



2016

ANNUAL REPORT



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2016. A monumental year for Center Point, it marked the beginning of a new generation in the life of this unique ministry.

In January, Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Inc. merged with Center Point. This was a fulfillment of Center

Point's vision to work effectively and efficiently by consolidating services and developing collaboratives to better meet the needs of children and families.

In April, the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting was held at our new facility, Center Point South. The Center Point Board made the decision in 2012 to begin development of a plan to expand our services to reach the most populated area of our community, South Hall. Through the seed money received from the Medical Center Foundation's Beneficiary Golf Tournament, property was procured. Generous donations received from businesses and individuals have provided the resources needed to complete the first phase of this plan with the opening of the Counseling Suite.

In August, we held the fourth annual Dancing for a Cause, raising more money than ever before. This collaborative fundraising event supports 3 local agencies, and Center Point is thrilled to be a part of the best fundraiser in Hall County.

In November, the Center hosted our first annual Live Auction fundraiser with a great crowd who walked away with items including a New York City Hamilton Experience, a trip to Tuscany, and several resort vacations.

With the merger and expansion, we added eight new staff to our team. A new generation... what an incredible team of servants has been assembled so others can know that Life begins at the Center.

*"One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts."*

**Psalm 145:4**

Faithfully,

David L. Smith

## 2016 Year End Program Data/Numbers Served

### Fund Development

- 1st Live Auction – over **\$14,000** raised
- Dancing for a Cause - **\$70,000** raised
- Honors Night – awarded several graduating seniors scholarships; honored Community Heroes; Avery Niles was keynote speaker

### Wilheit Services

- Counseled **182** students and families in Gainesville City and Hall County Schools with financial assistance
- **506** counseling sessions

### SmartGirls

- **129** middle and high school young women served
- **71** small group sessions
- **97%** of participants have seen improvement of grades and all seniors are scheduled to graduate on time

### Pregnancy & Parenting Support & Education

- **116** pregnant and/or parenting young women served
- **225** small group sessions
- **100%** of participants improved parenting skills
- **94%** avoided a subsequent pregnancy
- **91%** remain on track for high school graduation



## Religious Education

- Old Testament – **6** students served
- World Religions – **45** students served
- Ethics – **52** students served
- New Testament – **14** students served

## Mentor Program

- **404** Gainesville City and Hall County students were served by mentors
- **85%** improved academic performance
- **93%** improved peer relationships
- **93%** improved school attachment

## Substance Abuse

- Team members distributed over **8,200** pieces of material county-wide educating the community about Red Ribbon Week
- Media Literacy – **2,087** young people learned the dangers of alcohol and tobacco use and the influence of advertising
- Community Education – **74** adults developed and distributed Drugs and the Law conversation cards for parents and youth; **614** received Conversation Packets
- Alcohol Prevention Program – **90** middle schoolers participated in the Too Good for Drugs curriculum

## Choosing the Best Journey: (9th Grade Health Ed Curriculum)

- **989** high school students participated in the Choosing the Best Journey 14-session curriculum
- **100%** remained free of pregnancy or of fathering a child
- The % of those who defined abstinence as the best method to prevent pregnancy and STDs increased by **41%**

## Counseling

- **257** young people and **228** adults served
- **3,178** counseling sessions



**“I really needed this group. I need people I can trust, and I have so many questions. I’m so glad you are here.”**

**-8th Grade SmartGirls participant**

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Our mission is simple:  
enhance, strengthen, and change lives.



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