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2014 ANNUAL REPORT

ABOUT THE RIVER EDGE FOUNDATION

The River Edge Foundation is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Its goal is to raise private funds with a priority to support the efforts of River Edge Behavioral Health Center. River Edge offers a full continuum of community-based services and supports for individuals dealing with mental health issues, addictive disease and developmental disabilities. Since its founding in 2006, The River Edge Foundation has been instrumental in securing funds for supportive housing for those receiving services from River Edge and other partner organizations.

The Foundation relies on the financial support of individuals, corporations and foundations to ensure that River Edge continues to grow in its mission to help everyone in Central Georgia, including our most vulnerable citizens, easily access high quality care.

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

We expend all gifts strictly in accordance with donors' wishes and handle foundation relations with the utmost professional care and efficiency to ensure that we maximize our resources.

THE RIVER EDGE FOUNDATION STAFF

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DEAR DONORS AND FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION:

We are pleased to bring you our annual report for The River Edge Foundation. Inside you will read stories of hope, recovery and generosity. In addition, you will view details of our financial health for the 2014 fiscal year. In short, you will find the Foundation to be growing and gaining momentum.

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.

The Foundation is healthy and expanding. A development team came on board during 2014 and is currently engaged in fundraising on several fronts. Presently, we are securing our roots in the community. We are planning for substantial growth during the next few years.

None of our success in helping those we serve to achieve mental illness or addiction recovery, or find supports for developmental disabilities would be possible without the commitment of community members like you. We are grateful. We will continue to look to you for your continued support as we develop our resources.

Sincerely,

GEORGE ISRAEL, III

Chairman, Board of Trustees

THE RIVER EDGE FOUNDATION







TALE OF TWO FOUNDATIONS

IS THAT WE CAN
CONTINUE TO TELL
THE STORY OF THE
GOOD WORK OF
RIVER EDGE SO THEY
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EXPANDING THEIR
PROGRAMS AND

SERVICES. 99

When The River Edge Foundation began fundraising in the community, one of the first contributors to step forward was the Community Foundation of Central Georgia.

Executive Director Kathryn Dennis said, "Our staff has always relied on River Edge when we need information about mental health and how it affects the bigger picture about things going on in Central Georgia. They've been a good knowledge base for us. We've also worked on a number of professional projects over the years as colleagues. So when the opportunity came to connect The River Edge Foundation with funding, we were delighted to award their first grants."

They chose to first support River Edge with a grant designed to support drug prevention education among school-aged children. "This first grant fit River Edge's mission, and it was a great opportunity to partner to meet a donor's interest and to help the new Foundation," noted Dennis. The Community Foundation also awarded funding to The River Edge Foundation to train a Mental Health First Aid instructor. This training was seen as not only beneficial to River Edge, but also helpful to have someone who could teach the citizenry in our footprint how to better help identify and assist someone in a mental health crisis.

Dennis believes these grants will be useful because "the more children we can educate in the future will help curb alcohol and drug use." She added, "The Mental Health First Aid award is a leveraging grant that will help citizens recognize someone in crisis. It has exponential impact as we spread the word about how to deal with the stigma of mental illness."

As The River Edge Foundation continues its growth pattern, Dennis plans for the Community Foundation to be there. She said, "What we hope is that we can continue to tell the story of the good work of River Edge so they can continue expanding their programs and services."

When asked what Dennis would share with other potential donors given the opportunity, she replied, "The leadership at The River Edge Foundation will be good stewards of donors' financial investments and leverage every dollar to support the clients to get them well and keep them well."



FULFILLING THE MISSION

Highland Hills Baptist Church, a small congregation of about 500 members, lists missions as one of its central tenets. Each year the church chooses a different mission emphasis — local, state, national or international — revolving around ministry to family and children and devotes time and funding to that focus.

Four years ago, the congregation began working with LifeSPRING. Jim Elliott, a member of the missions committee at the time, suggested the involvement. Elliott said, "The missions committee was aware of the ravaging effects of addiction and the impact that was having on our larger community. Recovery is hard enough without the additional burden of separating mothers from their children. LifeSPRING allows children to remain with their mothers, thus reinforcing the recovery process."

During the intervening years, the members of Highland Hills invited the women and children to church for annual events like their fall festival, Trunk or Treat, Easter egg hunt, High Falls Water Park event and several Christmas events. Renee Bennett, current chair of the Highland Hills mission committee, shared, "We have invited them for regular church services. They have

attended Christmas musicals, children's musicals and so on. We provide supplies for school, babies, etc. We've given some clothing for professional job interviews. We have provided pottery classes. We've provided inspirational events for residents and children including music. We've attended graduations at their invitation."

Church members Elliott, Neil Heath and Jeff Browne also installed a pergola at LifeSPRING. Elliott commented, "We undertook this project after learning that the mothers had no place to sit and talk outdoors. They were either standing in the cold, the rain or the broiling sun."

Bennett said, "We think that our work gives opportunity for the women and children to experience some normal pieces of life." She went on to explain, "Sitting at the table at the High Falls Water Park, one resident told me she had never been to a water park and said how much fun it was and also how normal it made her feel, and that being clean and sober and having fun was so wonderful. She had no idea how much fun it could be, she said. That's how I think our efforts are helping LifeSPRING and its residents and children to grow."



BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEATED FOR THE RIVER EDGE FOUNDATION

The River Edge Foundation has seated our new board of trustees. The board, chaired by former Macon mayor and former Georgia Chamber of Commerce president & CEO George Israel III, is comprised of thirteen local community leaders.

The trustees are front row l-r: Andy Watson, Thomas Barnes III, Debra Toole Vinson and Pamela White-Colbert; back row l-r: Thomas G. Weber, W. Asbury Stembridge Jr., Shannon Terrell Harvey, George Israel III and Ray A Bennett; not pictured: Dr. Priscilla G. Doster, Andrew L. Galloway, Amy Maley and Mattie Middlebrooks. We are honored to have these community leaders working on behalf of The River Edge Foundation to advance our mission and goals.

As a body, the board of trustees will provide advocacy, resource development and stewardship as well as counsel and advice for The River Edge Foundation.



DID YOU KNOW?

MENTAL ILLNESS

TYPICALLY STRIKES

YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR MOST PRODUCTIVE YEARS:

16-25



BY 2020,

MAJOR DEPRESSIVE

ILLNESS WILL BE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DISABILITY IN THE WORLD FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

THE ECONOMIC COST OF

UNTREATED

MENTAL ILLNESS

IS MORE THAN





THE BEST TREATMENTS FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESSES TODAY ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE.

BETWEEN 70 AND 90 PERCENT

OF INDIVIDUALS HAVE SIGNIFICANT

REDUCTION OF SYMPTOMS AND IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE

WITH A COMBINATION OF PHARMACOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL TREATMENTS AND SUPPORTS.

THE RIVER EDGE FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2014

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

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CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash in Bank Accounts	\$	206,946
Receivable		113,117
Total Current Assets	\$	320,063
OTHER ASSETS		
Investments	\$	1,498,484
Marketable Securities		784,851
Total Current Assets	\$	2,283,335
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	2,603,398

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	\$	26,082	
Due to River Edge Behavioral Health Center		96,027	
Total Current Liabilities	\$	122,109	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	122,109	
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Unrestricted	\$	2,481,289	
Total Net Assets	\$	2,481,289	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	2,603,398	
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

<u>UN</u>	NRESTRICTED
OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	
Contracted Services	\$ 10,990
Donations	\$ 519,852
Investment Income (Loss)	\$ 1,472,482
Other Fees	<u>19,309</u>
TOTAL OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 2,022,633
EXPENSES	
Program Services	\$ 461,312
Support Services	\$ 10,151
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ <u>471,463</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 1,551,170
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR NET	\$ <u>930,119</u>
ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 2,481,289

SERVICE AREA

In FY14, River Edge served 14,671 youth and adults from 7 primary counties (Baldwin, Bibb, Jones, Monroe, Putnam, Twiggs and Wilkinson) and 117 additional Georgia counties.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

	PROGRAM	SUPPORT	
	SERVICES	<u>SERVICES</u>	
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	PROGRAM	GENERAL AND	
	<u>SERVICES</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Contracts	\$ 81,631		81,631
Donations	356,424		356,424
Insurance		342	342
Other Operating Expenses	11,510		11,510
Professional Fees	11,329	2,500	13,829
Service Fees		7,309	7,309
Travel	418		418
Total Current Assets	461,312	10,151	\$471,463

These statements are excerpted from the auditor's report of the 2014 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, call The River Edge Foundation at 478.803.7800 to request a copy.





FROM THE STREETS TO COLLEGE

James Hampton has been sober for eight years. It took twelve stints in rehab and finally finding the right one to get there. As a down and out homeless man with only his desire to get clean and his prayers to God pushing him to get help, he arrived at River Edge for treatment.

James abused alcohol from age sixteen and picked up drugs in the Navy. He said, "There was a lot of drinking and a lot of drugs. You just had to get with the right people."

Eight years ago he came to River Edge. As part of James' treatment, he took advantage of River Edge's "wraparound supports," special services that help individuals in treatment with some of their most basic needs so they can concentrate on recovery. These services are designed to take away the outside stressors that might inhibit their recovery progress. One of the wraparound supports James received was housing. He got out of the mission where he had been living, and River Edge helped him through HUD's Shelter Plus Care and into an apartment. Without River Edge's special services, James believes there would've been roadblocks to his recovery.

River Edge also helped James further his education. They helped him apply for student loans. Today, he is a proud college graduate boasting an impressive 3.9 GPA.

School, James says, has been a huge step in his personal growth, which he traces back to River Edge. He also says he learned directly from his group counselors how to manage his anger better.

"I know that I have a temper, but I've been able to manage it better without the use of alcohol and drugs. I've been able to tone down my responses to people...It's [River Edge] given me ways to address the issue and come to an appropriate resolution."

James is working for a temporary employment agency now; he strives for full-time employment in his field of training. He also says he'd like to give back and work to help others get clean.

He's also extremely thankful to those who support River Edge and has a message for those considering support. He shares, "River Edge offers a lot of beneficial services and if an individual is willing to accept the services, they will benefit greatly."

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INTO BLOSSOM.

At sixteen, Amanda was a churchgoing 'A' student from a good family, but she dated the wrong boys. Ultimately, she found one that led her into pills and cocaine.

Amanda continued this lifestyle until she found out she was to be a mother. She stopped taking drugs just long enough to give birth. She lost custody of her daughter to her parents. Then she got into another relationship that landed her in jail.

In jail, Amanda was in an unfamiliar situation like thousands of other young women. When she discovered her parents weren't going to bail her out, she started thinking. She said, "It was like God had picked me up from the streets and put me in jail and said, 'OK Amanda, it's time to stop now."

She sought help from LifeSPRING (a residential and outpatient services program for pregnant women or women with children seeking recovery from alcohol or drug addiction). LifeSPRING helps women achieve self-sufficiency in a supportive, substance-free setting. Amanda sought admission for a seven-month stay. Amanda confided, "There I learned how to express my feelings. Over time, I gained responsibilities and privileges, kind of on a small scale like what I'm doing in the real world now."

LifeSPRING helped Amanda experience quite a bit of growth in her life that has continued well beyond her treatment. She learned valuable parenting skills, how to live on her own and avoid the temptations of drugs. The LifeSPRING coaches taught her how to budget her money.

Since June 2014, Amanda has been working with a reputable business. She credits LifeSPRING saying, "The skills I learned [at LifeSPRING] helped me to get this job. They teach you how to interview, how to dress, drive you to job interviews...the things you need to be successful."

Amanda believes this job will give her an opportunity for growth into a career rather than just a job. She remains active in Narcotics Anonymous. She attends two churches where she plays cello and sings in addition to helping teach a children's Bible study class.

LifeSPRING is a service of River Edge Behavioral Health Center. This program — like other River Edge services — relies on philanthropy to support the services they provide.

SUPPORTING THE RIVER EDGE FOUNDATION

WAYS TO GIVE

To make a gift by cash, check, or debit/credit card, you may go to our website, **river-edge.org** and select "Give Now." From there, you can select "donation form" to print, complete and mail your contribution to:

THE RIVER EDGE FOUNDATION 175 Emery Highway Macon, GA 31217

To make a contribution by phone using your debit or credit card, please call **478.803.7800** and we will gladly process your gift via phone.

GIFTS MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

- The River Edge Fund Used for the area of greatest need
- Endowment Principle of the gift is held in perpetuity with appreciation of the gift used to support the mission of the Foundation
- Any of the River Edge's three main service areas:
 - Addiction Recovery Services
 - Mental Health and Wellness
 - Developmental Disabilities Services

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CASH

Cash is always welcome and can be in the form of check, credit card or debit card. We request that you not send cash via mail.

STOCK AND SECURITIES

Gifts of appreciated stock or mutual funds are a great way to give a gift greater than you ever thought possible. Appreciated securities held for more than one year may provide significant benefits to you as a donor. Please contact us with questions and instructions for directing your gift to our brokerage account.

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions of items to be used in the delivery of River Edge services are always welcomed. Please contact us to determine the best method of delivering your contribution.

PROPERTY

By donating property to The River Edge Foundation, you may be able to reduce your capital gains tax and receive an income tax deduction while benefitting River Edge. Please call us at 478.803.7800 to discuss property donation.

A WORD ON PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is a set of ways a donor can leave money or assets to The River Edge Foundation 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
- Enable you to leave a legacy for River Edge

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 to River Edge.



SERVICES

To schedule an appointment at any location, call 478.803.7700.

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