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Dear Sir/Madam:

Thank you for taking the time to review Arms Wide Open CDC's 2017 Annual Report. I would also like to thank our donors, partners, stakeholders, supporters and volunteers for making 2017 a positive and a productive year. Together, we helped many people with disabilities to age in place.

The mission of Arms Wide Open CDC is to provide the neediest members of the in-home aged, disabled and chronically ill communities with support services. When people become frail due to age, accident, injury, serious illness or sickness, Arms Wide Open CDC helps them to live at home with dignity. Bottom line, we help people with disabilities to postpone or eliminate nursing home placement.

Arms Wide Open CDC operates (3) programs: 1) Durable Medical Equipment Loan Program, 2) Life Care Case Management Program, and 3) Community Chaplaincy Program. Each program is very cost-effective. The programs are designed to help families and individuals through the full span of issues that people face during the course of a lifetime. The impact of each program is documented in the following 2017 Annual Report.

Arms Wide Open CDC's 501 ©3 tax exempt status has not been modified, amended or withdrawn, and remains in full force and effect. If you would like further information about Arms Wide Open CDC or this annual report, my email address is kenmorris@armswideopen.org. Thanks again, for your time and interest!!!

With Much Appreciation,

Kenneth L. Morris, D.Min.
Executive Director

2017

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

ARMS WIDE OPEN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SUBMITTED BY

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Embracing People with Disabilities at their Level of Need...

ARMS WIDE OPEN CDC

2017

ANNUAL REPORT

In 2017, Arms Wide Open CDC provided services to over (967) needy in-home aged, chronically ill and disabled individuals, on average (17-26) consumers per week. The scope of services ranged from information and referral to durable/disposable medical equipment and supplies.

This past year, Arms Wide Open CDC provided over 935 pieces of Durable Medical Equipment (DME) (such as power/manual wheelchairs, hospital beds, walkers, canes and bedside commodes) to people with disabilities who are at-risk for institutional placement. People, who could not qualify for insurance coverage, received devices to improve their quality of life with improved mobility and hygiene.

The consumers are referred by Aid Atlanta, Atlanta Union Mission, United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta (211) First Call for Help, The Atlanta Regional Commission's Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Extended Care Information Network (ECIN), Evercare, Georgia Law Center for the Homeless, County Government Senior Services Departments throughout metro-Atlanta, local Community and Faith-Based Organizations, Grady Medical Center, Piedmont Hospital, DeKalb Medical Center and other local Hospitals, GMCF and Visiting Nurses Healthcare System.

The majority of Arms Wide Open's budget is allocated towards Direct Costs/Program Services (92.5%) with (7.5%) going towards Indirect Costs/ Administrative Costs. As documented in Arms Wide Open's 2017 Financial Statement and 2017 Budget: Arms Wide Open's total expenses were quantified as \$357,029.23. The total revenues were quantified as \$454,088.30. The net income was \$97,059.07.

The Administrative/Management Costs were quantified a total amount of \$42,460.00, with \$12,000.00 of this amount being contributed by means of in-kind. Professional Services were quantified a total of \$26,640.00, with \$11,450.00 of this amount being contributed by means of in-kind. From a fiscal perspective, every dollar that was spent equated to \$17 dollars in terms of the value of services or benefits to consumers.

Arms Wide Open CDC continues to serve as a certified Georgia Medicaid case management provider for the Independent Care Waiver Program/Traumatic Brain Injury Program (ICWP/TBI). The ICWP/TBI operates under a Home and Community-Based Waiver granted by the Health Care Financing Administration.

This Wavier allows the Division of Medical Assistance to use Title XIX funds to purchase services for adult individuals with physical disabilities or traumatic brain injuries to live in their own homes and communities as an alternative to nursing facility placement. Arms Wide Open maintains an active caseload of 25 consumers/members.

This past Christmas 2017, Arms Wide Open CDC sponsored the Toys for Tots program for the 10th consecutive year. We gave toys to over 97 low and no-income families representing more than 237 children. The toys were provided by the United States Marine Corp Toys for Tots warehouse. The families that received the toys were comprised of either unemployed females/males head of household, parents of children with special needs, grandparents raising grandchildren, or parents with disabilities.

Arms Wide Open CDC continues to serve as a certified Organizational Representative Payee for the Social Security Administration. The Representative Payment Program provides assistance to the most vulnerable members of society-the young, the elderly, and the disabled who are unable to manage their Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. As an Organizational Representative Payee, Arms Wide Open CDC receives and manages the beneficiary's payments, and uses them for the care and benefit of the beneficiary.

Arms Wide Open CDC continues to provide pencils, crayons, notebooks, calculators, glue sticks, and more to children from low and no-income families. The AWO Back-To-School Program has provided back to school supplies to area students for the past 9 years. The supplies are purchased from United Way GIK warehouse. Each year, over 97 students received supplies. The AWO Back-To-School Program is sponsored in August.

In October of 2017, Arms Wide Open CDC contributed over (303) walkers, crutches and canes to USA TOGO Care. These walkers, crutches and canes were shipped to the country of TOGO, which is a small country in Africa, for the purpose of assisting disabled people who live in the rural areas.

Arms Wide Open CDC continues to host volunteers from ReEmployAbility (Transition 2 Work Program). This program provides volunteers who are transitioning back to work. The program is designed to help employees to recuperating from a work-related injury. Each volunteer works 40 hours per week, and is compensated by his/her employer.

According to the Transition2Work Program, remaining active and resuming a productive routine has been shown to help an injured person to return to his/her regular duties sooner. Arms Wide Open also utilizes volunteers that have been Court-ordered to perform community service. In the course of a year, Arms Wide Open logged over 4,900 volunteer hours. The current Independent Sector is \$22.14 per hour (2017). By recycling durable medical equipment and utilizing volunteers, Arms Wide Open CDC continues to help those who need help the most.

In 2017, **Arms Wide Open CDC** received funding from the following Foundations: 1) The Imlay Foundation, 2) The Chatlos Foundation, 3) EZ Agape Foundation, 4) The John and Mary Franklin Foundation, & 5) The Henry W. Bull Foundation. Four primary in-kind contributors of DME are Our Lady of Perpetual Help, King's Bridge Retirement Community, Peachtree Christian Hospice, and HCR Manor Terrace.

In-kind or monetary contributions were received from the following Individuals, Agencies & Businesses: 1) United Way, 2) FODAC, 3) Coventry Place, 4) Lenbrook, 5) Heartland Hospice, 6) Advanced Medical Services, 7) Crossroads Hospice, 8) My Transportation, 9) Georgia Gives, 10) Affordable Medical Resources, 11) Express Employment, 12) Goodwill, 13) Snapfinger Oaks, 14) Southwest Christian Hospice, 15) Scared Journey Hospice, 16) Peachtree Christian Hospice, 17) Rhema, 18) Georgia Crown Distribution, 19) Sharon Brown, 20) Kenneth L. Morris, 21) Ilene Farley, 22) Jeanette Alexander, 23) AS Turner & Sons, 24) Morris Carter, 25) Norcom, Inc, 26) Gaizelle Owens, 27) Automation Services, 28) CPC Logistics, 29) Dynamics Allison, 30) Advanced Disposal Services, 31) Cassandra Smith, 32) Sarah Bova, 33) American Mobile Petroleum, 34) Gwen Bonair, 35) Kroger's, 36) Hire Dynamics, 37) Crossroads Hospice, 38) Embracing Hospice, 39) Westminster Commons, 40) Oak Mountain Village, 41) Portsbridge Hospice, 42) Austell Healthcare, 43) Harbor Grace Hospice, 44) Blue Ridge Nursing Home, 45) United Hospice, 46) Governor's Glen, 47) Presbyterian Village, 48) Judicial Correction Services, 49) ReEmployAbility, 50) Georgia Center for Nonprofits, 51) Jonatech Computer Services, 52) Sentinel Offender Services, LLC, 53) Southwest Christian Hospice, 54) TechSoup, 55) Go Daddy, 56) FODAC & 57) Transfirst.

Gumball/Vending Machine Placements: 1) Knights Inn, 2) The Connoisseur, 3) Amal USA, 4) Dresden Auto Repair, 5) Hot Spice, 6) Super 8, 7) Savage Pizza, 8) One Stop Car Care, 9) Elite Auto Detail Spa, 10) Mobley Tire & Auto, 11) Budgetel Inn, 12) Slice of Brookhaven, 13) Da Vido's, 14) Southern Buffet & Grill, 15) Efficiency Lodge, 16) Class Motors, 17) The Spotted Trout, 18) Stublegold Hospitality, 19) Bennett's Market & Deli, 20) Atlanta Airport Hotel, 21) Jameson Inn & Suites & 22) Auto Deals, 23) AJ Seafood & 24) Tommy's Auto.

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A new report from independent living consultant Univita Health Foundation finds that the national average annual cost for care in a private room at a Medicare certified nursing home is slightly more than \$90,000.00. The national average cost for a home health aide was \$20.00 hourly/\$37,440 annually, according to the 2013 MetLife Market Survey of Nursing Home, Assisted Living, Adult Day Services and Home Care costs. Needless to say, it is much cheaper to maintain a person with a disability at home where he/she belongs.