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Rehoboth's September Events Highlight the Importance of Supporting Justice-Involved Citizens and Families of Homicide Victims in West Georgia

AUSTELL. Rehoboth Family & Community Services has organized two purposeful community-based events in September 2022 – Rehoboth C.A.R.E.S. and its' 2nd Annual National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims & their Families. Both events will be held in Paulding County and focus on those who have been justice-involved as victims or offenders.

On Friday, Sept. 22, 2022, the two-part Rehoboth C.A.R.E.S. event will focus on the successful reintegration of the formerly incarcerated or those with a felony record back into the communities where they live and work, offering critical information. The Resource Fair will offer a patchwork of essentials for attendees to identify resources such as background-friendly employment, housing, and new laws regarding driver's license suspension, voting, and felony convictions. The second half of the C.A.R.E.S. event is all about family fun with a Community Festival outfitted with a DJ, bounce house, food trucks, and more! Held at the Historic Rosenwald School & Museum, Rehoboth C.A.R.E.S. is an event for the entire community to learn, offer support, and enjoy. C.A.R.E.S. is an acronym for Community, Agency, Resource, Education, and Services.

The 2nd Annual National Day of Remembrance for Homicide Victims & their Families will be held on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022, at the Paulding County Courthouse - Veterans Park Pavilion. This special time is set aside to share, reflect, help heal, and support one another as families and friends unite to honor those gone but never forgotten. With heartfelt community speakers, poetry, a balloon release, a memorial walk, and a tribute table, this event will provide an open space to remember loved ones lost to gun violence, domestic violence, vehicular homicide, etc.

Rehoboth's founder, Cynthia McGarity, is the mother of a son who was killed by homicide in Paulding County. She is committed to investing in social change and desires to see returning citizens become accountable, self-sufficient, and positive societal contributors. These remarkable events address intergenerational trauma with sensitivity and hope that embraces men and women of all backgrounds.

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ABOUT REHOBOTH FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Rehoboth serves families from all regions of Georgia; the demand for reentry services after incarceration has no borders. Since 2015, Rehoboth has been integral in supporting healthy families and building sustainable communities as marginalized men and women - of all races, genders, and ages – overcome reentry complexities. We remain committed to *Bridging Restorative Justice for Successful Community Reintegration!* Learn more at rehobothfamilyservices.org.