

MISSION

“Strengthening
Communities by Building
Strong Families”

YOUTH SHELTER

*Short-term residential care
for youth in crisis*

Interface Youth Program

Truancy Services

Safe Place

COUNSELING

*Services for troubled youth and
their families*

Family Action

PREVENTION

*Educating the community,
focusing on substance abuse,
and reducing juvenile crime with
a focus on high-risk youth*

Drug Free Community
Coalition Partners

Independent Living

Evidenced-Based School
Prevention Programs

Reichert House

SNAP for Boys
SNAP for Girls

Spotlight on Youth

December 1, 2016

Dear Friend of CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services,

We are pleased to announce we are working on plans to rebuild the Central Interface Youth Shelter in Gainesville. The cost to rebuild this shelter is estimated to be \$1.4 million and we are asking for your support in this endeavor. Sponsoring Spotlight on Youth 2017 is one way to help us bring in the state funds we need to start construction.

The Interface Shelter in Gainesville began as a single-family home in the early 1950's, and has been enlarged and updated several times. It has served many thousands of youth but its condition reflects its use, and a new facility is very much needed. CDS has an overall strategic goal of acquiring acreage on which to build the new shelter, which will serve as the first of what we envision as a campus inclusive of all our services. This will include the prevention services funded by Lutheran Services Florida, the Independent Living services funded by Partnership for Strong Families, Family Action Counseling services and SNAP® (Stop Now and Plan) funded by the Florida Network, as well as all CDS administrative functions.

On April 2, 2017 CDS will host its 18th annual Spotlight on Youth teen talent show. This is our way of recognizing those teens that have been pursuing the arts, instead of falling into dangerous and unproductive activities like drinking, substance abuse, and gang violence. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this professional production at Santa Fe College. Local teen talent is consistently amazing! We thank you for your support of the mission of CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services, Inc.:

“Strengthening Communities by Building Strong Families.”

Sincerely,



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