

## 2006 Facts and Figures

- ✧ Since 1991, this agency has given more than 825,000 quality, age-appropriate books to over 275,000 at-risk young children in Alabama and over 2000 volunteers have read them the books. (**Alabama Kiwanis Foundation/Jean Dean RIF**)
- ✧ AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (**ALS**) (Lou Gehrig's disease) is a progressive fatal neuromuscular disease that attacks nerve cells and pathways in the brain and spinal cord. At present there is no cure for ALS. (Community Health Charities)
- ✧ **Camp Fire USA**, Alexander City, served approximately 180 youth through programs, which include camp and outdoor education, leadership programs, and youth employability skills.
- ✧ To work in partnership with other public and private entities to maintain an effective state and local system of resources and support that enables parents, families, and others who care for young children to ensure that they are healthy, protected, nurtured, and offered every opportunity to succeed in life. (**Alabama Partnership for Children**)
- ✧ The **Steering Committee**, consisting of a chair, who is appointed by the Governor, & 6 members from all 3 branches of state government, oversees the campaign.
- ✧ **Volunteer Mobile** mobilizes people and resources to solve community problems, promotes, and encourages volunteerism by linking people who wish to serve with agencies that can utilize their skills.
- ✧ **Kid One Transport** provides non-emergency transportation services to medical, mental health, dental, and prenatal care to children and expectant mothers in 39 of Alabama's 67 counties. (Community Health Charities)
- ✧ Since 2000, **Character @ Heart** has sponsored curricula (Manners of the Heart (K-3rd grade) and Building Strong Character for a Lifetime (4th -6th grade) used to bring the finest in character education to the children of Alabama.
- ✧ Over **6,100** individuals received services from Montgomery AIDS Outreach in 2005. Services ranged from HIV testing to legal assistance to counseling to oral health care to transportation, to ambulatory/outpatient medical care.
- ✧ **Alzheimer disease** is more common in older adults, affecting all races. About 1 in 10 people over the age of 65 have Alzheimer's and as many as 5 in 10 people over the age of 85 have it. It is the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death (2003 US Census) among Alabama residents. (Alzheimer's Association)
- ✧ During 2004, **Samaritan's Purse** was able to feed 100,000 hungry people in Darfur, despite logistical challenges and attacks on some of the camps. That year, they also organized more than 500 volunteers to repair 1,003 houses in Florida and 463 houses in Alabama.
- ✧ Along with applying 20,000 band aids each year, Children's Hospital of Alabama is home to the Regional Poison Control Center.
- ✧ Those with **kidney disease** endure approximately 14 medical appointments each month and receive this life sustaining treatment 3-4 times a week for 3 hours each time. (Alabama Kidney Foundation)
- ✧ **Alabama Baptist Children's Homes** served 2,263 children and families in 2005 in addition to providing homes for 159 children and youth.
- ✧ **Group Homes for Children** offers shelter as well as residential and therapeutic services to young people in need because of abuse, neglect, family crisis, or abandonment.
- ✧ The **State Combined Campaign** is the only authorized payroll deduction charitable fundraising effort for state employees.
- ✧ Currently, North Alabama Prison Ministry provides Bible correspondence lessons to **41** Alabama correctional facilities, county and city jails, detention center and work releases in addition to providing lessons to home addresses of ex-offenders and family and friends of inmates.
- ✧ There are more than 800 North American Riding for the Handicapped Association affiliated centers in the United States and Canada and more than 36,000 individuals with disabilities are currently participating in horseback riding programs in North America. (**MANE** – Montgomery Area Nontraditional Equestrians)
- ✧ Montgomery Area Council on Aging (MACOA) promotes independent living and quality-of-life opportunities for senior through **Meals-on-Wheels**, outreach, transportation, homemaker, senior center, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program services.
- ✧ The **Montgomery Area Food Bank** and its three satellite food banks together serve over 625 agencies. Their combined contribution to 2005 hurricane relief and recovery was over 430 tons of product, which in turn helped over 54,000 people.
- ✧ Signed on the air in April 1984, Faith Radio broadcasts programs to listeners in central and southern Alabama.
- ✧ **Child Advocacy Center of East Alabama** utilizes a multi-disciplinary approach in the investigation, prosecution, treatment, and prevention of child sexual and/or physical abuse.
- ✧ **St. Margaret's Services** seeks out the impoverished, homebound elderly, and assesses their needs and utilizes available benefits.
- ✧ **Heifer International** provides livestock and plants to bring help, healing, and hope to millions of impoverished families worldwide. (global Impact)