



Alston Wilkes Society had a busy year in 2009. Following are just a few of our many accomplishments, made possible by a dedicated staff, committed volunteers and a supportive community:

- ✓ The agency implemented many quality improvement measures, and established best practices in all programs, as part of the extensive groundwork required to achieve two national professional accreditations.
- ✓ AWS programs served a combined total of 5,785 unduplicated individuals and families throughout the state.
- ✓ AWS was awarded the renewal of 3 Federal Bureau of Prisons contracts to operate Residential Re-entry Centers in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville.
- ✓ The Southern Region of the Community Services Division launched its first annual local fundraiser, *Boss' Blues Bash*, which raised over \$6,000 for the Summerville-Charleston based program.
- ✓ The Community Services Division received a federal grant award from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance to integrate a volunteer mentoring program for adult offenders into Community Services Programs in Columbia and Greenville.
- ✓ The Veterans Home opened an additional residential facility in Greenville, increasing the total program capacity to 67 residents.

2009 Audited Financial Statement

Income	
Public Support	\$259,363
Grants	17,874
Fees and Contracts	5,160,135
Interest	2,013
Rent	220,800
Other	14,717
Total Income	<u>\$5,674,902</u>
Expenses	
Payroll	\$2,494,147
Retirement and Benefits	245,068
Repairs & Maintenance	170,895
Contractors & Minor Equipment	216,383
Legal & Accounting Fees	27,904
Program Expenses	1,141,099
Utilities & Telephone	248,210
Travel & Auto	91,232
Insurance	140,628
Office Rent & Equipment Rentals	258,496
Marketing	10,131
Interest	49,757
Depreciation & Amortization	124,207
Loss on Disposals	2,241
General & Administrative	286,038
Total Expenses	<u>\$5,506,436</u>

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The mission of the Alston Wilkes Society is to rebuild lives for a safer community.

ADULT CORRECTIONS ► The Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBOP) contracts with AWS to operate Residential Re-entry Centers (RRC) 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 the facilities are accredited by the American Correctional Association. In 2009, the 4 facilities served a combined total of 652 residents.

- ✓ The Charleston RRC served 166 residents
- ✓ The Columbia RRC served 217 residents
- ✓ The Florence RRC served 121 residents
- ✓ The Greenville RRC served 148 residents

AWS VETERANS HOME ► This is the only facility in the Midlands that provides 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 helps veterans regain their self-sufficiency. In 2009, 41 homeless veterans participated in the program. The program not only met, but exceeded, the VA's required performance indicators:

- ✓ 75% or 35 of the residents successfully graduated from the program
- ✓ 82% or 38 of the graduates maintained stable income and housing for at least 6 months after graduation

CLINICAL DAY PROGRAM ► This program accommodates the educational needs of middle and high school students in Richland School District One who are no longer allowed to attend public schools due to behavioral problems. It ensures that at-risk youth have appropriate educational and social development opportunities and activities. In 2009, 14 students attended AWS' program. Of the students successfully discharged (returned to home school, graduated, etc.), none were referred back into the program, indicating successful positive developmental changes.

COLUMBIA YOUTH HOME ► This Group Care Intensive Services youth residential facility in Columbia intervenes in the lives of young men with serious emotional and behavioral problems, to prevent them from being placed in more restrictive facilities. The program provides 24-hour supervision, educational assistance, substance abuse counseling, life skills training, employment preparation, therapeutic recreational activities and referrals to other services. All residents attend either public school or alternative schools. In 2009, 16 boys between the ages of 11 and 21 resided in the home.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS ► 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 2009, this program provided 25,800 services to 5,010 people in crisis including:

- ✓ 2,313 emergency services (food, clothing, shelter, personal hygiene, etc.)
- ✓ 3,205 employment-related services
- ✓ 229 job placements
- ✓ 531 clients assisted with housing issues
- ✓ 4,292 educational workshops in Correctional Institutions
- ✓ 3,006 picture ID's and/or birth certificates procured for clients to access other community resources, such as food pantries and shelters

The number of services provided by the AWS Community Service Coordinators increased by 28% in 2009 from the previous year.

TREATMENT FOSTER CARE ► This program trains and licenses foster families throughout the state to accommodate the special needs of emotionally troubled children, and then matches children with families best suited to meet their unique needs. In 2009, AWS placed 52 children in 43 caring foster homes. Over half of the children we placed successfully remained with their foster families.