

2021 IMPACT REPORT



Wellroot
Family Services



This is Home Gala – Celebrating 150 Years

For 150 years, Wellroot Family Services has been leading the effort to transform the lives of hurting children and families in Georgia. Through our four programs, Wellroot cares for and encourages the growth and healing of children, young adults, and families in and affected by the foster care system of Georgia.

On Thursday, September 30, 2021, Wellroot celebrated that 150-year long legacy at our This is Home Gala. This is Home was a commemoration of all that home is to each of us – a reflection on the physical home that was the campus of The United Methodist Children’s Home, the thousands of foster homes that have been provided to children in need across Georgia, and most importantly, a celebration of the truest meaning of **home – the feeling of belonging and being loved**. Thank you for making it possible!!

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2021 Impacts

150 Years of service to children,
youth, and families

198 Children, Youth,
and Young Adults

served through Wellroot foster
families and case workers

3 New Strategic Family
Preservation Programs

launched across Georgia, already
serving 55 new families

\$199K

in scholarships awarded
to 56 individuals

100%

teen and young adult
job stability

30

youth supported
through Transitional &
Independent Living

34

children were adopted
from foster care into their
forever family

26

children were successfully
reunited with immediate or
extended family



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This past September, we celebrated the 150th Anniversary of Wellroot's work and services at our *This Is Home* gala. During the event, we highlighted how you and other faithful supporters have been with us to ensure every child is raised in a loving, compassionate, and nurturing home. That evening we were in awe of a courageous young man, Ray, whose life was changed because of you. As he shared his story, there was not a dry eye in the room.

Unlike many of the children and youth you support, Ray came to us a young adult. As a child he had been removed from his birth family and placed in foster care. During his teen years, he was involved with the wrong crowd and had run ins with the juvenile justice system. Then one night, a life altering, and traumatic act of violence left him paralyzed from the waist down.

At 18, he was aged out of the foster care system and on his own. Ray desperately searched for a program that could help him and accommodate his special needs. After being denied support again and again Ray was ready to give up. Then he found Wellroot. Your gifts provided stable housing and the support he needed. Ray was then able to attend college to achieve his degree in banking.

Today he is working in the banking industry and is a mentor to other children in Wellroot's care. His amazing story of overcoming extreme challenges really resonates with our kids - it gives them hope for a better future. Thank you for making Ray's new life possible.



This past year was a year of remarkable growth and celebration for Wellroot Family Services. Thank you for making it possible. We celebrated 150 years of serving children and families through the faithful support of you and many other caring donors. Your gifts continue to serve our children and families through our foster care programs, supporting teens aging out of the system through Independent and Transitional Living Programs, and meeting the needs of families on the brink of homelessness through our family housing program.

Your support also provided birth families with three new programs - These programs include supporting young first-time moms with building a positive attachment and relationship with their baby, coaching parents whose kids are struggling with behavioral issues, and an intensive in-home therapy program to help families in active crisis. You are giving these families the resources to have happy, stable, and loving homes where a child never has to be removed.

We also provided new ways for our supporters to engage with us! Thank you for those who were able to support our inaugural Founder's Day 5k race and our This is Home Gala. You helped make both events huge successes. With Covid restrictions relaxing, you also allowed our children and families to participate in Famfest - an incredible day of fun and making memories at Six Flags.

We are so grateful for your prayers and gifts. Together, we can make new lives possible for children and families in need of hope and love across Georgia for another 150 years.



Founder's Day 5K & Mustard Seed 1K

Individuals across Georgia raise over \$47,000 for children in foster care!

On May 1, 2021, 32 teams and 268 walkers/runners from across North Georgia celebrated Wellroot's 150th-anniversary of serving families & children in Georgia during our Founder's Day 5K & Mustard Seed 1K! In all, Wellroot supporters raised over \$47,000 for children and families. Bill and Carolyn Curry were the honorary chairs of this virtual event which helped raise funds and awareness of Wellroot's mission and foster care in Georgia.



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