



United Way of Lee County, Inc.

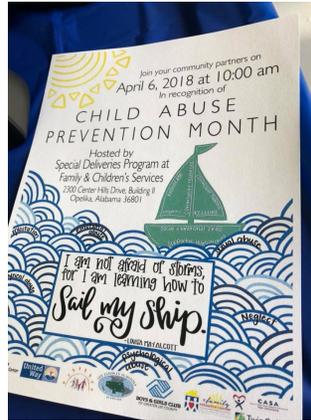
April 2018



Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation Signing

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. In recognition of this month, United Way participated in the Mayoral Proclamation signing. Along with other agencies in Lee County who work to prevent child abuse and neglect, we shared ways we work together to make our community a safer place for children. We had the privilege of hearing from a mother participating in the Special Deliveries program who chose to stop the cycle of abuse she experienced as a child by taking advantage of the resources available in our community once she became a parent. Her story renewed our energy to continue working to eliminate child abuse and neglect in Lee County.

Thank you to all the organizations who worked to make this proclamation signing a success. We are especially grateful for the government officials who participated in this event. They challenged us to strive to make Lee County a place where every child experiences "blue ribbon days" fill with love and support from family members and caregivers.



Thank you, Publix!



Publix Super Markets held their Publix Appreciation Day on February 21st. United Way staff visited the Moore's Mill and Cary Creek locations to personally thank the Publix employees and deliver their thank you letters. Publix Super Markets is our 3rd largest account in Lee County. They

exceed our expectations every year by surpassing goal through their employee's generous donations. Thank you, Publix!



Save the Date Auburn City Fest

Stop by the United Way tent!
Saturday, April 28th
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Kiesel Park



East Alabama
Mental Health Center

Agency Spotlight: East Alabama Mental Health Special Deliveries



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East Alabama Mental Health Center's Special Deliveries program is a home visitation program designed to strengthen families and prevent child abuse by providing parent education, counseling, and family support services in Lee County. The organization specifically supports pregnant women and families with children ages zero through kindergarten entry. Special Deliveries is working to equip parents to provide their children their best possible future.

In the most recent data gathered in 2015, there were 234 indicated reports of child abuse and neglect in Lee County. In addition, there were 257 Children in Lee County who lived at home but are under protective care from the Department of Human Resources. Special Deliveries fights child abuse and neglect by striving to educate parents who themselves may have been victims of abuse. In 2017, 155 families received 446 hours of individual or family counseling. 448 hours of parent education were also provided to clients. In addition to counseling and educational services, Special Deliveries provides clothing and baby items through their "Baby Bucks" program as well as transportation to group sessions and doctor's appointments.

Special Deliveries makes the difference in the lives of hundreds of families.

Donations of diapers and toys are welcome to aid in providing for the children Special Deliveries supports. To get involved, call (334) 742-2112 and ask to be connected to Special Deliveries Program.

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