

"Celebrating **70** Years of Nurturing Children and Strengthening Families."

TH_Anniversary Gala

Savannah Marriott Riverfront 100 General McIntosh Boulevard

> November 2, 2019 6 PM Reception 7PM Gala Begins

Gala Honorary Chairs:

Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman, Pastor First African Baptist Church Mr. Scott Center, President, National Office Systems



Who We Are

Greenbriar Children's Center began as a dream of five young college women, Mrs. Frances Dye, Mrs. Martha Wilson, Mrs. Dorothy Jamerson, Ms. L. LaFayette and Ms. M. Williams, who in 1943 organized the Gamma Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and began seeking a community service project. These women learned that a well-known Savannah woman, Adaline Graham had died and left property and funds to "whomever might start a movement to establish an orphanage for Negro children." The will stipulated that "the black Protestant churches of Savannah must lend their support and aid in maintaining said institution." Sorority members sought the assistance of the late Rev. Ralph Mark Gilbert, who was then the pastor of the First African Baptist Church and a known community organizer. After galvanizing the community around the cause and several fundraisers later, Greenbriar opened its doors on July 15, 1949.

Today, Greenbriar stands tall on the shoulders of these giants as a refuge for families and children of all races providing an oasis of services. We are a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide services which promote the healthy development of children and the strengthening of families. We currently operate five programs: Early Childhood Education and Care, Family Preservation, Project Safe Place, Emergency Shelter for youth, ages 12-17, and an Independent Living program for young adults, ages 18-21.

The future of Greenbriar Children's Center is as bright as it has ever been. As we continue our work as a pillar in the community, we are poised to take our reach even further. We stand on the precipice of exciting times for the organization. Our strategic direction will see us expand the services we provide to the families and children we humbly serve.

For more information please contact **Gena P. Taylor, Executive Director** at **912-234-3431 or gtaylor@greenbriarchildrenscenter.org**



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Greenbriar Children's Center Highlights

Greenbriar Children's Center celebrates 70 years of service this year in the State of Georgia. The organization established in July, 1949 is the first orphanage for African-American children in Chatham County. Prior to Greenbriar, orphaned African-American children were sent to live on local penal farms. Today, Greenbriar is a thriving private, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide programs and services which lead to the healthy development of children and the strengthening of families.

Greenbriar...

is recognized as one of only four organizations in the Coastal Empire, and is accredited by the Council on Accreditation which is the largest international accrediting organization for family and children services.

provides safe places for youth as the only Safe Place Coordinator in Chatham County that partners with businesses, churches, school systems, recreation centers, etc.

operates two early learning centers: Windy's Preschool, which has been recognized by the State of Georgia as a "Center of Distinction", and W.W. Law Learning Center, which has achieved a two out of three star rating by Bright From the Start's Quality Rated System.

founded the first Independent Living program in Southeast Georgia for young adults aging out of foster care, and has successfully transitioned over 150 young adults into affordable housing and gainful employment.

