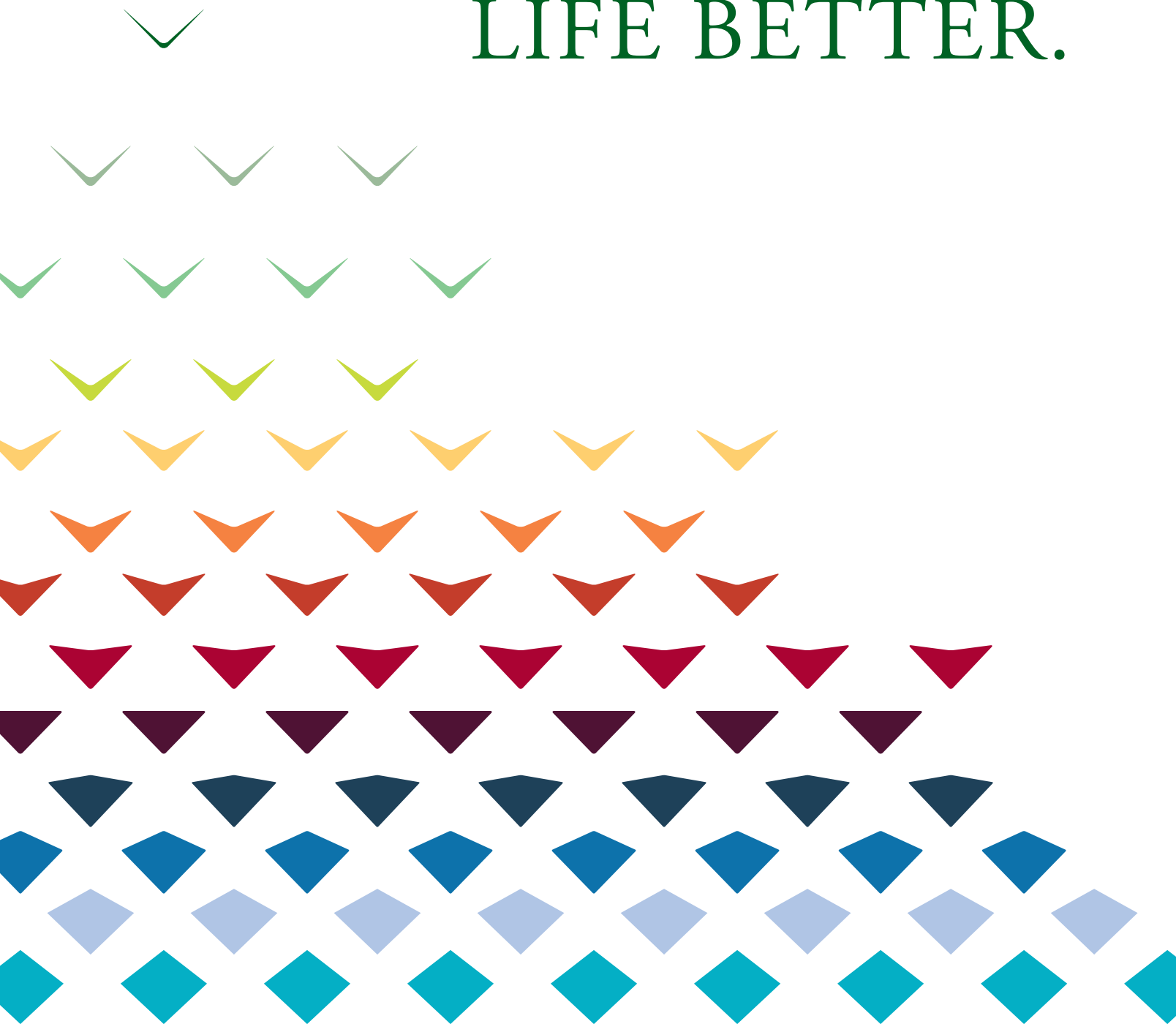


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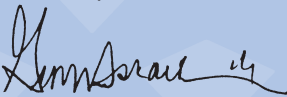
Dear Donors and Friends,

We are delighted to share with you our annual report for The River Edge Foundation. Inside these pages, you will read about individuals who are being healed through the services and programs River Edge offers. It's also important to us to show you where we stand after our first complete year of fundraising—one in which we met our goals. We hope you will agree that the Foundation continues on its upward trajectory.

We've also provided some facts on River Edge Behavioral Health Center to give you a snapshot of those we serve and the people your financial contributions help support.

Without community heroes like you, our success in helping make life better for the people we serve—individuals with developmental disabilities, persons recovering from addiction and those healing from mental health issues—would not be possible. We are grateful, and we are honored to partner with you as we develop our resources.

Sincerely,



George Israel, III

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KEN KRASKOW

We share the story of hope.

THE RIVER EDGE FOUNDATION IS AN INDEPENDENT, 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WHOSE GOAL IS TO RAISE PRIVATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF RIVER EDGE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CENTER, A COMMUNITY-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION THAT OFFERS A FULL CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS DEALING WITH BIOLOGICALLY BASED BRAIN DISORDERS.

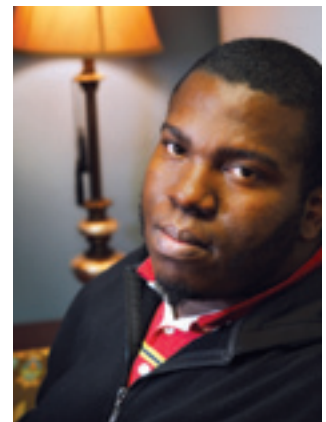
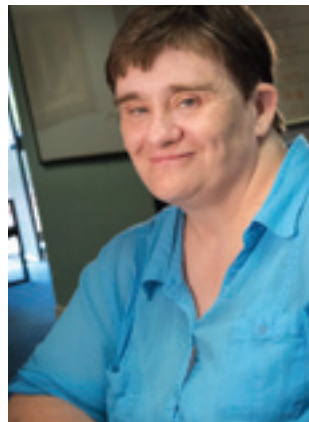
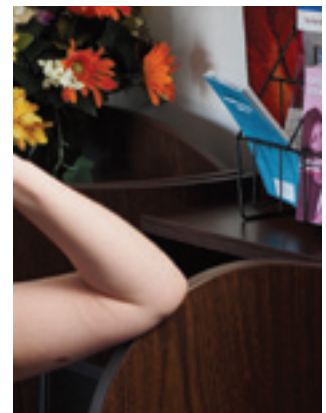
Since its founding in 2006, The River Edge Foundation has been instrumental in securing funds to provide additional supports for individuals receiving services from

River Edge Behavioral Health Center and other partner organizations.

The Foundation relies on the financial support of individuals, corporations and foundations to ensure that River Edge continues to flourish in its mission to help everyone in Central Georgia access high quality behavioral healthcare services.

The Foundation office can assist you in cultivating the relationship that best matches your philanthropic interests and most effectively continues the River Edge commitment to make life better for the individuals we serve. We welcome you as a partner as we advance this worthy and exciting humanitarian venture.

We expend all gifts in strict accord with donors' wishes. We handle Foundation relations with the utmost professional care and efficiency. Our goal is to maximize our resources and use them most effectively.



KEN KRAKOW



Myrtice

MEET MYRTICE

“There’s a good support system here. It’s nice to have people that care.”

MYRTICE IS A 31-YEAR-OLD GRADUATE STUDENT AT WESLEYAN COLLEGE. SHE LEADS A FULL LIFE THAT INCLUDES MEETINGS, CHURCH, AND TUTORING WHILE WORKING ON HER MBA. SHE’S FUNNY AND ARTICULATE, SMART AND INSIGHTFUL—THE TYPE OF YOUNG WOMAN YOU’D EXPECT TO RUN INTO ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS.

But Myrtice has a story. She is in recovery after years of alcohol and other drug abuse. Abuse that nearly ended her life.

The night of her 26th birthday, while drunk and high, Myrtice was struck by a train. Thrown from the tracks into some nearby woods, she lay unconscious until passersby happened to see her and called 911.

She was rushed to a nearby hospital where she was in a coma for seven days. Though she had no broken bones from the accident, Myrtice did suffer serious brain injury requiring surgery and lost the use of her legs.

“When I woke up, I didn’t know where I was and I thought it was still my birthday,” she remembers.

Doctors said she would never walk again and that her life would be severely limited. Myrtice was determined. She wanted her life back and was willing to work to get it.

After some initial setbacks, she regained the use of her legs and decided to get clean.

While living at a local mission, she learned about LifeSPRING, River Edge’s residential recovery services for women of childbearing age. She entered LifeSPRING. She recalled what helped her most: “Having an ear, having somebody to listen . . . Everybody’s trying to get to the same place: a better life.”

After LifeSPRING, she needed a place to live so she turned to River Edge once more. Staff got her settled at Grove Park, a housing complex with special supports for persons in recovery. She said, “I like living at Grove Park. It’s wonderful to be able to have a key to your own place. I feel accomplished like I’m doing something better.” About the people, she said, “There’s a good support system here. It’s nice to have people that care.”

As she continues with her recovery, Myrtice is making plans. She wants to work in public relations, and she wants to work with women who face challenges like she has. She said, “I want to help other young ladies come into themselves and learn how to live a clean life and see all the opportunities that I see.” The world, she said, has opened up for her. “There are so many opportunities when you’re clean.”



Pictured l-r: W. Stembridge, D. Vinson, S. Gordon, P. White-Colbert, G. Israel, A. Watson, P. Doster, D. Slagle, T. Barnes, T. Weber, R. Bennett

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Bernard, Algernon, and Tina

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

WORKING FOR RIVER EDGE CLIENTS

ALGERNON, BERNARD, AND TINA ARE LEARNING ABOUT SELF-WORTH THROUGH RIVER EDGE SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

The evidence-based, supported employment services through River Edge offer opportunities for individuals served by employing them in an integrated setting where needed success supports are available. River Edge places individuals in positions, with the employer’s assent, based upon their skill levels.

River Edge supports individuals with developmental disabilities fully participating in the traditional workplace. At River Edge, we see “different abilities, not disabilities.” People with developmental disabilities want typical experiences: to interact with the wider community and gain the self-respect associated with having a job.

Algernon and Bernard currently work at Olive Garden as utility workers and dishwashers. They have assigned duties and receive regular pay like the other staff. Algernon says he feels good about working and enjoys getting a paycheck.

Tina works at Macon Office Supplies two days a week. She said, “Working makes me feel very important.” When asked what she liked most about her job, she replied, “I like to get to know people and help them out by keeping their businesses going.”

These three individuals are only the beginning. Program Manager Myldred Smith says many more clients are now asking for jobs. She’s working with local businesses to employ as many as she can. “It’s an ongoing process,” She said. “But businesses have been extremely receptive and easy to work with once they find out what we’re doing.”

Currently, fifteen individuals receive supported employment services at some time during the month. Developmental Disabilities Services also has forty-two individuals who are receiving pre-vocational services to determine their interest in employment.

Smith points out the impact that supported employment has on the family. Algernon’s mother is ecstatic to see her son working—something she thought would never happen. Smith said, “We give them something to look forward to; we give them dignity.”

SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION

WHY GIVE?

Picture the young woman making a fresh start and getting her college degree after years of homelessness and addiction or envision the man getting his life and family back after learning how to cope with bipolar disorder. These are two examples of the individuals River Edge helps into recovery every day.

River Edge needs your help to continue making life better for the most vulnerable citizens of our community. Your contribution allows us to provide the best behavioral healthcare services essential to the region to assist people in crisis.

We help by raising funding for River Edge that gives people fresh hope for recovery from addiction, the ability to live without mental illness taking over their lives and the chance for individuals with developmental disabilities to live as part of their communities.

Previous contributions have been used for medication assistance, a hardship assistance fund for staff, community education and activities discouraging underage drinking, a celebration for clients making long-term strides in their recovery and activities for individuals in advanced recovery who serve as mentors to those new to recovery.

WAYS TO GIVE

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*The River Edge Foundation
277 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Suite 102-A
Macon, Georgia 31201*

Please do not mail cash.

You may also make a contribution by phone using your debit or credit card, please call 478-803-7797, and we will gladly process your gift.

Please contact us for more information regarding stock or mutual fund gifts, in-kind donations, or property gifts: 478-803-7800

At River Edge we believe that treatment is effective and recovery can be expected.

You can support the Foundation in many ways and all are welcome. For many people, the most convenient support is a simple financial donation, and there are several ways for you to donate to the Foundation: cash, stock and securities, property, as well as planned giving. In-kind contributions are also helpful. Please contact us to determine the best method of delivering your contribution.

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RIVER EDGE

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(Addiction Recovery Services, Mental Health and Wellness, Developmental Disabilities Services)

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Contributions of items to be used in the delivery of River Edge services are always welcomed.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2016, 7:00 PM

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Planned giving is a set of ways a donor can leave money or assets to a nonprofit at his or her death; or a way to invest money so that the donor receives benefits during his or her life and then bequeaths the remaining funds to the nonprofit.

The River Edge Foundation welcomes gifts made through different planned giving provisions. These arrangements can:

- Provide for you or your loved ones;
- Entitle you to charitable income; and/or gift or estate tax deductions; and
- Enable you to leave a legacy.

With many different planned giving options, you can help grow essential mental health, addictive disease and developmental disabilities resources for Central Georgians in perpetuity.

Call 478-803-7800 today to speak with someone about a planned gift.

"Your present circumstances do not determine where you can go; they merely determine where you start."

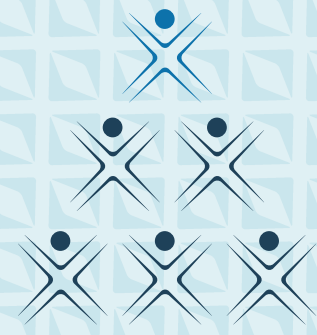
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1 IN 6, OR ABOUT 15%, OF CHILDREN AGE 3 THROUGH 17 YEARS HAVE ONE OR MORE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

17% THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIAGNOSED IN CHILDREN IN THE U.S. SINCE 2000

1 OUT OF 4 AMERICAN FAMILIES HAS A RELATIVE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS.



\$193B

THE COST OF LOST EARNINGS IN AMERICA EACH YEAR DUE TO SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS



1 IN 7 ADULT GEORGIANS HAS AN ALCOHOL OR DRUG PROBLEM.

80,000

DEATHS ARE RELATED TO ALCOHOL ABUSE EVERY YEAR MAKING IT THE THIRD HIGHEST CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE U.S.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

The River Edge Foundation, year ending December 31, 2015.

Current Assets

Cash in Bank Accounts	\$ 220,847
Receivable	211,582
Prepaid Expenses	96,210
Total Current Assets	\$ 528,639

Other Assets

Investments	\$ 1,529,455
Marketable Securities	967,651
Total Other Assets	\$ 2,497,106

Total Assets **\$3,025,745**

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$ 9,895
Due to River Edge BHC	97,751
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 107,646

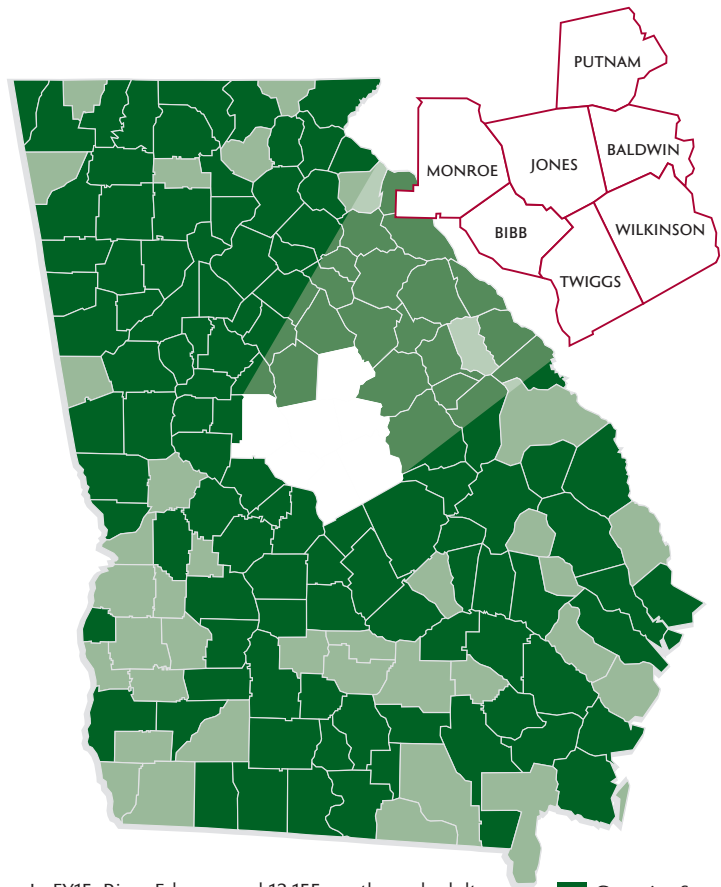
Total Liabilities **\$ 107,646**

Net Assets

Total Net Assets \$ 2,918,099

Total Liabilities

& Net Assets **\$ 3,025,745**



In FY15, River Edge served 13,155 youths and adults from seven primary counties (Baldwin, Bibb, Jones, Monroe, Putnam, Twiggs, and Wilkinson) and 117 additional counties in Georgia.

Counties Served by River Edge
 Seven Primary Counties Served

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

The River Edge Foundation, year ending December 31, 2015.

Operating Grants and Contributions

Total Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 639,128
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Expenses

Program Support	24,190
Support Services	178,128

Total Expenses **\$ 202,318**

Change in Net Assets **\$ 436,810**

Net Assets

Beginning of the Year \$ 2,481,289

End of the Year **\$2,918,099**

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The River Edge Foundation, year ending December 31, 2015.

	Program Services	Support Services	Total
Contracts	\$ —	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
Donations	1,913	—	1,913
Insurance	—	35,935	35,935
Other Operating Expenses	8,825	—	8,825
Professional Fees	4,599	2,500	7,099
Property Taxes	—	1,961	1,961
Service Fees	—	11,748	11,748
Supplies and Materials	8,853	984	9,837
Total Expenses	\$24,190	\$178,128	\$202,318

These statements are excerpted from the auditor's report of the 2015 financial records of The River Edge Foundation. The independent audit was performed by the certified accounting firm of Robert Baker and Associates located in Albany, Georgia. To view the report in its entirety, please call 478-803-7800 to request a copy.

PROVIDING HOPE TO MANY

RIVER EDGE HOUSING

“LIVING THERE HAS GIVEN ME PEACE OF MIND AND A BOND WITH MY FAMILY. AND, NOT JUST THAT—IT’S HELPED ME TO GET INDEPENDENCE. IT’S TAUGHT ME HOW TO LOOK AT THINGS A DIFFERENT WAY. A NEW FRAME OF MIND. MORE THAN ANYTHING, IT’S GIVEN ME HOPE.”

That’s River Edge client Willie referring to his apartment he was able to procure through River Edge’s supportive housing services.

Willie is one of several hundred people utilizing supportive housing, which allows individuals to live in properties owned by The River Edge Foundation. The Department of Community Affairs subsidizes the rent unless the client is working; in that instance, he pays a portion of the cost. The properties are located in areas of town that River Edge revitalizes. This helps fight blight in the community.

Supportive housing provides support for recovery and healing. When persons seeking recovery get off the streets, it encourages them to work harder on their recovery by giving them a sense of self-worth. It also removes them from antagonists that could set back recovery and healing. Providing shelter ultimately takes away a big stressor, allowing them to focus solely on getting better.

Supportive housing also provides the new alternative to institutionalization. Now individuals who once would’ve spent their lives locked away in Central State Hospital can enjoy freedom in a supportive environment.

There are others with stories of hope similar to Willie’s—like Mary. She lived in an abandoned city bus before getting her apartment. She thinks the apartment will help her in healing because she is safe.

Or Tarnesha. She has been coming to River Edge for six years. During that time, she was involved in an abusive relationship. River Edge helped her and her three kids get a safe, new home where she is now flourishing. She has a job with River Edge, and she is getting better. “I wouldn’t have made it without the apartment,” she said. “It provides stability.”

Willie summed it up for all three of them: “River Edge gave me a place to stay and gave me some security. It’s just amazing. I’m grateful today.”

“River Edge gave me a place to stay and gave me some security. It’s just amazing. I’m grateful today.”



Willie and Mary

KEN KRAMOW



KRISTEN SOLES

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530 Settlement Drive, Suite A • Gray GA 31032
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3575 Fulton Mill Road • Macon GA 31206
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60 Highway 22 West • Milledgeville GA 31061
478-451-2797

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688 Oglethorpe Street • Macon GA 31201

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175 Emery Highway • Macon GA 31217
478-803-7707

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