-outreach office to provided services to the four county region that is served. Many domestic violence related services are offered and provided to victims, which include men, women and children.

Federal Award: \$35,106

Ware

Satilla Regional Medical Center

Victim Services

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Project Description

Satilla Advocacy Services (SAS), operates under the umbrella of Satilla Regional Medical Center, the local hospital in Waycross, Georgia. Satilla Advocacy Services was developed in 1999 in response to the need to provide services to victims of sexual assault that were seen in the Emergency Department of the hospital. In 2001, the Child Advocacy Center component was added in answer to the historical statistics of child victims in the community. Since its inception, SAS has served over 3000 new clients, with approximately 70% of those being 17 years of age or younger. The agency now serves the six counties of the Waycross Judicial Circuit: Ware, Pierce, Brantley, Bacon, Coffee and Charlton. Almost twenty percent of this region's population is living below the poverty level. The region's per capita income is \$14,012 compared to the state of Georgia's per capita income of \$21,254. The rural nature of the service area creates a barrier to access to services because of nonexistent services and a lack of public transportation.

Even with these barriers, SAS provides the following services to all victims of violent crimes: a sexual assault response team with a 30 minute response time for crisis intervention in the emergency room, a multi-disciplinary team approach for victims under 19 years of age, two fully equipped interview rooms utilized by law enforcement and by the Department of Family and Children's Services for recording forensic interviews with child victims as well as adult victims with disabilities. Other services provided include the use of volunteer advocates, coordinating follow-up medical appointments for victims, a legal advocate for court appearances, therapy, crisis intervention, and a 24-hour crisis line.

The mission of Satilla Advocacy Services is to promote community awareness of sexual assault by providing education and to empower community organizations and agencies to build an organized system that provides supportive services for all victims of sexual assault and child victims of suspected sexual and/or physical abuse. Through community partnerships, sound fiscal management and dedicated personnel, Satilla Advocacy Services is making a difference.

Federal Award: \$28,956

Whitfield

Friends of Greenhouse, Inc.

Sexual Assault

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Project Description

In 1986, District Attorney Jack Partain, as an extension of the District Attorney's Office established the Victim/Witness Assistance Program. One of his goals was to provide an organized and compassionate system for victims of crime who were often neglected and ignored by the system designed to protect them. It continues to be our mission and as unmet needs of crime victims in our community have surfaced, the District Attorney's Office and Victim Services Office have worked alongside a coalition of community, business, and agency service providers to develop and provide for those underserved and often ignored victims. VOCA funds are used to provide on-site therapy to child victims of child physical and sexual abuse. In 2009, a S.A.R.T. was formed, a Sexual Assault Protocol Committee established, approval by the GreenHouse Board of Directors to expand the GreenHouse to include as part of its mission the establishment of a SAC as part of its agency, and preliminary plans to build a new facility with two floors to house both the SAC and CAC. In addition, the community hospital has partnered with the DA's office, VWAP office, GreenHouse, and DA DV Unit to provide a private examination room and procedure for sexual assault exams, and has trained 3 SANE's to be available to victims of sexual assault. In 2010 A SAC Advocate was added to work with the S.A.R.T. The S.A.R.T. Protocol is completed and in the process of being signed. A copy of approved Protocol is attached to this application.

Federal Award: \$41,571