

2008 Annual Report

Rebuilding Lives for a Safer Community



Children show their love of Alston Wilkes Society with sidewalk chalk at the annual Walk for Foster Care.



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2008 Highlights

- AWS served 6,174 individuals and families throughout the state (unduplicated number).
- Began process for accreditation by the Council on Accreditation (COA).
- The AWS Foundation established the 1962 Legacy Society as a new fundraising opportunity.
- AWS' Director of Adult and Youth Residential Programs, Heather Andrews, was awarded the 2008 South Carolina Probation and Parole Association Joy Thompson Scholarship Award for distinguished service and significant contributions to the SCPPA and the field of Community Corrections.
- AWS designed and implemented a new Performance and Quality Improvement process to enable ongoing evaluation of agency operations and impact on the community.
- AWS instituted an employee Core Values Program to keep staff focused on the underlying values of the agency. Each month employees concentrated on a specific core value, including: Integrity, Compassion, Dedication, Respect, Teamwork, Service, Appreciation, Commitment, Kindness, Responsibility, Patience and Pride.

Adult Corrections

The Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) contracts with AWS to operate Residential Reentry Centers for federal offenders. These facilities provide 24-hour supervision, employment assistance, counseling, life skills training (finances, parenting, etc.), family reintegration and other supportive services to facilitate a successful transition back into the community. All of AWS' facilities are accredited by the American Correctional Association. In 2008, the 4 facilities served a combined total of 705 residents.

- The Charleston RRC served 148 residents
- The Columbia RRC served 218 residents
- The Florence RRC served 128 residents
- The Greenville RRC served 211 residents

2008 Financial Statement (Unaudited*)

Income	Total
Private Support (memberships, etc.)	\$ 72,395
United Way	234,390
Government Grants	17,800
City & County Government	3,030
Veterans Administration Grant	192,286
Federal Pre-Trial	58,643
US Bureau of Prisons Contracts	3,076,789
Youth Services Grants & Contracts	1,633,951
Program Service Fees	342,424
Interest	8,087
Other Revenue	10,585
Total Income	\$5,650,379
Expenses	
Payroll & Payroll Taxes	\$2,888,085
Retirement & Benefits	260,746
Professional Fees	619,568
Supplies	682,660
Telephone	77,830
Postage & Shipping	13,652
Occupancy	503,764
Rental & Equipment Maintenance	125,935
Printing & Publications	34,368
Travel	159,402
Conferences and Meetings	9,373
Direct Client Assistance	131,198
Membership Dues	7,788
Awards & Grants	3,752
Interest Expense	55,852
Insurance Expense	198,083
Other Expenses	18,444
Total Expenses	\$5,790,499

* This statement of financial activities is an internal year-end report that is subject to a professional financial audit. AWS' 2007 financial audit is conducted by an independent Certified Professional Accountant and is scheduled for completion by September 2009. If you would like to review the professional audit when it is completed, send your request via e-mail to jlopez@alstonwilkesociety.org, or via US postal service to: Alston Wilkes Society, Att: Janet Lopez, 3519 Medical Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.

Community Services Program

This program assists offenders, former offenders and other high risk populations in rebuilding their lives as productive, self-sufficient and law-abiding members of the community. From all walks of life, the people served have 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 the Alston Wilkes Society. In 2008, this program provided 20,206 services to 5,298 people in crisis. Other highlights include:

- AWS opened a new office in Rock Hill, adding a 9th regional Community Service Coordinator
- 2,145 Emergency Services (food, clothing, shelter, personal hygiene, etc.) were provided
- 3,110 Employment-related services were provided
- 3,086 Educational Workshops were conducted in Correctional Institutions
- 2,525 Picture ID's and/or birth certificates were procured (most community services such as food pantries and shelters require picture identification to receive services).

High Management Youth Home

AWS' youth residential facility in Columbia provides intervention in the lives of young men with serious emotional and behavioral problems, to prevent them from being placed in more restrictive facilities. This program provides 24-hour supervision, educational assistance, substance abuse counseling, life skills training, employment preparation assistance, therapeutic recreational activities and referrals to other services. All residents attend either public school or alternative schools. In 2008, 27 boys between the ages of 11 - 17 resided in the home. This program also had the honor of receiving a *2008 Best of Columbia* award.

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www.alstonwilkessociety.org.

Veterans Home

AWS' Veterans Home is the only facility in the Midlands that provides long-term transitional housing to homeless, male veterans in conjunction with wrap-around supportive services such as: transportation, employment assistance, counseling, life skills instruction, development of a reality-based life plan and mentoring. 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 regain their self-sufficiency. In 2008, 50 homeless veterans participated in the program and AWS not only met, but exceeded, the VA's required targets:

- 75% or 35 of the residents exiting the program achieved the requirements for successful program graduation (Target: 60%)
- 82% or 38 of the graduates maintained a stable income source to sustain their housing arrangements for at least 6 months after graduation (Target: 75%)

Youth Programs

AWS provides three valuable services to the community for high risk youth: the Clinical Day Program, Intensive Family Services and Therapeutic Foster Care. In 2008, these programs provided a positive alternative to the juvenile justice system and out-of-home placements for a combined 110 families and children.

- Clinical Day Program (CDP): This program accommodates the educational needs of the boys living at AWS' High Management Youth Home and other middle and high school students in Richland #1 School District. This is an alternative school for students who are no longer allowed to attend public schools due to behavioral problems, and ensures that at-risk youth have appropriate educational and social development activities. In 2008, 16 students attended AWS' program.

Board of Directors

- Intensive Family Services (IFS): This program provides an array of services for emotionally disturbed youth, adolescents and their families in order to diffuse crisis situations that threaten a child's stability in their home. These time-limited, clinical interventions are provided directly in the home and community settings of the child. Specific services include crisis management, needs assessment, individual and family counseling, life skills training, linkages to community resources and supports, and service coordination. All services are intended to prevent use of more restrictive residential services for the child. In 2008, IFS provided 30 families with intervention.
- Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC): This program trains and licenses foster families throughout the state to accommodate the special needs of emotionally troubled children. In 2008, AWS assisted families in obtaining or retaining their licensure to become foster parents to 64 children.

Program Locations

In 2008, AWS provided services state-wide through 12 facilities and local offices. Locations include: Anderson, Camden, Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville, Greenwood, Lancaster, Moncks Corner, Rock Hill, Summerville and Sumter. For addresses, contact information, and hours of operation, call (803) 799-2490 or log on to our website at www.alstonwilkessociety.org.

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Professional Affiliations

AWS is committed to providing high quality services, implementing best practices and advocating for community corrections by leveraging the resources of multiple professional organizations in the non-profit and corrections fields. AWS is a member of the following:

- The United Way
- The American Correctional Association (RRC's are accredited)
- International Community Corrections Association
- South Carolina Correctional Association
- South Carolina Probation and Parole Association
- South Carolina Association of Non-Profit Organizations
- Midlands Area Consortium for the Homeless
- Foster Family Based Treatment Association
- United Methodist Advance Special Ministries Network
- South Carolina Association of Children's Homes and Family Services
- Chambers of Commerce: Charleston Metro, Greater Columbia, Greater Florence, Greenville and Sumter Chapters