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Agency Intends to Reduce Sex Trafficking Among Foster Kids

NORCROSS, GEORGIA-On September 12th, CEO of Therapeutic foster care agency Creative Community Services, Sally Buchanan announced fundraising campaign to rescue foster care youth from homelessness and sex trafficking. The nonprofit is calling for community support.

Bachanan says that Georgia is facing a foster care crisis. She states, "Children legally age out of foster care at the age of 21. They often struggle with mental health issues, require medication, are unable to hold down a full time job and have emotional and financial struggles. They have no family, no safety net, and few of the life skills needed to live independently and safely."

Recent research shows 45% of Atlanta's homeless youth were previously in the foster care system or child welfare services. Even more heartbreaking, half of Georgia's homeless youth are sex trafficked or raped.

The Creative Community Services' therapeutic foster care programs are funded by the state and select grants. However, they require community funding for the new enhanced home component for foster kids who are aging out and for their Teen Parent Connection program. The fundraising campaign is called "Open the Door so they can soar." Their goal is to raise \$560,000 by June 2021. Half must be raised by June 2020 to launch the new program.

Sally Buchanan founded Creative Community Services in Norcross, Georgia, and it has been expanding since 1982. CCS is Georgia's first licensed therapeutic foster care agency, and today remains one of the only private nonprofit agencies serving children and adults who have nowhere else to turn.

For more information, visit <https://ccsgeorgia.org>. Community relationships are key for CCS. Donors, volunteers, and sponsors make it possible for foster youth and adults to take part in extracurricular activities. Such as camps, festivals, trips to the zoo and community events.

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