

HELPING PEOPLE MOVE FROM CRISIS  
TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY



Shelby  
Emergency  
Assistance

Annual Report 2016

# THE OPPORTUNITY

*to lead*

## From the Director

2016 was a year of many changes for SEA, beginning with the re-location of our office. Each change brought with it adjustments, new insights and lessons that will stay with us. When we moved from our office of over 20 years, we learned what a caring community we have from the many individuals and churches who offered help so that we could continue serving our clients. They offered their buildings; they connected us to resources; and they showed their support for this agency.

During the initial weeks of living out of boxes and being without computers and telephones, we were able to relate to the experiences of our clients when they have no place to call home. As the year continued, our clients found the new office and we found our new normal. We learned that although it can be frustrating, these struggles can help a group grow closer and more resilient.

By the end of the year, University Baptist Church had given us a house that will eventually become the new SEA office. We were grateful for the gift of a permanent office, with opportunities for providing new services, such as job training programs and nutrition classes for parents. It had been a long year, but things were now much brighter.

Looking back over the past year, we realize that our greatest accomplishment was that despite all the challenges, we never closed our doors and stopped serving clients. Our commitment to serving people in Shelby County and helping them become self-sufficient members of our community remained intact. We are proud of that and excited for what the future holds for SEA.

*Karen Pendleton*  
Executive Director

## Our Vision

To provide temporary emergency assistance to Shelby county residents who, due to a crisis, cannot meet their current basic needs. This is achieved by providing direct social services, utilizing and developing community resources referrals, training and educational services.



Board Member, Tim, with children at the Crawfish Fundraiser.

## BOARD MEMBERS

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# THE OPPORTUNITY

*to make an impact*

## SOCIAL SERVICES

SEA's social services are provided by licensed social workers who complete assessments, develop service plans, and provide assistance to stabilize the crisis situation. The social workers are knowledgeable of local resources and often collaborate with other agencies to better serve individuals and families in our community.



Children have fun picking out organic produce and learning ways to eat healthy.

### FOOD ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO

**1,156** INDIVIDUALS

Food donations are received from churches, businesses, schools, and individuals.

During summer months, produce is provided by the University of Montevallo Organic Garden, local Farmers Markets, and individuals.

## 1,772 INDIVIDUALS ASSISTED THROUGH OUR SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SERVICES INCLUDE: **850** Social Work Assessments



Case Manager, Kim Reynolds provides housing assistance for a client.

- Housing assistance provided for **184** individuals
- Power assistance for **546** individuals to prevent disconnection
- Water bill assistance to **173** individuals to prevent disconnection
- Gas heating bill assistance for **22** individuals

- Purchase of **188** prescriptions
- Financial assistance for **96** doctor and dentist visits



# THE OPPORTUNITY

*to learn*

## **EDUCATION SERVICES**

In 2016 there were **689** individuals who received services from the Education Department. One of the services provided is budget management. The client attends a budget session and information is given to help the individual meet expenses and become more self-sufficient.

### *Services include:*

- **218** Budgeting Assistance
- **99** Job and resume search services provided
- **10** Pharmaceutical Assistance Applications
- **9** Homes received Smoke Alarm installation



### *Other services include:*

- School supplies for **106** children
- Project Christmas assistance for **184** children



*Businesses, churches, and individuals donate school supplies and gift cards for children in the Shelby County Schools.*

*This student is ready to start back to school and excited about having a new backpack filled with school supplies.*



Tami Pickett with Keller-Williams making a food donation for the Holidays.



# THE OPPORTUNITY

*to grow*

## *S.T.E.P. SERVICES*

Shelby Teens for Effective Parenting, STEP, is available to pregnant or parenting teens (ages 12-19) who are residents of Shelby County. STEP meets on a weekly basis at Shelby County Schools and the classes are designed to directly impact the physical and emotional well being of teen parents. Lessons include prenatal and parenting topics. The goal is to promote healthy babies and moms, educate parenting teens to care for their children; support healthy lifestyle choices while encouraging school attendance and graduation.

In 2016:

- **45** teens participated in STEP
- **98%** of the teens maintained school enrollment
- Of **18** births to teens, all were healthy babies with birth weights (5 lbs, 8 oz+)



### HOW STEP MAKES A DIFFERENCE

*STEP has been here when I needed someone to talk to about family problems and fears of being pregnant."*

*Amber*

*"It has helped me with knowing what to do with my life and how to care for my child."*

*Hannah*

*"STEP was a place I could talk to someone and not feel judged. It taught me to not become another statistic, I'm better than that."*

*Dawn*



STEP Coordinator, Katie with STEP students.

# THE OPPORTUNITY

## *to shop, save, and give*

The SEA Thrift Store provides assistance to our clients who are in need of clothing, household items, furniture and appliances.

In 2016:

- SEA Thrift Store assisted **81** individuals with needed items.
- **7** families were assisted who were homeless or victims of house fires.
- **29** children received clothing assistance.
- Items provided to clients were valued at **\$1,859**.



# VOLUNTEERS

## *helping others*

Since its beginning, Shelby Emergency Assistance has depended on volunteers to provide a variety of services.



Lois has been a volunteer for the food pantry for more than 20 years.

In 2016:

- **79** Volunteers provided office/clerical services, assisted with the food pantry, worked in the thrift store, delivered supplies, and provided direct assistance to clients.
- Volunteers provided over **1,448** hours of service.



Holly Pless, Master Gardeners and UM students that are participating in the "Summer Harvest" course.

Students plant and care for the crops then donate the fresh vegetables to SEA for distribution to needy families in the Montevallo and greater Shelby County area.

*Special thanks to the following organizations for their on-going collaboration and support of SEA's services.*

*Alacare Home Health & Hospice*

*AmStar Cinema*

*Anglican Church of the Holy Comforter*

*Asbury United Methodist Church*

*Calera First United Methodist Church*

*Calera Middle School*

*Calera High School*

*Cahaba Timber*

*Central Alabama Community College*

*Centrala Garden Club*

*Christ the King Lutheran Church*

*City of Montevallo*

*Community of Hope*

*Crosscreek Baptist Church*

*Dr. and Mrs. Gary Howard*

*Ebenezer United Methodist Church*

*First Presbyterian Church of Alabaster*

*Helena First United Methodist Church*

*Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity*

*Lucky's Foodland, Montevallo*

*MHS Peace Makers Club*

*Main Street Tavern*

*Middle Alabama Area Agency on Aging*

*Montevallo Civitan Club*

*Montevallo Evening Garden Club*

*Montevallo First Baptist Church*

*Montevallo First United Methodist Church*

*Montevallo Main Street Players*

*Montevallo Middle School Leaders of Tomorrow*

*Montevallo Presbyterian Church*

*Montevallo Study Club*

*Oak Mountain Ministries*

*Piggly Wiggly, Montevallo*

*Regions Bank, Montevallo*

*Shelby Baptist Association*

*Shelby County Commission*

*Shelby County Community Health Foundation*

*Seaman Foundation*

*Shiloh Baptist Church*

*Smitherman's Pharmacy*

*Spring Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church*

*Southside Baptist Church*

*Specification Rubber*

*St. Andrews Episcopal Church*

*St. Thomas Catholic Church*

*Trustmark Bank*

*University Baptist Church*

*University of Montevallo*

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# ***SHELBY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE***

## **Clients Served**

Alabaster	255
Calera	304
Chelsea	18
Columbiana	180
Harpersville	20
Helena	74
Leeds	10
Maylene	68
Montevallo	797
North Shelby	96
Pelham	87
Shelby	36
Sterrett	20
Vandiver	4
Vincent	42
Wilsonville	41
Wilton	19
Out of County	17

**Total**                      **2,088**

## **Funding Sources for 2016**

United Way of Central Alabama	\$221,460
Contributions	\$175,010
Federal Grants and Contracts	\$169,924
Thrift Store Sales	\$ 39,669
City and County Funding	\$ 24,000
Fundraising	\$ 8,260
Other	\$ <u>532</u>
Total	\$638,855

## **Expenditures**

Program Services	\$ 470,510
Management & General	\$ <u>38,727</u>
Total	\$ 509,237

### **Shelby Emergency Assistance**

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