

2017

ANNUAL REPORT

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During 2017, Center Point officially entered the "Golden Age." On October 5th, 1967, Center Point was born!

Now, 50 years later, we are still fulfilling the original mission

of challenging and engaging with youth and families in the discovery that *Life Begins at the Center*. Over the years, Center Point has created platforms to convey this message; we have developed education, counseling, mentoring, and prevention programs so we can better serve our community. Consequently, this year we were able to provide direct services to over 10,000 young people and their families which has resulted in hundreds of thousands receiving our services throughout the 50 years.

None of this would have been possible without the support and commitment from you, who have believed and connected with our mission and vision. Therefore, we celebrate all the time, energy, and resources that you have so generously given.

As we celebrate this anniversary milestone, Center Point is not resting on its laurels. "Not forgetting what lies behind, but pressing forward to what lies ahead." (Philippians 3:13) We know the best days are yet to come as we continue on our mission of helping others understand their worth and their high calling.

Faithfully,
David L. Smith

2017 Year End Data/Numbers Served

Fund Development

- 1st Live Auction – over **\$22,980** raised
- Dancing for a Cause - **\$84,000** raised

Wilheit Services

- **582** counseling sessions
- **174** students and families were counseled in Gainesville City and Hall County Schools

SmartGirls/Wise Guys 2017

- **186** group sessions
- **23** boys in WiseGuys
- **105** girls in SmartGirls
- **100%** of girls remained on track for graduation
- **100%** of seniors graduated
- **3** girls served for 5 years; celebrated their graduation May 2017

Pregnancy & Parenting Support & Education

- **101** small group sessions
- **59** pregnant and/or parenting young women served
- **100%** of participants improved parenting skills
- **100%** avoided subsequent pregnancy
- **95%** remained on track for high school graduation



Religious Education

- **8** students served in World Religions Classes
- **68** students served in Ethics classes
- **23** students served in New Testament classes

Mentor Program

- **590** Gainesville City and Hall County students were served by mentors
- **94%** improved academic performance
- **95%** improved peer relationships
- **97%** improved school attachment
- **96%** improved behavior
- **96%** improved attendance

Substance Abuse

- **8,500** pieces of material were distributed by team members county-wide educating the community about Red Ribbon Week
- **1,719** young people learned the dangers of alcohol and tobacco use and the influence of advertising through Media Literacy
- **76** adults developed and distributed Drugs and the Law conversation cards for parents and youth through Community Education
- **90** middle schoolers participated in the Too Good for Drugs curriculum through the Alcohol Prevention Program
- **57** members have been added to the Partnership for Drug Free Hall
- **475** attendees were hosted at the Not My Family forum series on 9/26

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

- **855** high school students participated in the Choosing the Best Journey 14-session curriculum
- **100%** remained free of pregnancy or of fathering a child

Baby Think It Over

- **48** students served

Counseling

- **2,971** counseling sessions
- **323** young people and **288** adults served



“Thank you for being a constant source of positivity in my everyday life”

-11th Grade Religious Education Student



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



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