



# 2017 Annual Report

## **MISSION:**

**Rebuilding Lives for a Safer Community.**

## **VISION:**

To provide offenders, former offenders, the homeless, at-risk youth, veterans, and their families the tools they need to become productive citizens.

## **VALUES STATEMENT:**

Our primary responsibility is to those we serve. The success of the Alston Wilkes Society is measured by how we meet our responsibilities to clients, volunteers, investors, other agencies, and each other. We operate in the spirit of doing unto others as we would have them do unto us.



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## Financial Statement

Support and Revenue	Total
Public Support	\$ 303,656.00
Grants	1,857,633
Fees & Contracts	6,087,072
Memberships	97,700
Investment Income	16,844
Rent	247,146
(Loss) on Investments	(33,963)
Other Revenue	3,117
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$8,579,405</b>

### Expenses

Payroll	\$ 4,530,513.00
Retirement & Benefits	449,412
Payroll Taxes	400,292
Contractors & Minor Equipment	137,231
Legal and Accounting Fees	29,935
Program Expenses	1,745,858
Utilities & Telephone	357,767
Travel & Auto	118,956
Insurance	154,008
Office Rent & Equipment Rentals	331,663
Advertising	6,272
Interest	57,034
Depreciation & Amortization	10,000
General & Administrative	498,605
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,827,546</b>

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## Community Services Program

Nine regional **Community Service Coordinators** assist offenders, former offenders, and other high risk populations in rebuilding their lives as productive, self-sufficient and law-abiding members of the community. The AWS Community Service program serves people from all walks of life with one thing in common – they are in crisis. Searching for a helping hand, a listening ear, encouragement, mentorship, and coordination of services, clients and their families find hope for a brighter future through AWS. The Alston Wilkes Society helps clients make a smooth transition back into society by providing services, referrals, training and information in these areas:

- ◆ Clothing
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Education Assistance
- ◆ Employment Placement
- ◆ Housing Assistance
- ◆ Counseling Referrals
- ◆ Identification Card & Birth Certificates
- ◆ Transportation Assistance
- ◆ Workshops in the Community & Institutions (Topics include budgeting, anger management, employment skills, life skills, parenting, etc.)

**In 2016, this program provided 15,084 services to 2,079 unduplicated people in crisis.**

**Some of these services include:**

- ◆ **144 clients successfully completed ServSafe classes and received certification.**
- ◆ **289 clients found employment**
- ◆ **120 clients received medical or vision assistance.**
- ◆ **328 clients completed Anger Management courses.**
- ◆ **349 clients received Transportation Assistance wither with bus tickets or loaner bikes.**
- ◆ **510 clients successfully completed workshops to increase their employability.**
- ◆ **226 clients successfully completed pre-release classes.**
- ◆ **1,218 clients were assisted with basic needs such as food, clothing, personal hygiene, medications, and shelter.**
- ◆ **232 clients were placed in housing.**
- ◆ **136 clients received tools that were verified as being required by a new employer**

## Veteran Services Program: AWS Veterans Home

**AWS' Veterans Home** located in Columbia was the first facility in South Carolina to provide long-term transitional housing in conjunction with supportive services specifically for homeless veterans. AWS provides housing, clothing, food, transportation, job training and placement, substance abuse counseling, life skills training, therapeutic counseling, mentoring, and other supportive services for the residents in order to help them regain self-sufficiency. This partnership with the U.S. Veterans Affairs Grant & Per Diem Program (VA), Palmetto Base State Camp, the VA Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program and multiple community service organizations help veterans rebuild their lives.

**In 2017, the Veterans Home served a total of 70 formerly homeless veterans. Eighty percent (80%) of those residents successfully completed program requirements.**

## Veteran Services Program:

### Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

The Alston Wilkes Society is the recipient of the **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)** grant that promotes housing stability among very low-income Veteran families who reside in or are transitioning to permanent housing.

AWS, in coordination with other community resources, can provide supportive services to eligible Veterans, such as: housing counseling services, health care services, personal financial planning services, transportation services, income support services, legal services, and daily living services. Temporary financial assistance payments may be available to help with expenses such as rent, utilities, security deposits, moving costs, transportation, and child care.

- ◆ **310 Veteran households were served during the 2017 grant fiscal year.**
- ◆ **AWS is the recipient of a three year \$1.45 million annual Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.**
- ◆ **The grant serves approximately 350 participant households throughout SC.**

The Alston Wilkes Society provides three valuable programs for at-risk youth: the Treatment Foster Care Program, a High Management Group Home, and the Clinical Day Program.

## Program Accomplishments

- ◆ In 2017, The Clinical Day and Treatment Foster Care Programs were awarded a contract with the SC Department of Health and Human Services to provide Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services to children under the age of 21.
- ◆ On September 18, 2017, Treatment Foster Care client Kayla S. was adopted by her foster parents, the Asbury's. Kayla was a client in the Alston Wilkes Society's Treatment Foster Care program for six years and lived with the Asbury's for five. The Asbury's went through the adoption process for two and half years. Kayla was eight years old when she entered care, and 14 years old when she was adopted.

## Treatment Foster Care (TFC)

- ◆ AWS offers a variety of diverse treatment homes throughout the state of SC.
- ◆ Well-trained and experienced treatment foster parents provide structure, support, and guidance to clients in care.
- ◆ Lead Clinical Staff are available 24 hours a day and seven days a week for emergency referrals, client de-escalation, and crisis management.
- ◆ Treatment Foster Parents and clinical staff work together to provide treatment planning, on-going clinical assessment, and assistance with family reunification, when applicable.
- ◆ **28 youth in foster care were served in 2017.**

## High Management Group Home

AWS is committed to preventing criminal behavior by intervening early in the lives of young people with serious emotional and behavioral problems. AWS operates one residential youth home in Columbia, South Carolina to provide intensive, individualized services for up to 11 at-risk males at a time. AWS provides 24-hour supervision, life skills training, employment skills training, substance abuse counseling, therapeutic recreational activities and referrals to other community services. All youth attend public or alternative schools. This is often the "last stop" for youth before being placed them in the juvenile justice system.

- **In 2017 this facility served 38 youth.**

## Clinical Day Program (CDP)

- ◆ The Clinical Day Program is an alternative academic service program which is provided in a structured, supportive therapeutic setting.
- ◆ The focus of this program is to teach appropriate social and behavioral skills in order to mainstream students back to a public school setting.
- ◆ Lead Clinical Staff provide treatment services to the client's family of origin, or other involved caregivers and guardians.
- ◆ Behavioral Interventionists and certified teachers are on site to assist with both educational and behavioral difficulties.
- ◆ **12 students were served in 2017.**

## Federal Residential Reentry Centers

AWS operates adult **Residential Reentry Centers (RRC)** for federal offenders through contracts with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Four AWS Residential Reentry Centers are located in Columbia, SC, Florence, SC, Charleston, SC, and Fayetteville, NC. These facilities provide 24-hour supervision, employment assistance, counseling, life skills training, family reintegration and other supportive services to facilitate a successful transition back into the community. All of the AWS Residential Reentry Centers are accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA).

**In 2017, the four facilities served a combined total of 626 residents.**

- ◆ **The Charleston Residential Reentry Center served 96 residents.**
- ◆ **The Columbia Residential Reentry Center served 190 residents.**
- ◆ **The Florence Residential Reentry Center served 185 residents.**
- ◆ **The Fayetteville Residential Reentry Center served 155 residents.**

## Yes, I want to support the ALSTON WILKES SOCIETY

Please check one:

- Individual - \$25
- Family - \$50
- Sponsor - \$100
- Patron - \$250
- Benefactor - \$500
- Founder - \$1,000
- Friend - Monthly gift in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Other - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## 10 Ways to Invest in the Alston Wilkes Society

- ◆ Cash
- ◆ Tangible Personal Property
- ◆ Stocks and Bonds
- ◆ Life Insurance
- ◆ Real Estate
- ◆ Gift of Home/Farm
- ◆ Charitable Living Trust
- ◆ Bequests
- ◆ Revocable Living Trust
- ◆ Life-Income Gift

## Thank You to our 2017 Community Services Program Grant Funding Sources

- ◆ City of Columbia
- ◆ United Way Emergency Food and Shelter – Berkeley County
- ◆ United Way Emergency Food and Shelter – Charleston County
- ◆ United Way Emergency Food and Shelter – Dorchester County
- ◆ United Way Emergency Food and Shelter – Greenwood & Abbeville Counties
- ◆ J. Marion Sims Foundation
- ◆ Sisters of Charity Foundation
- ◆ Sumter Junior Welfare League
- ◆ The South Carolina United Methodist Conference
- ◆ United Way of Anderson County
- ◆ United Way of Chester County
- ◆ United Way of Greenville County
- ◆ United Way of Greenwood & Abbeville Counties
- ◆ United Way of Lancaster County
- ◆ United Way of the Midlands
- ◆ United Way of Pickens County
- ◆ United Way of Sumter, Clarendon & Lee Counties
- ◆ United Way of York County

## Professional Affiliations:

- ◆ The American Correctional Association
- ◆ The Council on Accreditation
- ◆ Compliance Accreditation Managers Association
- ◆ Foster Family-Based Treatment Association
- ◆ International Community Corrections Association
- ◆ Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless
- ◆ National Coalition of Homeless Veterans
- ◆ Palmetto Association for Children and Families
- ◆ South Carolina Correctional Association
- ◆ South Carolina Probation and Parole Association
- ◆ Sumter SC Chamber of Commerce
- ◆ SC United Methodist Advance Special Ministries
- ◆ The United Way
- ◆ Together S.C. (formerly SCANPO)