



# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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**SOAR RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE**

**SUPPORT.  
OPPORTUNITY.  
ADVOCACY.  
RESILIENCE.**



We shouldn't  
lose sight of  
people's  
rehabilitative  
and human **potential**

Let's disrupt the cycles of incarceration and poverty by helping  
people find their way to self-sufficiency.



## OUR MISSION

To promote public safety, reduce recidivism and help people achieve human potential after incarceration.

## HISTORY

Founded in 2012, the Coalition serves the needs of formerly incarcerated people with an evidence-based model, while engaging the broader community for a collaborative approach help.

## ACTIVITIES



FIRST DAY OUT  
HELP



CLOTHING, SHOES,  
SOCKS, UNDERWEAR



HYGIENE KITS



R.I.S.E.  
Reentry Initiative Supporting  
Entrepreneurship



MENTORS  
Each Other's Keeper



HOUSING SUPPORT  
Preventing Homelessness

**DIRECT LINKAGES TO COMMUNITY PROVIDERS:** EMPLOYMENT, PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTION CARE, FAITH, ETC.



# PROBLEM AND STATEMENT OF NEED: THE SOAR INITIATIVE

- In Georgia 1 in every 13 adults are under correctional supervision. Georgia is in the top 10 states with the highest prison populations and has one of the highest rates of supervision.
- After release from prison, many formerly incarcerated individuals encounter enormous challenges to successfully reintegrate into communities and families. They face problems in securing stable housing, livable wage employment, and accessing resources and information. Because they lack occupational skills, have little or no job-hunting experience, and find that many employers refuse to hire individuals with criminal records some often fall back into a life of crime – resulting in a recidivism rate of more than 50%.
- Out of a growing concern, the Liberty County Re-Entry Coalition was founded and incorporated in 2012 to serve returning citizens. The SOAR Re-Entry Center was opened in September 2016 as the hub and has served an average of 125 returning citizens annually.
- Re-Entry priorities are housing, employment and aftercare. By addressing and providing resources in key areas, those who return and dedicate themselves can achieve successful reentry-- a new lifestyle free of crime, stably supported with aftercare and skills development.
- In 2016, the work of the Liberty County Re-Entry Coalition was recognized by the Governor's Office of Transition, Support and Re-Entry resulting in Liberty County being selected as one of Georgia's 17 Prison Re-Entry Pilot Sites.
- Selection as one of Georgia's 17 Prison Re-Entry Pilot Sites positioned the Coalition to leverage community and correction resources. Information is shared across agency boundaries and in collaboration with the Department of Community Supervision (a merger of parole and probation departments and GOTSR), law enforcement and other agencies, and community resources, we can assess a person's needs during and after incarceration. The Liberty County Re-Entry Coalition leads an effective coordinated movement that has resulted in more than 516 people served through participation in the SOAR Re-Entry Initiative.



# THE SOAR INITIATIVE RE-ENTRY MODEL

## Pre-Release

- Release Planning In Collaboration with Prison Staff & DCS
- Re-Entry Mentor Linkage
- Support of GED Programs
- Outreach to Community Resources



## Post Release

- Re-Entry Services Intake, Assessment, Direct Linkages
- First Day Out Help
- Each Other's Keeper Mentoring
- Housing Support, Search and Placement
- Substance Abuse Recovery/Aftercare
- Healthy Work Habits: Employment Prep, Referral, Follow-up
- Support and Wrap-around Services
- Direct Linkages to Medical/Mental Healthcare
- Life Empowerment Seminars and Workshops
- Case Management/Collaboration w/Community Supervision using NGA (risk assessment tool)
- Outreach to Community Resources
- Faith-based Support
- Re-Entry Initiative Supporting Entrepreneurship (R.I.S.E.)
- From Dream to Reality Seminars
- Vital Records Recovery Assistance (Identification)
- FDIC Financial Education Curriculum





# 2019 REVIEW

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- ✓ Service Delivery
- ✓ Highlights
- ✓ Outcomes
- ✓ Revenue Breakdown
- ✓ Donated Materials Breakdown
- ✓ Expenditure Breakdown
- ✓ Key Community Collaborations
- ✓ 2021 Goals





# SERVICE DELIVERY

## THE SOAR INITIATIVE

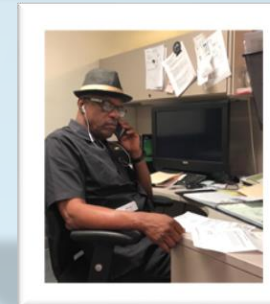
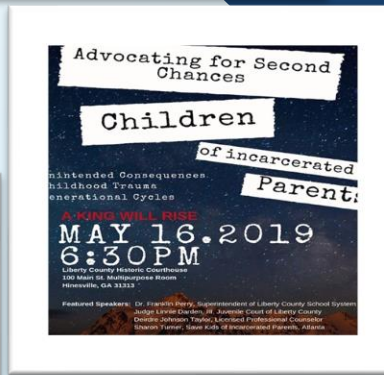
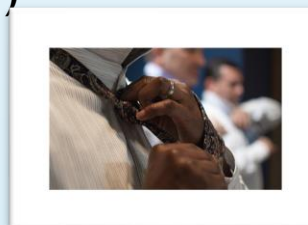
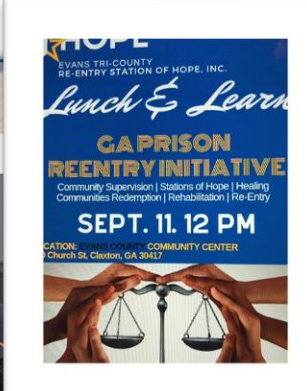
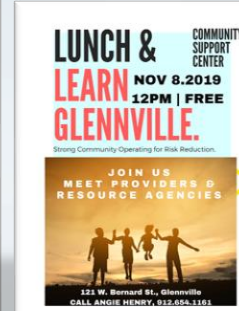
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- ✓ **Outreach, Intake, Assessment:** A wide range of formerly incarcerated persons are eligible to receive reentry services, including adult probationers and parolees, community corrections residents, and persons in the county jail.
  - ✓ **Pre-Release:** Collaboration with the prison facility, Community Coordinator and the Department of Community Supervision Hinesville, District 1, Atlantic Judicial Circuit supports release planning and implementation.
  - ✓ **Case Management:** Reentry Needs, Risk Assessment, Direct Services, Linkages, Ongoing Support and Advocacy.
- ✓ **First Day Out Help:** Food, clothing, shelter/housing support, Vital Records Recovery Assistance, transportation and other needs.
  - ✓ **Mentoring:** Small-group, peer-based approach to navigate the barriers to reentry.
  - ✓ **Workshops/Empowerment:** Resiliency, Financial Literacy, Anger Management, R.I.S.E. (Re-entry Initiative Supporting Entrepreneurship), From Dream 2 Reality.



# HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Annual Meeting (January)
- ✓ R.I.S.E. (Monthly Entrepreneur)
- ✓ Each Other's Keeper (Monthly Mentors)
- ✓ Outreach to Atlantic Circuit Counties (Monthly)
- ✓ Second Chance Month (April)
- ✓ Prayer & Faith Call Breakfast (April, October)
- ✓ 4<sup>th</sup> Swing for Re-Entry Charity Golf Tournament (April)
- ✓ Advocating for Children of Incarcerated Parents (May)
- ✓ Mini Job Fair (June)
- ✓ Open House & Sho'nuff BBQ Fundraiser (September)
- ✓ Giving Tuesday Challenge (November)
- ✓ Christmas Social (December)





# OUTCOMES



## 2019 OUTCOMES

122

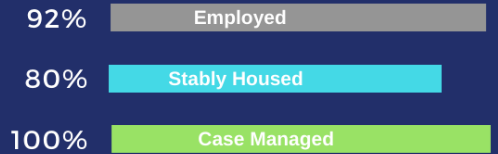
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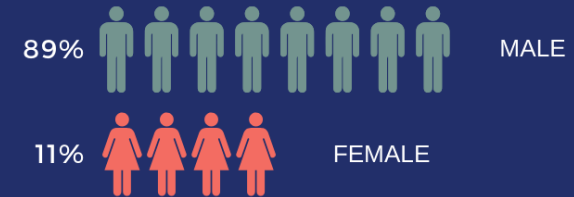
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RECIDIVISM RATE: < 10%

### BIG PICTURE

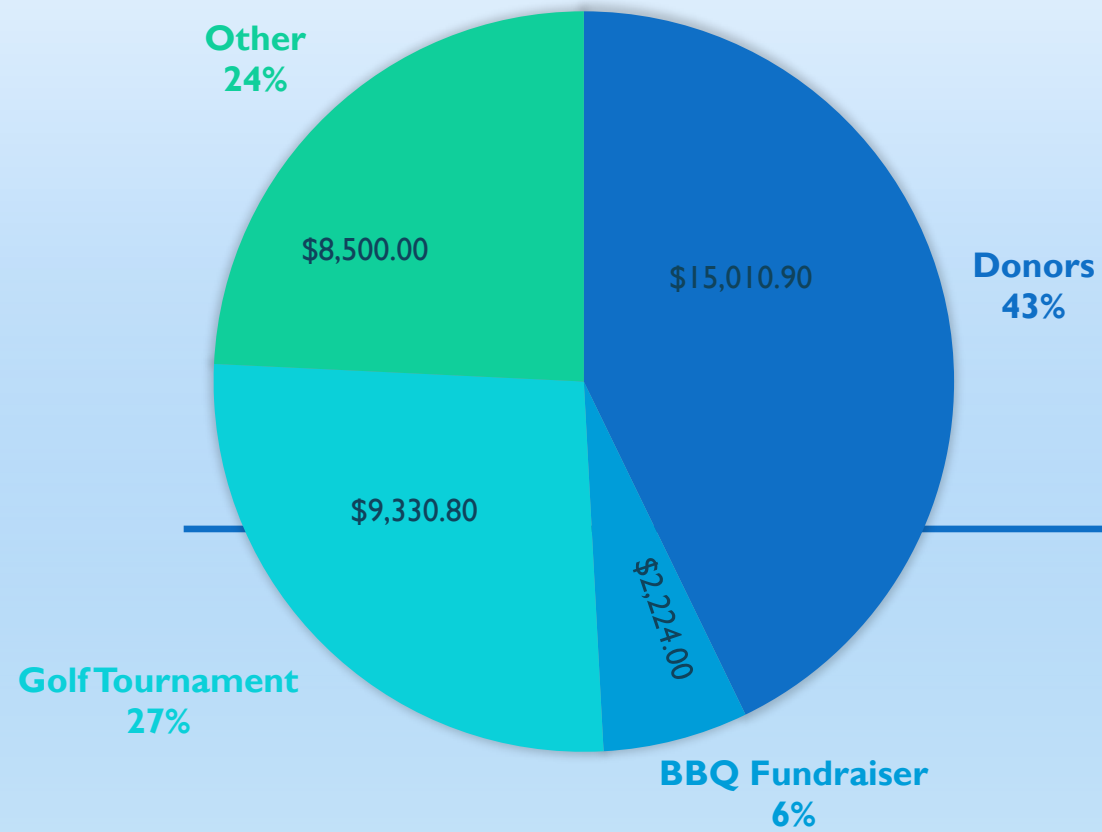


### DEMOGRAPHICS





# REVENUE BREAKDOWN



**\$35,065**



# ESTIMATED VALUE OF DONATED MATERIALS BREAKDOWN



**\$15,780.00**

*\*Monetized estimate of value*

**FOOD & BEVERAGES**

**\$1,300**

**VOLUNTEERS (208 HRS)**

**\$2,080**

**PERSONAL CARE /HYGIENE ITEMS**

**\$1,900**

**CLOTHES/SHOES/JACKETS/SUITS**

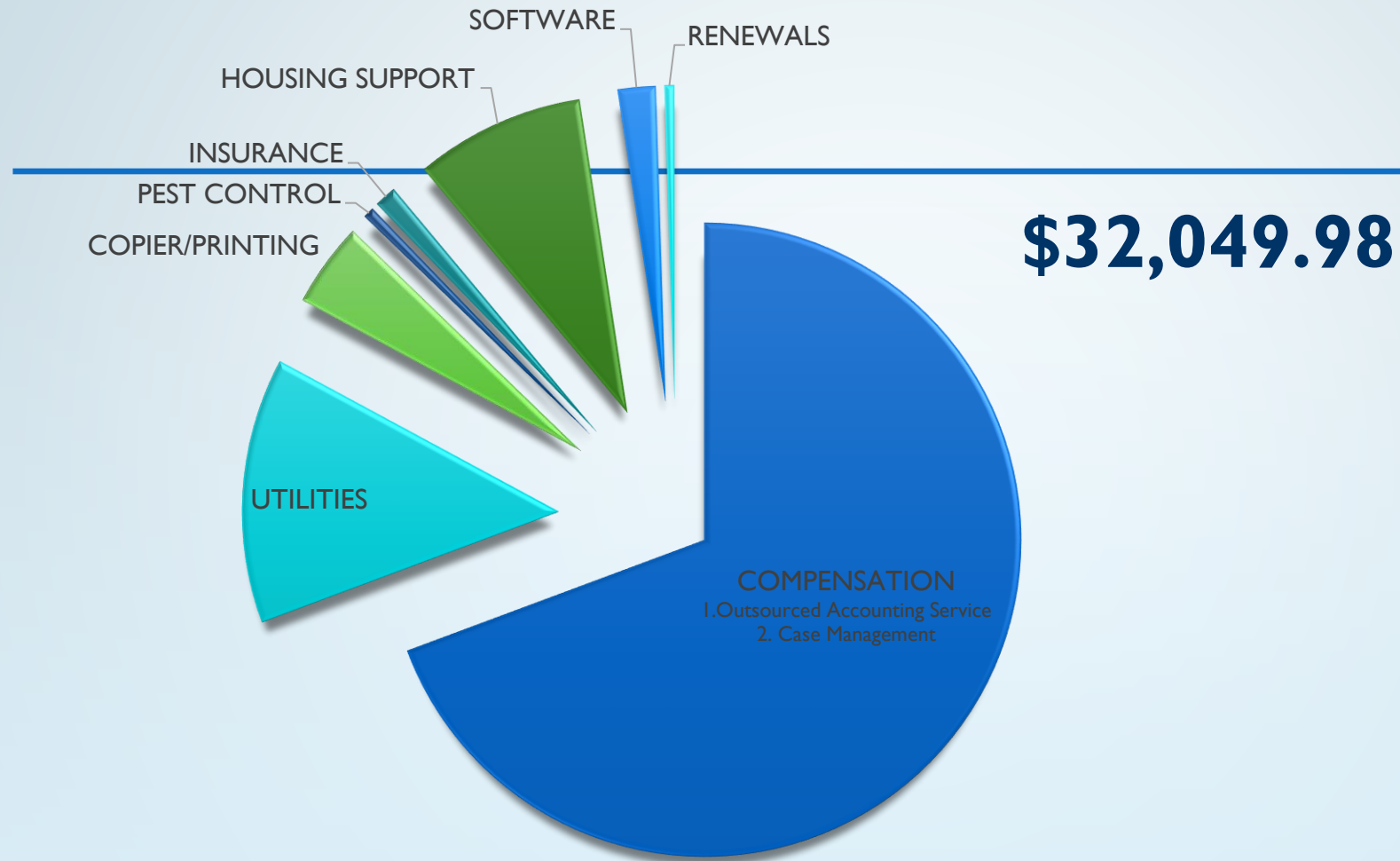
**\$2,500**

**BOC FACILITY SUPPORT**

**\$8,000**



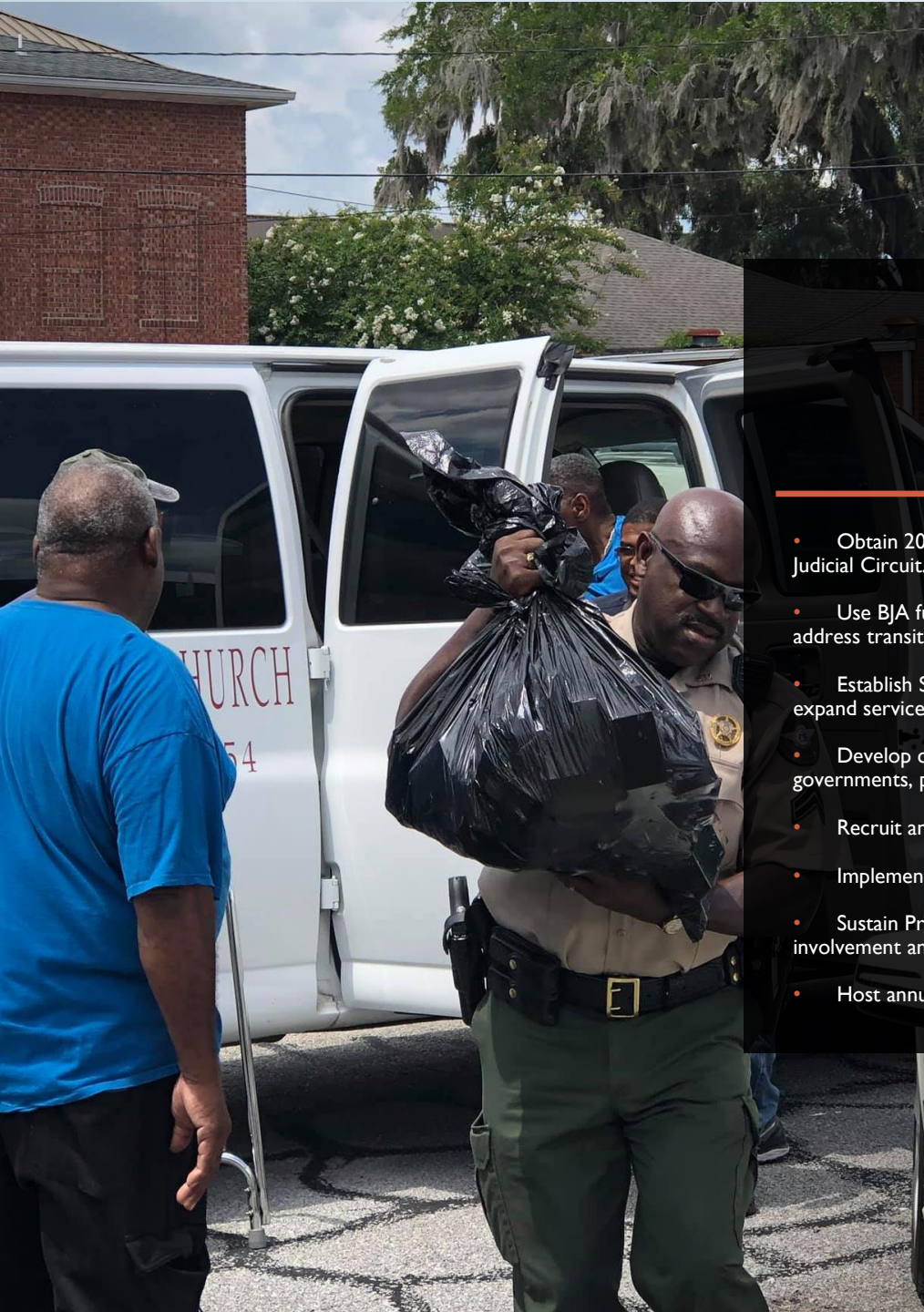
# EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN





# Key ✓ Collaborations

- Long State Prison
- Department of Community Supervision
- Liberty County Sheriff
- Mayor, Evans County
- City of Hinesville
- Liberty County Board of Commission
- Gateway Behavioral Health Center
- Diversity Health Center (FQHC)
- Evans Tri-County Re-Entry Station of Hope
- Zion Baptist Association of Churches
- Safe Haven Life Center (Transitional Housing)
- Kirk Healing Center (Transitional Housing)
- Community Support Center, Glennville
- Premier Counseling Center



## 2020 GOALS

- Obtain 2020 BJA Funding to expand re-entry program to service the Atlantic Judicial Circuit.
- Use BJA funding to hire a case manager, called Navigator, to help clients address transitional problems for 1 year after they have secured employment.
- Establish SOAR Re-Entry Satellite Hubs (McIntosh & Evans Counties) to expand service area in the Atlantic Judicial Circuit.
- Develop creative fundraising approaches to raise money from State governments, private corporations, and foundations.
- Recruit and train more Mentors.
- Implement 100% Board Giving.
- Sustain Prayer & Faith Call Initiatives with Clergy Community to increase involvement and support of Re-Entry Services.
- Host annual Georgia Justice Project Record Restriction (Expungement) Event





SOAR



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- Daisy Jones, Director [Community Coordinator, DCS Re-Entry Services Division, GA]



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