



REBUILDING LIVES FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY
Annual Report 2010



The mission of the Alston Wilkes Society (AWS) is to rebuild lives for a safer community. We give people who are facing insurmountable obstacles the tools they need to rebuild productive lives. AWS focuses on providing services to offenders, former offenders, homeless veterans and at-risk youth in order to prevent and reduce crime in South Carolina's communities. Once provided with the tools needed to get their lives back on track—housing, transportation, job training/placement, counseling—these populations are more likely to achieve successful reintegration into the community as productive, law-abiding citizens.

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 the 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.

THE ALSTON WILKES SOCIETY HISTORY

Founded as The South Carolina Therapeutic Association in 1962, the Alston Wilkes Society's original mission was to provide rehabilitative services to adults released from correctional facilities in South Carolina. Over the past 50 years, AWS has expanded its focus to include at-risk youth, homeless individuals, offenders, homeless veterans and the families of these groups of people.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & BOARD PRESIDENT

“Sue” sought help from the Alston Wilkes Society as she was preparing to leave prison. She had no place to live, no promise of a job, and no education. We helped her find housing, get a job, and start work on her GED. Sue completed her GED, got a two year degree, later came to work with the Society, and had a successful career in our agency. She is now retired and helping raise her grandchildren.

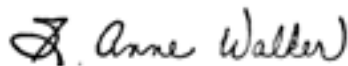
How many times have you read an annual report full of numbers and statistics, without hearing about any of the real human stories behind those facts and figures? As you read our Annual Report we hope you will be able to get a real grasp of not only what we accomplished, but how we made a difference in the lives of those we served in 2010. As you read about our Inside Out adult mentoring program we want you to know that only 39 grants were awarded for these programs nationwide the first year they were awarded, and only one grant was awarded in the state of S.C. That competitive grant, with over 539 applications received nationwide, was awarded to the Alston Wilkes Society. This grant came at a crucial time.

In 2010, federal and state prisons held over 1.6 million inmates—one in every 201 U.S. residents—and released over 700,000 individuals back to their communities. More than 9 million individuals are released from jail each year, and on any given night over 90,000 youth are confined in juvenile facilities or adult prisons or jails. Unfortunately, most individuals face numerous challenges when returning to their community from prison, jail, or juvenile detention, and recent research indicates that four in ten are re-incarcerated within three years of their release. However, research also confirms that comprehensive, coordinated services, like those offered by the Alston Wilkes Society, can significantly reduce recidivism by addressing the issues that place formerly incarcerated individuals at risk of reoffending, such as unstable employment and housing or the need for substance abuse or mental health treatment.

We are able to successfully serve those we helped because of the myriad of partnerships that we have with countless agencies throughout the state. We are also indebted to the many volunteers statewide who serve in various capacities. We thank all of you for helping us make our 48th year a success as we continue to REBUILD LIVES FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY.



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FINANCIAL REPORT



SUPPORT & REVENUE

Public Support	\$293,275
Grants	132,696
Fees and Contracts	4,960,149
Investment Income	3,015
Rent	222,275
Gain on Disposals	488
Unrealized Gains on Investments	3,485
Other Revenue	<u>17,650</u>
Total Income	\$5,633,033

EXPENSES

Payroll	\$2,823,327
Retirement & Benefits	222,723
Repairs & Maintenance	144,377
Contractors & Minor Equipment	144,098
Professional Fees	35,182
Program Expenses	1,122,611
Utilities & Telephone	220,411
Travel & Auto	120,622
Insurance	134,494
Office Rent & Equipment Rentals	257,760
Advertising	8,771
Interest	46,425
Depreciation & Amortization	125,084
General & Administrative	<u>314,758</u>
Total Expenses	\$5,720,643

Ways to Invest in The Alston Wilkes Society

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

YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

TREATMENT FOSTER CARE

Numbers Served : **41** unduplicated youth

Description

- AWS offers a variety of diverse treatment homes throughout the state.
- 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/7 days a week for emergency referrals, client de-escalation, and crisis management.
- Treatment foster parents and staff work together to provide treatment planning, on-going clinical assessment, and assistance with family reunification, when applicable.



Accomplishments

- Three clients were adopted by their foster families (two were siblings).
- Staff successfully placed three of four siblings in AWS foster homes.
- The AWS Foster Parent of the Year adopted her child she has raised for over four years.
- One client graduated from high school.



YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

YOUTH RESIDENTIAL FACILITY

Description

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 10 at-risk youth 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 either attend public or alternative schools. This is often the “last stop” for youth before the government is forced to place them in the juvenile justice system. In 2010, this program served 23 unduplicated youth.

Numbers served:
23 unduplicated youth



Numbers Served : **17** unduplicated youth

This year
100%
of clients
successfully
discharged
did not return



CLINICAL DAY

Description

- AWS offers an alternative academic service program which is provided in a structured, supportive therapeutic setting.
- Offered to any special education student zoned for Richland School District One
- Focus of this program is to teach appropriate social and behavioral skills in order to mainstream students back to a public school setting
- Provides Lead Clinical Staff for treatment services to the client's family of origin or other involved caregivers/guardians.
- Behavioral Interventionists and certified teachers are on site to assist with both educational and behavioral difficulties.



Numbers Served :

- Columbia 62 unduplicated veterans
- Greenville 81 unduplicated veterans

VETERANS

Description

AWS' Veterans Home is the first facility in the Midlands that provides long-term transitional housing in conjunction with supportive (wrap-around) services, specifically for homeless veterans. AWS provides housing, clothing, food, transportation, job training/ placement, substance abuse counseling, life skills training, therapeutic counseling, mentoring and other supportive services for up to 18 residents at one time in order to help them regain self-sufficiency.

At the Columbia Veterans Home, AWS provided services to 62 unduplicated veterans. At the Greenville Veterans Home, AWS provided services to 81 unduplicated veterans.



Accomplishments

The Palmetto Half Marathon had a successful first year, raising \$28,000 for local charities. Proceeds went to aid the fight against hunger and homelessness in the Midlands. The Alston Wilkes Society received \$7,200 to provide local people the help they needed.



Success Story

After being kicked out of his apartment last summer, Tim became homeless. He hiked 70 miles in the August heat from Beaufort to the VA hospital in Columbia. During that journey, he spent several nights sleeping in ditches and under overpasses. As a soldier, he had been taught to do whatever it takes to complete a task. In this case, his task was to get a new life. The VA in Columbia referred him to the Alston Wilkes Veteran Home. The home provided Tim with the resources to get his life back on track. In January 2011 Tim was hired by the City Of Columbia to work in its court system. Today Tim lives in his own apartment and has reestablished contact with his children. Good job Tim!



Success Story: Clinton Davis

“As a formerly homeless veteran, I came to the Alston Wilkes Society for help. During that time I received intensive case management and was surrounded and supported by other veterans.

Not only was I able to graduate from the program and become self sufficient, but I now serve as the Director of the same Alston Wilkes Society Veterans Services program that offered me a second chance.”

Numbers Served

- **Charleston** 183 unduplicated residents
- **Columbia** 231 unduplicated residents
- **Florence** 140 unduplicated residents



RE-ENTRY CENTERS

Description

AWS operates adult residential facilities for federal offenders through contracts with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons in Columbia, Florence and Charleston. These programs are designed to help formerly incarcerated individuals make a successful transition back into their communities.

AWS provides 24-hour supervision, housing, food, transportation, employment training, substance abuse counseling, therapy and life skills training in an effort to ensure that former offenders become law-abiding and self-sufficient members of society.

Accomplishments

“Jobs for Life” is a re-employment program started through a partnership with Two Rivers Presbyterian Church to train residents serving the rest of their sentence with AWS. Because of the positive feedback after the first class, this program continues to be provided.

Success Story

Jobs for Life is proud to share the story of Michael. Michael was a resident of AWS’s Re-Entry Center. After much prayer and hard work, Michael has obtained a job that utilizes the skills he learned through Jobs for Life.

Not only is Michael a free man and a working man, for the first time in 19 years, Michael now sleeps alone in the comfort of his own apartment.





Numbers Served : 4,935 unduplicated clients

Accomplishments

Inside Out is an adult mentoring program funded by the Second Chance Act through the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance with the aim of recruiting volunteer mentors to act as Life Coaches to offenders scheduled for release, helping to ensure that the transition from prison into the community is safe and successful. The Alston Wilkes Society's goal is to recruit and train volunteer Life Coaches to provide support and guidance to their members (offender participants). We have partnered with the South Carolina Department of Corrections to provide pre- and post-release mentoring in the Midlands and Greenville areas.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Description

Community Service Coordinators provide direct institutional (pre-release workshops/ counseling, pre-parole workshops/ counseling, community resources workshops/counseling, anger management /life skills training) and community-based services (crisis management, employment assessment/counseling/placement/referrals, transportation, housing assistance, agency referrals, assistance in obtaining official documents, etc.) to clients.

The Alston Wilkes society serves clients statewide through eight regional offices in Columbia, Greenville, Greenwood, Sumter, Summerville, Lancaster, York and Anderson. In 2010, AWS provided these services to 4,935 unduplicated individuals.



Success Story

Paul heard about the Alston Wilkes Society while serving an 18-month sentence for a drug-related charge. In 2003, he was released from prison and met with the Alston Wilkes Society representative for employment assistance. AWS assisted Paul with his transition to the community and helped him obtain a full-time job with a local manufacturing company.

Paul worked with this company until he recently retired at 67 years old. Paul came by to express his thanks and explained that Alston Wilkes Society's helping hand is what enabled him to become a productive citizen of the community.



Founded in memory of Betty McKellar, first female President of the Alston Wilkes Society Board of Directors, by her son, Ken.



1962 LEGACY SOCIETY



1962 LEGACY SOCIETY CHARTER MEMBERS 2008-2010



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Residential Re-Entry Centers

Columbia Facility

Phone: (803) 765-1394
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Florence Facility

Phone: (843) 922-0423
Fax: (843) 922-0426

Charleston Facility

Phone: (843) 744-4917
Fax: (843) 744-7978

Youth Services Division

ColumbiaYouth Home

Phone: 803-772-6191
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Clinical Day Program

(803) 254-3849 Phone

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(803) 254-3684 Phone
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Community Services

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Greenville Veterans Home

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