



## **THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR HISTORICAL OVERVIEW**

### **1974**

Two Human Resources Center counselor's request the use of "the house next door" to the First Presbyterian Church of DeLand for a weekly teenage support group. Rev. Richard Hills grants them permission and makes a decision to study further use of the House.

### **1975**

First Presbyterian Church invests \$26,000 to refurbish the building and provide space for what becomes known as The House Next Door.

### **1976**

The House Next Door is incorporated and begins to operate with a \$4,000 grant from the Volusia County Mental Health Board, volunteers and Prevention initiative. Ann Rogers is employed as the first Executive Director.

### **1977**

Additional mental health dollars from the District IV Mental Health Board provides funding for new adolescent programming.

### **1978**

Volusia County Drug Council awards The House Next Door drug abuse prevention dollars to implement the Alpha program.

### **1980**

A grant from the State of Florida's Children, Youth and Families Program Office provides prevention funds to develop and initiate curriculum "Skills for Living" for adolescents at local schools.

The House Next Door conducts drug and alcohol survey with a prevention component sampling grades 7 through 12 of Volusia County Schools. Results of the survey prompt the Board of Directors to focus programs on family.



## **1981**

Arrangements with our local newspaper, The Beacon, established a weekly column, "Family Matters."

## **1982**

The House Next Door provides training to Volusia County School personnel in a school team approach to students with drug and alcohol problems.

The House Next Door collaborates in a multi-agency formation of the Beta program for student drug and alcohol problems.

The House Next Door's mental health dollars are converted to drug abuse prevention dollars by the State of Florida's Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health (ADMH) Program office.

The House Next Door conducts its first annual community wide fund drive.

## **1983**

The House Next Door receives its first direct Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services funding of drug abuse dollars.

Created and facilitated the advocacy organization, Chemical People with the county and local task forces.

Additional drug abuse prevention dollars from the Human Resource Center fund the second Alpha Center for Volusia County.

The House Next Door expands and strengthens school based Parenting services countywide.

## **1984**

The first special event, a benefit auction, was held.

## **1985**

The agency enters into a partnership with the Stetson University Continuing Education to market Human Relations/Communication seminars to the business community.

Family Counseling services are expanded to address the waiting list for therapy services.

A Marriage Enrichment couples group is established.

The House Next Door reallocates resources to expand Alpha to an additional half time position with the Volusia County School Board contract.



## **1987**

The agency relocates from the original “House” to a new Home at 121 West Pennsylvania Avenue, the church’s parsonage vacated by the retiring Reverend Hugh Ash.

Our first Federal grant with the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention provides the funding for the “Prime Time” program, an in-home service to families.

A grant from the State Department of Education Prevention Center provides the funding for Alpha follow-up services to Alpha graduates.

## **1988**

The Volusia County School Board contracts for parent drug education and awareness.

The Chatlos Foundation funds services to pilot a Children Experiencing Loss support group.

The House Next Door creates the Intensive Parenting program which provides intervention services for parents.

## **1989**

The Clinical Director position is created to provide supervision for the Counseling Department.

## **1990**

New funding from the Volusia County Substance Abuse Policy Advisory Board for the Prime Time program allows the agency to continue the program.

The Nancy Reagan Foundation awards funding to enhance the Prime Time Program.

## **1991**

A joint venture of The House Next Door and I-Care entitled Deltona House opens to provide services for Southwest Volusia.

The Alpha/Beta program expands to Campbell Middle School in Daytona Beach.



## **1992**

Evaluation measures and quality improvement program are implemented to enhance program delivery, program outcomes and cultural sensitivity.

March of Dimes provided funding for parent support services at the DeLand Health Department.

A partnership with the Children's Crisis Center initiates MOM and BABY series.

The DeLand Breakfast Rotary (DBR) creates a new fundraiser called "The Wild Game Feast" and designates The House Next Door as the beneficiary of the event. The event is held at the Volusia County Fairgrounds and serves a large variety of wild game to the large crowd that attends. DBR donates \$12,000 to the agency.

## **1993**

A modified Alpha program in Flagler County begins operations.

A Gualala Foundation \$50,000 grant funds the creation of the Advanced Training Institute for Marriage and Family Therapy in collaboration with Stetson University's Marriage and Family graduate program. Six interns are enrolled in the first class.

## **1994**

The administrative offices are moved to a downtown location.

A two year grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funds a new initiative focusing on health care for families and Hispanic residents.

Identifying family violence as a growing concern, the Volusia County Substance Abuse Policy Advisory Board awards a four year grant to subsidize the Family Connections program.

A multi-agency project that includes Volusia County Schools, Florida Health and Rehabilitative Services and Volusia/Flagler Private Industry Council as funders, gives The House Next Door an opportunity to provide a family counseling component to Cooperative Alternative for Success (CAPS) program.



### **1995**

The closing of the Beta program in Volusia County allows for two additional sites in Flagler County, one Alpha and one Beta program.

A partnership effort with the Child Care Resource Network places CCRN staff at the Family Resource Center to provide joint services for West Volusia families and is financially supported by a seed grant from Stetson University's "People Helping People".

The House Next Door enters into a partnership with the West Volusia Police Athletic League and they establish an afterschool program for elementary children in Spring Hill.

### **1996**

An Orlando Sentinel grant award provides resources for refurbishing and outfitting the Deltona House into a therapy site for The House Next Door.

The Peace Project is transferred to The House Next Door by Volusia County in a Juvenile Justice Partnership grant with Deltona schools and the Sheriffs Youth Ranch.

Stewart Marchman Center contracts with The House Next Door for family support and counseling services for their west-side aftercare program to reunite youth returning from delinquency commitment facility with their family and help sustain improved behaviors.

Family Preservation and Support mini-grant brings about neighborhood garden project at the Family Resource Center.

The agency implements the Families Empowering Families program which gives families in crisis support and counseling to stabilize family conflict and coaches families to become mentors for other families entering the program.

The DeLand Breakfast Rotary holds its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Wild Game Feast and contributes to the agency for the fifth consecutive year.



## **1997**

Both Act Corporation and The House Next Door co-author Making A Difference proposal to Juvenile Justice and the award implements family in-home anger management intervention services and classes in Fighting Fair methods for families in Southwest Volusia county with elementary and middle school age children.

Staff from the Family Resource Center leads group grant application for Communities in Action Coalition for Title V Neighborhood Youth and Parent Initiatives.

The House Next Door is asked to be the lead agency in Deltona's Friendship school community to build grass roots parent and youth involvement.

The Workforce Development Board contracts with The House Next Door to provide the Families Empowering Families program to foster family successful transition from welfare to work.

## **1998**

A partnership with Easter Seals and the Child Care Resource Network designs the award winning Step-by-Step program for parents, infants and toddlers.

The West Volusia Hospital Authority provides funding for the Healing Hands initiative to support Hispanic families to successfully access health care and reduce emergency room usage.

## **1999**

The agency is awarded a federal grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention to implement the Family Strengthening Initiative.

Florida Department of Children and Families Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health office provides funding to The House Next Door to provide Functional Family Therapy to troubled teens and their families. The therapy model is recognized by Federal Office of Juvenile Delinquency Prevention as a blueprint program. The Florida Methodist Children's Home provides in-kind counseling space to the program.

A focused volunteer program at The House Next Door initiated with the hiring of a Volunteer and Fund Development Coordinator.

Responding to DeLand High School's request for services, the United Way's Venture grant funds a weekly therapy group on campus focusing on The Three Rs- relationships, responsibilities and respect.



Bob Cook, founder of the Holiday House restaurant chain, donates his building at 804 North Woodland Boulevard to the agency. Cook, a long time benefactor of the agency, used the two story home as Holiday House headquarters. The HND plans to utilize it to house their administrative offices.

## **2000**

The George and Mary Hood annual award is established to present to the most deserving intern of each year to honor the Gualala Foundation's commitment to The House Next Door's Advanced Training Institute.

The Alpha program is modified, at the request of Volusia Schools, to replace the Alpha Center concept (hub schools) by placing individual Prevention Specialists in select elementary schools. The school system selects five schools to receive the services for two years each.

Ann Rogers Fox Grell semi-retires to return to work directly with families.

The House Next Door hires its second Executive Director, Senta Goudy.

The Suicide Prevention Coalition wins a federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grant allowing The House Next Door to add two additional family therapists to its staff.

## **2001**

The House Next Door celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Founder's Luncheon honoring all its past Presidents and Board of Directors members. The building at 804 North Woodland Boulevard is dedicated in honor of Bob Cook and Reverend Hugh Ash. Ann Grell is honored for her 25 years at the helm of the organization that grew from a church committee to an agency serving 3,500 Volusia and Flagler county families a year.

Agency staff celebrates with a family picnic on the grounds of 804 with a concert, Sound Celebration, provided by the Stetson University's School of Music.

Orlando Sentinel provides funding to continue and expand the 3R's program into West Volusia middle and high schools.

The Port Orange Counseling Center is established through a partnership with Grace Episcopal Church. The small house on Ridgewood Avenue is refurbished with help from the Junior League and Pilot Club. It gets a new coat of paint thanks to SunTrust Bank employees.

The House Next Door begins using CMHC software to track its units of service. CMHC is used by Act and Stewart-Marchman Center for data tracking and financial management. HND contracts with SMC to assist in the conversion of all its systems, estimated to take more than a year.



The House Next Door launches its first web site.

The Heaster Family Foundation donates \$50,000 to support the agency's work with families who receive counseling regardless of their ability to pay.

The West Volusia Hospital Authority begins funding for two therapists and services of a psychiatrist to assist with indigent mental health care. The House Next Door contracts with a doctor to meet weekly with clients who need evaluation and medications.

The DeLand Breakfast Rotary puts on its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Wild Game Feast and contributes to the agency for the tenth consecutive year.

## **2002**

The House Next Door begins working at Pierson Taylor Middle School utilizing an evidenced based program called Success by Design. Funds are provided through a grant from the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The agency implements the financial management component of the CMHC system. CORS and Serenity House also convert to CMHC.

The House Next Door begins an intensive self-study in preparation for accreditation by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Families, a national accrediting organization founded by the Child Welfare League of America.

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice funds the Deltona Youth Prevention Project, a joint venture between HND and SMC, for two years. It includes two science based, model programs – Functional Family Therapy and Cannabis Youth Treatment. It also includes universal drug/alcohol prevention work with Deltona teens.

A contract with the Council on Aging allows the HND to begin serving senior family caregivers in Volusia and Flagler counties. Individual and group therapy begins in both counties for senior citizens who are caring for their grandchildren or sick loved ones.

Project Safe, a Deltona youth initiative, begins using "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs" as its program model. Designed by the Future Fishermen of America Foundation, it is supported by the Florida Fish and Game Commission. HND's November fishing tournament is filmed for broadcast by the Foundation on its national fishing show.

Community Based Care of Volusia Flagler begins contracting with The House Next Door for contracts that, prior to the change, were between HND and the Department of Children and Families. It is part of a statewide movement to privatize the child welfare system. The House Next Door has been receiving these dollars for many years from DCF.





## **2003**

July 1, 2003 The House Next Door becomes nationally accredited. The four-year accreditation is from the Council on Accreditation, an independent organization founded by the Child Welfare League of America to promote quality among child serving agencies.

The Advanced Institute for Marriage and Family Therapy expands to include interns from the University of Central Florida, Rollins College, University of South Florida and other schools assist staff at each of the three counseling centers and in programs throughout the agency. Psychology, mental health and social work students bring a wider scope to The House Next Door.

Dr. Bruce Henry is named the agency's first Medical Director. He is under contract to strengthen care and meet the requirements needed for the agency to become a Medicaid provider.

The House Next Door Family Foundation is formally incorporated. An interlocking Board of Directors is established with Tom Robertson, The House Next Door Treasurer, as its first official president. Ann Rogers Fox Grell served as President prior to its formal incorporation.

Promoting Safe and Stable Families, a state child abuse prevention program, is shifted to Community Based Care. The House Next Door negotiates to bring this program in-house and is successful in receiving the contract from CBC, solidifying the agency's role in the prevention of substance abuse, child abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency and school dropout.

## **2004**

The House Next Door is accepted as a Medicaid provider. Staff begins work to produce the documentation necessary to receive a provider number to allow billing for outpatient counseling.

The area is hit by four hurricanes in six weeks. The United Way provides emergency funding to establish anger/grief counseling groups in Volusia and Flagler Counties in response to the storms. The House Next Door suffers some roof damage at its 804 office and the roof of the DeLand Family Center (formerly the Family Resource Center) is blown away. The DeLand Housing Authority schedules its replacement.

The Flagler County School Board contracts with The House Next Door to provide mental health services to students in elementary and middle school.

The Governor's Office of Drug Control funds Teen Screen at Flagler Palm Coast High School. It is a model program developed by Columbia University. All ninth graders will be assessed for wellness and referred into the most appropriate service.



Success by Design funding ends and The House Next Door must revise it and compete statewide for new funding. The program is ranked second in the state and is refunded for five years.

The House Next Door and Promoting Safe and Stable Families create the Family Coach project. It encompasses its work with all relative caregivers, providing them support and access to services within all child serving agencies in Volusia and Flagler counties. It is funded by Community Based Care.

The agency enters into a partnership with Florida Hospital DeLand to create the “Adopt a Family” program where 18 of our client families are “adopted” by hospital departments who provide Christmas presents for their children.

Senta Goudy leaves in December to become Director of Prevention for the Florida Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association. The Board of Directors begins its first official Executive Director search.

## **2005**

Steve Sally is hired by the board of Directors as the agency’s third Executive Director and begins his position on August 1<sup>st</sup>. He brings over 30 years of progressive child welfare experience working with children and families to the agency.

The House Next Door receives its Medicaid number from ACHA in September and receives its first reimbursement for services in December.

The agency establishes a new contract for services in Flagler County with Teen Court.

Our agency is well represented by our Executive Director and three staff members on the Community Agenda project whose mission is to establish the priorities for our communities in Volusia and Flagler Counties.

The agency is successful in our proposal to raise the “indigent” definition from 150% to 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines to the West Volusia Hospital Authority Board in order to serve more children and families.

## **2006**

The House Next Door is awarded a new contract, Kinship Care, by Community Based Care. This program provides case management services to children placed with relatives or non-relative caregivers.

We are awarded a new contract by the Department of Children and Families to provide computer access and assistance to sign up community members for Emergency Social Service benefits.



Due to lack of funding, we close our Port Orange Counseling Center which was on track to produce the majority of a \$100,000 plus deficit for our therapy department. We are able to open a part-time office at the Presbyterian Counseling Center in Daytona Beach Shores in order to be able to continue some counseling services on the east side of the county.

We begin Phase One of our facility upgrade program by replacing the roofs at 804 North Woodland Blvd. and 121 West Pennsylvania Avenue.

The DeLand Breakfast Rotary holds its 15<sup>th</sup> annual Wild Game Feast and contributes \$20,000 to the agency to help pay for services.

The Ann Rogers Fox Grell “Above and Beyond” Employee of the Year award is established and the first recipient is Administrative Assistant, Betty Gross. We also establish an Employee of the Month program.

## **2007**

In January, a strategic planning session is held under the direction of our consultant, John Tranter, with our Board of Directors and the agency’s Senior Management Team and develops a one year agency strategic plan.

The agency, as a major component of the public relations and marketing plan developed as a component of the strategic plan, creates a new agency mission statement, agency logo, agency tag line and agency colors.

The HND establishes contracts with the Healthy Start Coalition and the Pierson Health clinic for counseling services.

In May, we are visited by the Council on Accreditation for our reaccreditation (four year cycle) and are found to be in compliance in all areas of both our Administration and Services standards.

The HND receives an emergency grant to provide counseling to victims of a devastating tornado that strikes West Volusia.

The agency enters into a contract with First Coast Management Services for our fiscal oversight. We also make a decision to bring payroll in-house to reduce administrative costs.

In September, an Auxiliary of local women called the Krewe Nouveau is formed to support The House Next Door.

The Ann Rogers Fox Grell Employee of the Year award recipient is Director of Operations, Gail Hallmon.



## **2008**

Under the direction of our consultant, John Tranter, a joint planning session is held with the Board of Directors and Senior Management Team in January and a two year strategic plan is developed for the agency.

The agency is approved as a sponsor for the Child Care Food Program by the Department of Health in February. We begin the program by providing services to ten home day care providers who are subsidized for meals and snacks provided for economically challenged children in their homes.

La Fete Fantastique, the Krewe Nouveau's first Mardi Gras type fundraiser is held in February where long time community advocates Bernadette Britz-Parker and Jon Davies are crowned Queen and King respectively. The event is well attended and raises over \$10,000.

The HND enters into a partnership with Easter Seals who agrees to offer us pro-bono office space three days a week in order to attempt to meet the demand for counseling services for the "working poor" on the east side of the county.

The agency begins a new annual event called the Reunion Breakfast (which will rotate to lunch or dinner in later years) to bring back old Board members and volunteers to celebrate our accomplishments and thank our supporters.

The agency begins a new program entitled Infant Mental Health which is designed to test infants to three years for developmental and emotional delays and to provide corrective intervention strategies for the children.

Our funding from Flagler County is cut forcing us to close our two schools in Flagler County but allows us to open an additional school in Volusia County.

We complete Phase Two of our Facility Renovation plan by eliminating the carpeting in the downstairs of both the 804 and 121 facilities, refinishing the hard wood floors underneath them and completely repainting both facilities inside and out.

Florida Hospital celebrates their fifth anniversary of their "Adopt a Family" program, in partnership with The House Next Door, where families are "adopted" by hospital departments who provide Christmas presents for their children.

The Ann Rogers Fox Grell Employee of the Year award recipient is Clinical Site Supervisor, Chris Karegeannes.

## **2009**

Stetson University purchases and installs a live audio and video system at our Counseling Center on Pennsylvania Avenue in DeLand. This allows for "live" supervision between our interns/staff and our Clinical Supervisor.



The agency has a DVD produced under the production of Dr. Harry Price which describes what types of services the agency provides and other relevant facts about the agency.

The House Next Door applies for Federal funding for four new programs under the Federal Economic Stimulus Recovery Act and is successful in receiving almost \$300,000 in funding for one year for these programs.

The agency, as a part of a partnership with the United Way, receives \$14,000 in funding for counseling services for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families.

The agency responds to a request from Community Partnership for Children to shift funding from our Kinship Care program to a new program that is an extension of our Family Coach program. The Conflict Resolution program design is created jointly and pairs a therapist and senior prevention specialist to assist the family by providing services in the client's homes.

The agency hires a Finance Director bringing our fiscal management back in-house.

The agency agrees to a two year lease in October to open a state of the art Child Development Center in DeLand. The purposes of this endeavor are twofold: to provide quality child development services for children from six weeks to five years and to create a new revenue stream for the agency that is self-generated to help support the agency.

The City of Deltona hosts a golf tournament as a fundraiser for the agency at Deltona Hills in October.

The Ann Rogers Fox Grell Employee of the Year award recipient is Clinical Site Supervisor, Mary Beth Sottrel.

## **2010**

The Little House Door, our new Child Development Center opens on January 4, with our first children entering the program on January 25.

Our Child Care Food Program expands to include Flagler, Brevard and Putnam counties and we now have 87 homes enrolled in our program.

The Little House is approved by the Early Learning Coalition to be able to accept children with vouchers from the Early Learning Coalition.

We open our new Counseling Center in Deltona in Larry Kent's (building owner) old personal office space at Justin Square.

The agency under the guidance of our consultant, John Tranter, develops a new two year agency strategic plan in February.



The Ann Rogers Fox Grell Employee of the Year award recipient is Administrative Assistant, Danesha Lacey-Britt.

## 2011

Family Coach is expanded to add two new staff members in order to address the waiting list for families needing services.

The Council on Accreditation visits us in May for our four year reaccreditation. We receive a PERFECT score in every major component in all Service standards and Administrative standards! We are now accredited in four different service categories as opposed to one service category as we were previously.

Volusia County changes its funding model for social services. Essentially, the County has “privatized” and selects “lead agencies” to manage funding in seven service categories. In October, we become a sub-contractor to the following agencies for their corresponding services: YMCA-Adolescents, Boys and Girls Club-After School Services, Children’s Advocacy Center-Family Services, Prevention and Intervention and Volusia County-Basic Needs.

A parent’s group is formed at The Little House Next Door to support the Center’s program and to be able to provide parental input into the Center. The parents name their group “Parental Control”.

The Little House Next Door “turns the corner” in November and shows a positive cash flow for the first time in its history.

In November, again with John Tranter as our consultant, we hold our first strategic planning session for The House Next Door Family Foundation.

The agency entered into negotiations with the Board of Directors of the Children’s Advocacy Center to consider (1) for our Executive Director and Operations Director to manage their agency during the period of time that (2) the two Boards of Directors considered a full merger of the two agencies. In December, The House Next Door Board of Directors votes against both initiatives.

The DeLand Breakfast Rotary holds its 20<sup>th</sup> annual Wild Game Feast and donates \$15,000 to the agency from the proceeds of the event.

The Ann Rogers Fox Grell Employee of the Year award recipient is Paulette Smith, Homework Club/TEAM Program Supervisor.

## 2012

In April, we are asked by the Healthy Start Coalition to assume the contract from the Early Learning Coalition to provide the counseling component in the three Community Cafes located in Daytona, Deltona and Edgewater respectively.



Phase Three of our renovation project is completed which includes repaving and repair of the parking lots at The Little House Next Door and the 804 Administration building. Additionally, the PAL building which houses our Homework Club has sound panels installed to reduce the volume levels for the children. This is a joint project of The House Next Door and West Volusia PAL.

The annual dinner is held at Cook's Restaurant in June and is provided at cost by Foundation Board members Mike and Star Cook to support the agency.

The Department of Children and Families privatizes all Substance Abuse and Mental Health contracts and selects Managing Entities to now manage our contracts which results in a 3.99% reduction (\$25,000) in service dollars for the agency beginning on July 1.

The House Next Door is selected as the Lead Agency for Family Services, Prevention and Intervention contract in the amount of \$323,344. The agency establishes sub contracts with Children's Home Society, Domestic Abuse Council, Children's Advocacy Center and the Healthy Start Coalition to provide services in addition to the services provided by our agency.

The Ann Rogers Fox Grell Employee of the Year award recipient is Administrative Assistant Shirley Lee.

## **2013**

The agency opens a new part-time Counseling office in New Smyrna Beach. The annual lease is paid for by People Inspired Foundation.

John Tranter leads the agency Senior Management team and the Board of Directors in developing a new two year strategic plan.

The agency purchases an Electronic Health Records system called EVOLV that coupled with all hardware components, is the agency's largest purchase at approximately \$200,000 in May. Training for the system will begin in the fall and continue through next spring with our "go live" date to be in March or April of 2013. Gail Hallmon, Director of Operations and Henry Estrada, Finance Director co-lead the search stage while Gail will be the Lead for the training and implementation stages with assistance from Henry.

In June, the Annual Dinner is held at Cook's Restaurant with the dinner being provided at cost by Foundation Board members Mike and Starr Cook.

The Little House Next Door finishes the fiscal year "in the black" for the first time in its history.

Florida Hospital DeLand holds a "Snack Drive" for the children at our Homework Club in Spring Hill.

The United Way awards us \$17,000 in additional funding for Counseling on the East Side in November.



Florida Hospital DeLand celebrates its tenth anniversary of its ‘Adopt a Family’ program, in partnership with The House Next Door, where families are “adopted” by hospital departments to provide Christmas presents for their children.

The Ann Rogers Fox Grell Employee of the Year award recipient is awarded to Human Resources Coordinator, Dana Braun.

## **2014**

We went “live” with EVOLV, our new Electronic Health Record system and successfully implemented it throughout the calendar year.

We opened an office in New Smyrna Beach in order to be able to provide mental health services to clients in Southeast Volusia. We are very fortunate to have the People Inspired Foundation provide the funding for our new office space! The Foundation is directed by Jon and Susan Hall.

We are approved to provide mental health services by Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

We expand our Child Care Food Program to include childcare Centers.

Our Board of Directors created and successfully completed two new special events. Our first “Brake for Families”, a family-fun bicycle ride held in Gemini Springs in April, was well attended and raised \$4,000. Our first annual “Fabulous Furry Friends and Family Day” was held in September at the Port Orange City Center. The event was enjoyed by both people and dogs and raised over \$3,000.

We were contacted by Volusia County and Children’s Medical Services in Tallahassee in mid-June and asked if The House Next Door would assume responsibility for the local Sexual Assault Treatment Program (SATP) beginning on July 1. This service helps individuals, both children and adults, in effectively dealing with the trauma of sexual assault. We immediately begin the hiring of new therapists as well as providing training for all therapists for this new service. We expand our office space in Daytona Beach Shores and New Smyrna Beach, as well as entering into a partnership with the Family Life Center to secure office space in Flagler County, in order to be able to deliver these highly needed services.

Our Annual Dinner is held again at Cook’s Buffet, Café and Bakery and raises over \$3,000 for the agency.

The House Next Door, already a primary partner in IDignity, agrees to provide the fiscal oversight for their agency.

The House Next Door is selected by the West Volusia Hospital Authority to be the vendor that will approve the Authority’s Healthcard applications for all WVHA funded agencies, hospitals and clinics beginning on November 1.





The Ann Rogers-Fox-Grell “Above and Beyond” Annual Employee of the Year Award is awarded to Jennifer Nadelkov, our Deltona Clinic Supervisor and Sexual Abuse Treatment Program Coordinator.

## 2015

Community Partnership for Children adds 3.5 full time positions to our Family Coach contract.

Our special event, “Brake for Families”, is held in April and raises \$6800 for the agency.

Our reaccreditation by the Council for Accreditation takes place in April, and for the **SECOND CONSECUTIVE TIME**, we receive a **PERFECT** score in all Service and Administrative categories from the Accreditation Team!

Our Board of Directors and Senior Management Team, under the leadership of our consultant, John Tranter, meet and establish the agency Strategic Plan for the next two fiscal years.

Our Annual Dinner is again held at Cook’s Café, Buffet and Bakery and raises approximately \$2,000 for the agency.

Volusia County extends our Lead Agency contract for Family Services, Prevention and Intervention for five more years.

Community Partnership for Children selects The House Next Door to establish a program to help children and families during times of crisis. We design and implement our Crisis Response Team whom all receive Trauma Focused training. Our Team is available to all Police and Sheriff Departments as well as Firefighters and Paramedics to provide Trauma services in all cases where children have experienced trauma during a crisis. Our responders must be at the site within a two hour time period but generally are on scene within an hour.

Our Health Card contract funded by the West Volusia Hospital Authority is expanded to include two full time and two seasonal full time positions.

The Ann Rogers-Fox-Grell “Above and Beyond” Employee of the Year is awarded to our Family Preservation Administrative Assistant Gina Wells.

## 2016

In January, we make a decision to close our office in New Smyrna Beach due to a significant decline in clients seeking services. At the same time, we begin looking for office space in Daytona due to a large demand for services there. In April, we open our new office in South Daytona which is co-located with Stewart Marchman-ACT Behavioral Healthcare.



Community Partnership for Children and The House Next Door are awarded a Federal grant for three years for a new in-home program called Family Connections in May which funds two new positions at the HND.

Our Child Care Food Program expands our services from seven Centers to eighteen Centers and provides services to 67 homes. We now offer services in Volusia, Flagler, Brevard and Putnam Counties.

The West Volusia Hospital Authority expands our contract to now fund four full time positions.

Our Annual Dinner Next Door Dinner is held at Cook's Café, Buffet and Bakery and raises approximately \$2,000 for the agency.

The DeLand Breakfast Rotary's Wild Game Feast is held in May and the club donates \$25,000 to the agency.

Our Annual Staff Appreciation is held at the Museum of Arts and Science in Daytona Beach where we receive a guided tour and plenty of individual time to tour the Museum and the gather for our luncheon and award presentations. The Ann Rogers-Fox-Grell "Above and Beyond Employee of the Year" is awarded to Michael Shannon, one of our long-time Family Coaches.

In September, The House Next Door celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the DeLand community with a night of ceremonies at the Sanborn Center culminating with a five minute fireworks show over the pond and under the stars. The Celebration also raises approximately \$11,000 for the agency.

A new fundraiser is launched-The House Next Door Christmas Ornament. Each year will be an ornament spotlighting a DeLand area landmark or event. Our first ornament celebrates The House Next Door's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## **2017**

In February, under the leadership of our consultant, John Tranter, a new two year Strategic Plan is developed for the agency with the full participation of our Board of Directors and our Senior Management Team. A new two year strategic plan is also developed for The House Next Door Family Foundation.

The DeLand Breakfast Rotary holds their Wild Game Feast in May and donates \$20,000 to the agency for our programs.

Our Annual Dinner Next Door is held at Cook's Café, Buffet and Bakery and raises approximately \$2,500 for the agency.

The Little House Next Door's staff are involved in a training initiative called PNP sponsored by the Early Learning Coalition which greatly enhances their teaching skills and also produces almost \$40,000 in income for the agency.



The United Way moves to a new funding model called the Community Impact model which focuses on three areas in which all of their funding will be designated, Health, Education and Economic Stability. We are awarded \$100,000 (maximum allowed) for our Trauma Informed therapy and our Therapy department under the Health umbrella and \$22,500 for our Homework Club under the education umbrella.

The Sheriff's Department makes a decision to no longer fund either HND or West Volusia Police Athletic League. The two organizations partner with the DeLand Police Department to ensure that the Homework Club continues to operate in the Spring Hill community.

We held our Annual Staff Appreciation Day at the Pioneer Art Settlement in Barberville where we tour the historic site and then gather for our luncheon and award presentations. The Ann-Rogers-Fox-Grell "Above and Beyond Employee of the Year" is awarded to Bernadette Dimitriadis, our Little House Next Door Director.

The agency was closed for six days in September due to Hurricane Irma. There was no significant damage to any of the agency facilities.

Our second annual Christmas ornament highlights the Wings of Hope mural in downtown DeLand.

In November, the Board of Directors establishes a Search timeline for a new agency CEO to succeed Steve Sally who will be retiring in September, 2018.

## **2018**

On January 2, the Board of Directors begins a national search for a new CEO.

In February, Larry Kent, long-time supporter and donor, donates a parcel of land which will be utilized to expand services to Deltona citizens.

By March, the Search Committee and Interview Committee whittle the search from 375 applicants to 10 candidates and, ultimately, down to three finalists that will be interviewed face to face in April.

In March, we contract with SMA to lease the entire building on Big Tree Avenue in South Daytona in order to expand our services on the eastside.



In April, we hold our first Annual 5K Run at Earl Brown Park with Florida Hospital DeLand being our Title Sponsor. We have a good turnout, the community enjoys the event and we raise \$7,543 to support our programs.

The Board of Directors completes their interview process and hires our Clinical Director, Jennifer Nadelkov as the fourth CEO in The House next Door's history.

We hold our annual Staff Appreciation Day at the Sunshine Bowling Center and, following bowling, we enjoy a buffet put on by Johnny Rockets. Following that, we return to our 121 Center where we distribute awards for years of service. The Ann-Rogers-Fox-Grell "Above and Beyond Employee of the Year" is awarded to staff therapist, Heather May. Afterwards, the staff take turns dumping retiring CEO Steve Sally, into the dunking booth tank. They then take turns doing the same to the rest of the Senior Management Team.

The DeLand Breakfast holds their Wild Game Feast in May and donates \$25,000 to the agency to support our programs.

Also in June, our Annual Dinner is held at Cook's Cafe, Buffet and Bakery and raise \$1,400 for the agency

On August 13, Jen Nadelkov begins her journey as the agency's fourth CEO.

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, the agency honors retiring CEO, Steve Sally who will be retiring on September 17<sup>th</sup> with a retirement party held at the Sanborn Center. The Theme- Shorts and Flip-Flops!

In, late August, we are informed by our long-time supporter, First Presbyterian Church, that due to expansion of their Youth programs that in one year, they will need use our 121 Pennsylvania Center for that purpose. The Board of Directors and Senior Management immediately begins a search for a site for a new Service Center in DeLand.

