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RIVER EDGE FOUNDATION
We Help Make Life Better

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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Together, We Help Make Life Better

Dear friends,

Every day at River Edge, I see what hope looks like up close. It looks like a neighbor taking a first brave step toward recovery, a family finding support they didn't know existed, and a community deciding that no one should have to walk alone.

This fall, you showed up in exactly that spirit. You teed off with us at Houston Lake Country Club, and you walked beside us at our inaugural Steps of Hope Walk, where we honored those we have lost, lifted up those still fighting, and celebrated those who have overcome. In each of those moments, I was reminded that this work has never been done alone.

Now we are in the final stretch of Stronger *Minds*. Stronger *Macon*, our campaign to open an integrated outpatient behavioral health clinic at 4885 Riverside Drive. With former Macon Mayor Robert Reichert leading the way, we have $726,000 left to raise, and I believe with all my heart that we will get there together.

Our promise is simple: **We Help Make Life Better.** To every donor, volunteer, staff member, and trustee who keeps that promise alive, thank you. You are the reason so many of our neighbors can look ahead with hope.

With gratitude,
— Mia M. Geiger
Director of Development

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN · THE FINAL STRETCH

Stronger *Minds*. Stronger *Macon*.



Artist's rendering of the future clinic at 4885 Riverside Drive

Stronger *Minds*. Stronger *Macon*. We're transforming the former bank building at 4885 Riverside Drive into an integrated outpatient behavioral health clinic, bringing mental health, substance use disorder, and intellectual and developmental disabilities services together under one roof. At mid-year we re-energized our efforts for the final stretch, and every gift now brings us closer to opening the doors.



WELCOME, CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Robert Reichert

We're honored to welcome former Macon Mayor Robert Reichert as the new chair of our capital campaign.

$1,274,000 Raised Toward Our $2 Million Goal

Just $726,000 to go. Help Us Finish Strong.

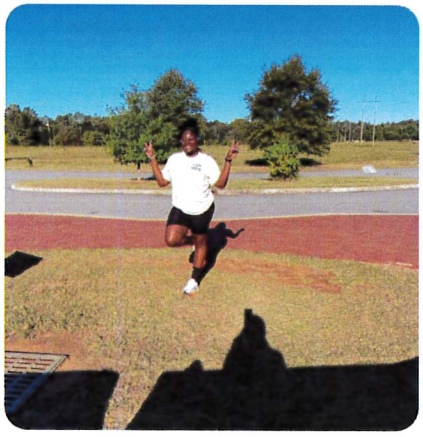
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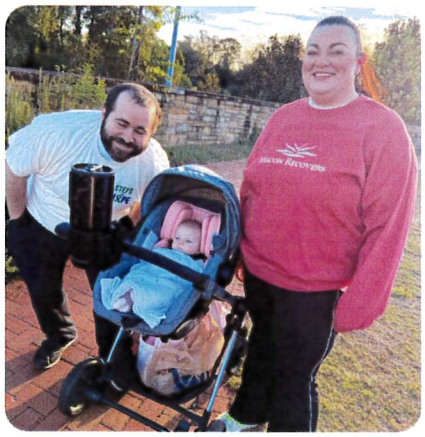
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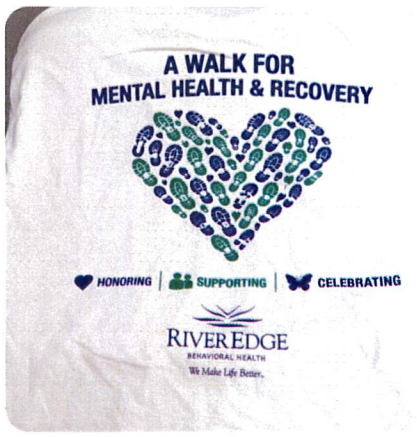
Thank You For Walking With Us

Honoring those we lost.
Supporting those still fighting.
Celebrating those who overcame.









On October 17th, more than 20 participants joined us at Amerson River Park for our inaugural **Steps of Hope Walk**, raising awareness and funds for mental health and substance use disorder recovery. A memorial table held the names of loved ones lost to overdose, a quiet reminder of why this work matters. Mark your calendar: our next **Steps of Hope Walk** returns Saturday, October 30th, 2027.

7TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

A Great Day On The Course



23

teams competed







On August 28th, golfers teed off at Houston Lake Country Club for our 7th Annual Golf Tournament, and it was a tremendous success. Thank you to every player, sponsor, and volunteer who made the day possible.



SAVE THE DATE

8th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, August 27th, 2027
Houston Lake Country Club

Be a Sponsor of the Tournament, Sponsor a Team or a Hole.

YEAR-END GIVING

Give Hope Before December 31st

Your year-end gift brings care and hope to neighbors across our 10 counties. Every gift, of any size, helps make life better.

Give today on the Foundation page at www.river-edge.org

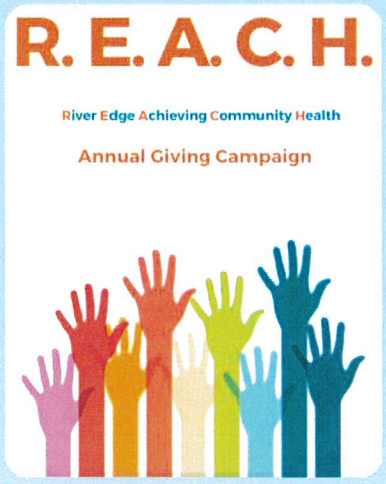
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REACH EMPLOYEE GIVING

Small Gifts. Big REACH.

This year we launched an intensive mid-year REACH push, inviting River Edge staff to join our employee giving program. We set an ambitious goal to grow participation by 20%. We fell a bit short this time, but every staff member who signed up made a real difference, because someone's next step starts with you.

REACH returns in 2027, and we'll be ready to grow even more.



Ways To Make A Difference

Give

Your gift helps make life better.

www.river-edge.org

Share

Pass The Current along to a friend who cares about what River Edge Foundation is doing.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thank You, Ethel And Sherrie

As Ethel Cullinan and Sherrie Marshall complete their service on our Board of Trustees this December, we pause to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Through every meeting, every decision, and every word of encouragement, they gave their time, wisdom, and compassion to the people River Edge serves through their role as a Trustee. Their care is woven into the progress we celebrate today, and their kindness will stay with us long after they step away.

Ethel and Sherrie, you have helped make life better for so many of our neighbors. We are forever grateful.



Ethel Cullinan
Trustee



Sherrie Marshall
Trustee

RIVER EDGE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
We Make Life Better.

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Supporting mental health, substance use disorder, and intellectual and developmental disabilities services across Baldwin, Macon-Bibb, Jones, Monroe, Twiggs, Wilkinson, Hancock, Jasper, Putnam and Washington counties.

Everyone deserves care. We accept Medicaid, Medicare, and most private insurance, and services are available regardless of your ability to pay.

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