

2021 - 2022

# Annual Report



Kids in foster care

*beating the odds.*

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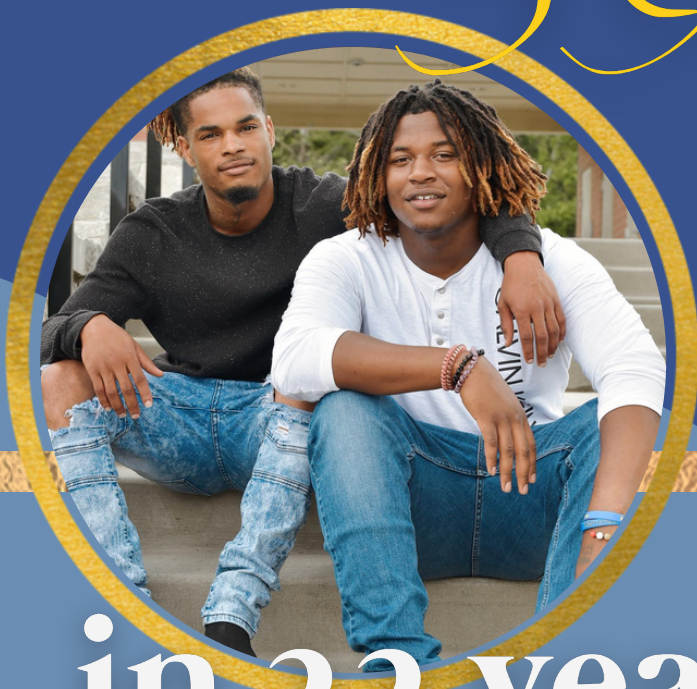
Joined the  
U.S. Military

42 Adoptions

59 Graduates

910

Youth Served



in 22 years at Goshen.



*“Goshen has been and always will be an organization of the community.”*



*Dear Goshen family,*

I have found that too often organizations sacrifice quality for growth. This can be due to insufficient resources, lack of available talent, or a breakdown in culture. It has been an area of awareness that the Board of Directors and I have processed through over the past few years. We have made recent decisions related to the opening of a new program, scaling of state-wide contracts, and the building up of our workforce to support infrastructure. Prayerfully and gradually, **we have made wise decisions to invest our resources and build on our reputation to expand services and broaden our influence while maintaining standards of excellence in quality of care and compliance** across all four programs.

Dating back to Goshen’s inception, our growth strategy has been framed around areas of critical need. I believe this strategy has proven successful. Goshen’s evolution has happened organically as we have established services where children and families are underserved:

- **Goshen Valley Boys Ranch** was born out of a lack of family model environments for boys living within the state foster care system.
- **Goshen New Beginnings** was established as an extension of care for foster youth turning 18, including many who transitioned from the Ranch.
- **Goshen Homes** was established to reunite separated siblings as we had far too many boys at the Ranch who were living apart from their brothers and sisters.
- **Goshen Therapeutic Services** was our root-cause initiative created to serve families preventively, while embracing them with the same culture and level of care that Goshen is known for.

Goshen has been and always will be an organization of the community. Our efforts are undoubtedly strengthened through your support. In the following report you will read about the quality of our outcomes, the sustainability of our model, and the presence of God’s love within the heartbeat of our mission. We hope you’ll find our most recent outcomes and future trajectory encouraging. My prayer is that you would continue to find an impactful way in which you, your family, business or organization can support our growing mission.

Goshen is a product of your generosity. Our influence is just beginning to meet its full potential.

Zach Blend  
Chief Executive Officer  
Goshen Valley Foundation



# We believe there is *hope* for fractured families.

**1,681 family members served in 2021.**

*Across 19 counties including Cherokee, Pickens, Cobb, Bartow, Floyd, Gwinnett, and Forsyth.*

Goshen has become well known for creating positive outcomes for foster youth. We want to have this same impact on families both before their kids come into foster care and in creating better environments for our youth when they return home.

**418 clients**

received specialized services like supervised family visitation, therapy, behavioral aide, and parent education.



# Life at Goshen in 2021

## Recreation

Youth participated in extracurricular activities like band, softball, ROTC, track, dance, football, basketball, riflery, cheer, and much more.



Total youth served

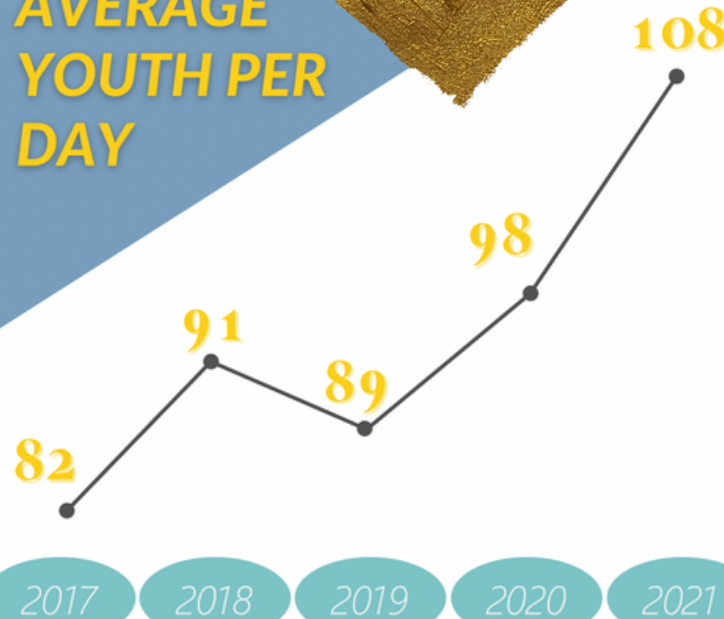
**191**

138 boys  
54 girls

**108**

Average youth per day

## YEARLY AVERAGE YOUTH PER DAY



## Latest GA+Score Audit Scores

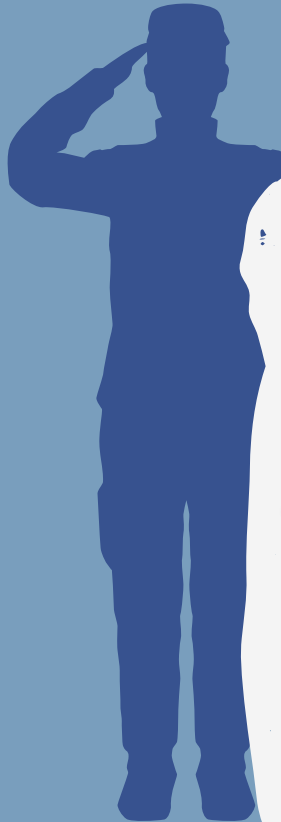
Boys Ranch: 105  
Goshen Homes: 102  
New Beginnings: 106

Scores are based on a 0-110 scale. Anything over a 100 is considered excellent, showing that the organization is providing great outcomes, permanency, and safety for their youth. View more at [goshenvalley.org/audit-scores](http://goshenvalley.org/audit-scores).

# Malik

**2021 Goshen high school graduate, Malik, is now officially a graduate of the United States Army basic training.**

# joins the U.S. Army



**I finally can say I made my family proud, and I did what I said I was going to do.”  
- Malik**



Malik came back to visit his Goshen houseparents at The Ranch after graduating basic training.

Malik lived at the Ranch with houseparents Willie and Gwen. Through our education program and support from Ranch staff, he was able to graduate high school. **Only 50% of foster youth graduate high school, and Malik was able to beat those odds. But, Malik had even bigger goals - to join the U.S. Army.**

Malik graduated from Army Basic training on December 17th, 2021 in Fort Benning, GA. We asked Malik what he thought about basic training, and he said although he thought it was easy overall, it was physically demanding. He pushed himself through it!

Now that he is through basic training, he will be stationed in Kentucky where he aims to complete Air Assault school.



# BEATING THE ODDS



## Meet Nina



Nina is one of 8 Goshen graduates. She is one of few foster youth who go on to college after graduation, but she isn't stopping there. After working with her Goshen life coach and working hard in school, she received multiple scholarships. She has since started her degree in film and television at DePaul University.

**"Life really changed when I met Ms. Renee. She's my life coach [at Goshen], and she really helped me with setting goals and preparing for the future." - Nina**



*Only 50% of kids in foster care graduate high school, but at Goshen, we have a 100% graduation rate among eligible youth.*

High School Graduates

*Celebrating* 8

# Goshen Valley Boys Ranch

*TOO MANY YOUNG MEN IN FOSTER CARE END UP IN PLACES THAT FEEL MORE LIKE A PRISON THAN A FAMILY.*

**Goshen Valley Boys Ranch exists to provide young men in foster care with the safety of a home, the love of a family, and the hope of a future. The Ranch is the top-rated group home for foster youth in North Georgia.**





# Goshen Valley Boys Ranch

## Safety, Love, & Hope

MEET AVERY, GOSHEN VALLEY BOYS RANCH ALUMNI.

AVERY IS AN INTELLIGENT, KIND-HEARTED, AND RESILIENT YOUNG MAN, AND HE HAS BEEN A PART OF GOSHEN VALLEY BOYS RANCH SINCE 2016.

Avery came from an unstable family environment and experienced abuse, neglect, and significant loss that changed the trajectory of his life. He has witnessed many people who are close to him suffer from addiction and experienced the burden that has on the entire family. For most people, these challenges would break them but for Avery, they molded him into who he is today.

Through it all he never gave up and remained focused on his goal: breaking the familial cycle. *Avery is now a thriving 18-year-old who successfully transitioned to our independent living program, Goshen New Beginnings.*

Through hard work, he is set to graduate this Spring from Cherokee High School. Avery will be the first person in his family to receive a high school diploma.

*“My house parents, Mr. Willie and Mrs. Gwen, helped me mature and showed me how a good person should live and treat other people. Even after transitioning to Goshen New Beginnings, I still feel supported. I know that they’ll always be here for me and more importantly as a family I call mine.” - Avery Stinnett*

Average Youth Per  
Day in 2021

40.9

Average  
Academic

81.7

Grades in 2021



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INTO BECOMING A  
RESPECTFUL AND  
RESPONSIBLE  
ADULT.



Avery, Goshen Valley Youth

# Goshen New Beginnings

*TOO MANY YOUTH WHO AGE OUT OF FOSTER CARE END UP IN CYCLES OF ADDICTION, HOMELESSNESS, AND INCARCERATION.*

**Goshen New Beginnings exists to lead older foster youth into thriving independence. Our aim is to provide training and support in education, employment, and life skills that youth need in the transition into adulthood.**



# Goshen New Beginnings

## Thriving Independence

**ROBERT HAS BECOME GOSHEN'S 11TH ALUMNI TO JOIN THE MILITARY!  
BEFORE LEAVING GOSHEN NEW BEGINNINGS, ROBERT MADE THE  
DECISION TO JOIN THE US ARMY.**

Upon graduating our program, Robert traveled to Missouri to attend basic training. During basic, he has been trained in a gas chamber, repelled from a 50ft tower, and completed his rucksack run.



Our staff from Goshen New Beginnings was so excited to surprise Robert at his graduation from Army Basic Training!

The program director, Giselle, said that Robert was in tears when she called to tell him their plane had landed in Missouri, and they were on their way to see him. Robert's friend and fellow New Beginnings Alumni, Sebastian, also joined in on the surprise!

Robert said he got in trouble, **because he simply could not wipe the smile off his face.**

**3 New Beginnings youth  
attended college in 2021**

**Only 10% of foster youth will  
ever attend college. While  
college isn't for everyone,  
Goshen New Beginnings  
youth are more likely to have  
this as an option for their path  
towards independence.**



**ROBERT EXPRESSED  
THAT GOSHEN'S  
CONTINUOUS LOVE,  
SUPPORT, AND  
CARE PACKAGES  
KEEP HIM  
MOTIVATED TO  
SUCCEED.**



*See Robert tell  
his story and  
more!*

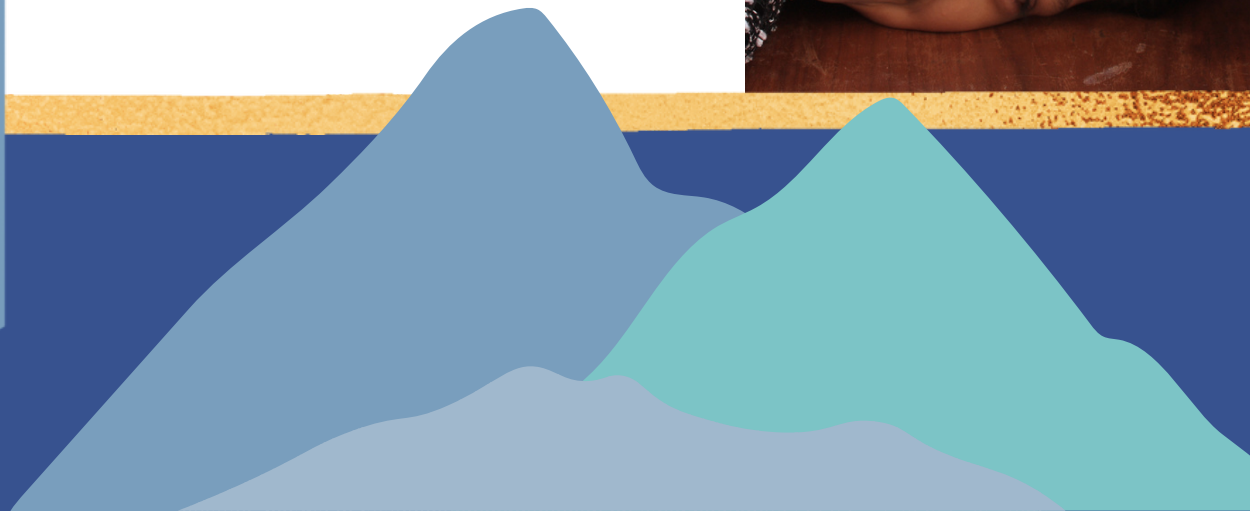
# Goshen Homes

*TOO MANY SIBLINGS ARE SEPARATED DURING THEIR TIME IN FOSTER CARE.*

**Goshen Homes exists to recruit, train, license, and support foster families working with sibling groups. Our aim is to provide loving family environments to youth in foster care while keeping siblings together.**

Download our fostering guide!

**FosterWithGoshen.org**





# Goshen Homes

## Reunifying families & siblings.

**AT GOSHEN HOMES, WE BELIEVE SIBLINGS ARE BETTER TOGETHER. THIS IS THE STORY OF HOW GOSHEN FOSTER PARENTS, SCOTT AND SANDI, NOT ONLY KEPT A SIBLING SET TOGETHER DURING THEIR TIME IN FOSTER CARE, BUT THEY ALSO WORKED ALONGSIDE THE BIOLOGICAL FAMILY TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL REUNIFICATION.**

In December 2021, Goshen Homes celebrated as a sibling group of three were able to reunify with their father after nearly two years in foster care. Throughout their time in their foster home, the children were provided with services to help them heal. Goshen Therapeutic Services provided support for the younger children to assist our foster parents with managing some challenges, while the eldest child was able to receive individual counseling.

Our previously awarded Foster Parents of the Year, Scott and Sandi Gaither, served as the foster parents for this sibling group. The family has been fostering for over ten years and has served numerous sibling groups.

Scott and Sandi helped the school-aged sibling with tutoring and support to help her catch up to her grade level in school. Throughout the duration of the placement with these children, the foster family was also able to work alongside the biological parents to promote healing.

This is a perfect example of Goshen's mission being lived out through foster parents Scott and Sandi, and a positive outcome through reunification happening as a result.

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BECAUSE OF THE INVESTMENT WE MADE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BIOLOGICAL PARENTS, WE NOW HAVE AN **AMAZING RELATIONSHIP** WITH THEM OUTSIDE OF FOSTER CARE. WE HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE PARENTS' WEDDING, HAVE WEEKLY CALLS WITH THE KIDS, AND VISIT WITH THEM WHEN WE CAN.

”  
Sandi Gaither, Goshen Foster Parent

FosterWithGoshen.org

## Extracurriculars at Goshen Homes

Gymnastics, horseback riding, basketball, swimming, track, cheer, mountain biking, taekwando, art, volleyball, drama, soccer, and dance.

# Goshen Therapeutic Services

*TOO MANY FAMILIES ARE SEPARATED BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES.*

**At Goshen Therapeutic Services, our aim is to strengthen vulnerable families before a foster care placement occurs, or to strengthen families working to come back together after a foster care placement.**





# Goshen Therapeutic Services

## Strengthening families.

AT GOSHEN THERAPEUTIC SERVICES, WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS HOPE FOR FRACTURED FAMILIES. WE EXIST TO STRENGTHEN AND RESTORE FAMILIES THROUGH LICENSED, COMPREHENSIVE THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

SARAH PALMER, OUR CLINICAL SUPERVISOR AT GOSHEN THERAPEUTIC SERVICES SHARED A STORY WITH US ABOUT ONE OF HER CLIENTS...

*“As we reflect on another successful year, we wanted to share one story of success. We had the opportunity to work with a single mom who was struggling to build secure attachment with her young children.*

*She felt that visitations were not the bonding experience they needed to be to build their relationship. After receiving coaching, psychoeducation, and support, she was able to implement practices and strategies from Trust Based Relational Intervention, a trauma informed parenting approach that we use here at GTS. This helped to create a safe and secure visitation space for her family.*

*Over time we have observed so much progress in her ability to form a secure attachment with her children, and have celebrated these gains with her. Attachment between mother and child means life changing steps in their relationship. She feels much more competent in her parenting skills and approach, and mom has worked hard to address the root causes she discovered in her work with us. It was a joy to witness visitations moving from tears and frustration, to laughter and playtime.”*

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”

Sarah Palmer, GTS Clinical Supervisor

1,254 counseling cases in 2021 compared to 154 in 2020

total services in 2021 10,664 compared to 2,419 in 2020

2021

100%  
board  
giving

Donation Levels

100k+ 3

50k+ 8

10k+ 41

5k+ 83

1k+ 291

404 first time donors

# INCOME & EXPENSES

TOTAL INCOME:

\$9,479,362

TOTAL EXPENSES:

\$8,857,317

Residential Program Income: \$6,118,790

Therapeutic Services Income: \$978,882

Development Income: \$2,380,485

Unrestricted Donations

\$1,761,887

Events

\$259,136

Grants

\$359,462

**COST OF CARE** | **PER CHILD**

\$39  
per day

\$14,340  
per year

## Expense breakdown:

### THE RANCH

32% - \$2,836,684

### GOSHEN HOMES

22.6% - \$2,004,660

### NEW BEGINNINGS

10.2% - \$902,209

### THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

10.6% - \$932,912

### ADMINISTRATION

18.3% - \$1,617,847

### DEVELOPMENT

3.8% - \$338,452

### PLACEMENT

2.5% - \$224,556

\*Every nonprofit has administration and development expenses, but we work to keep ours below the industry standard of 25% so that more of your support goes straight to our kids.

This amount represents how much Goshen spends on each child above and beyond what we receive from government funding.



# Transparency & Accreditation

GOSHEN VALLEY IS A RESPECTED INNOVATOR AND THOUGHT LEADER FOR CHILD WELFARE ACROSS GEORGIA. OUR GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT DONORS LIKE YOU FEEL POSITIVELY ABOUT INVESTING IN GOSHEN. IN ADDITION TO GOSHEN'S HISTORY OF INNOVATION, **WE WANT TO PROVIDE OUR DONORS WITH TRANSPARENCY AND CONFIDENCE** WHEN INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH AND PROGRAMS...

Platinum  
Transparency  
2022

**Candid.**

## Guidestar Platinum Seal of Transparency

The highest rating given by Guidestar, a Platinum Seal of Transparency indicates that Goshen Valley provides their audience and donors with relevant information about how their donations are moving Goshen's mission forward.

## COA Accredited

The Council on Accreditation (COA) is the highest standard of accreditation for human services organizations worldwide. We have been accredited by COA since 2012 and continue to use their guidance to grow as an organization.



## Financial Transparency

Our audited financials, Form 990s, strategic plan, and GAScore Audits are all available on our website. View the links at the bottom of [Goshenvalley.org](http://Goshenvalley.org) to learn more.



## MAAC Multi-Agency Alliance for Children

Goshen is one of 9 partner agencies of MAAC, an organization that brings 9 of the top child welfare agencies in Georgia together for collaboration and innovation.

## AJC Top Workplaces

Goshen Valley was ranked among small businesses in the 2021 AJC Top Workplaces survey, verifying that our value of family extends to the staff on our team.

**TOP  
WORK  
PLACES  
2021**

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution | CoxNext



## NORTH POINT MINISTRIES

## North Point Ministries Intersect Partner

Goshen has been an Intersect Partner for 9 years with Woodstock City Church and North Point Ministries.

This process involves significant vetting and investigating, and Goshen has been established as a trusted partner through this process.

## Questions?

Goshen values transparency, and we welcome your feedback and questions. We want you to feel confident that an investment in Goshen is an investment that will be stewarded effectively to change the world for the children and families we serve. To learn more or ask questions you may have, visit [Goshenvalley.org](http://Goshenvalley.org)

# WITH THANKS TO OUR DONORS & PARTNERS

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We are grateful for everyone who has supported the growing mission of Goshen Valley!

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Peter is a Managing Director and Portfolio Manager with the Wells Fargo Private Bank. He received his B.A. in economics from Lawrence University, his M.B.A. with a focus in finance from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, and his D.B.A. from Georgia State University's J. Mack Robinson College of Business. Peter is also an adjunct finance instructor at Oglethorpe and American Intercontinental University.

## **Paul Freudenstein, Treasurer, Executive Committee**

Paul worked for Fulton County School System as a teacher for 33 years where he taught drafting, electronics and computer science. After retirement Paul worked for Redeemer Lutheran Church as Director of Operations, overseeing the operational budget. Paul was one of Goshen Valley's original volunteers.

## **Melissa Lindh, Executive Committee**

Melissa is the CFO of Universal Alloy Corporation (UAC). Melissa began volunteering for Goshen Valley in 2014 when UAC became a strategic community partner of Goshen Valley. She also works directly with Goshen Valley alumni and current clients employed at UAC in areas of HR and Finance.



## **Chase Chitwood, Operations Committee**

An alumnus of Goshen Valley, Chase has a BA in Business Administration from Reinhardt University. Chase is a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps and works for Universal Alloy Corporation in the HR department.



## **Paul Hermann, Operations Committee**

Paul Hermann has a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of California and a Law degree from Harvard Law School. Paul has practiced law for over 39 years and currently owns his own private practice. As an experienced lawyer and social advocate, Paul has a keen eye for risk management, policy and procedure and general legal matters.



## **C. Richard Kennedy, Operations Committee**

Richard Kennedy is a power industry executive and professor at Kennesaw State University. He is a leader in the community and at his church, First Baptist Church of Woodstock. Richard has been involved with Goshen Valley for over 9 years in various capacities.



## **Joe Lukas, Operations Committee**

Joe received his MBA from The University of Memphis, and he is a Senior Project Controller at Dematic, a global logistics company. He has over 15 years experience in corporate finance and specializes in strategic finance analysis and executive communications.



## **Don McDonnell, Development Committee Chair**

Don McDonnell, M.B.A., presently serves as Worldwide Segment Lead Utilities for Amazon Web Services. Don brings over 25 years of technology executive experience to his work with Goshen.



**Dana Matiak, Operations Committee**

Dana is President and Executive Director of Matiak Foundation and former co-owner of R & D Mechanical Services, Inc. Dana has served in several nonprofit leadership positions and has a passion and heart to serve others. She has worked with local schools, businesses and other ministries to coordinate volunteer opportunities for individuals.



**Dr. Sharon Hill, Operations Committee**

Dr. Hill is a Clinical Associate Professor at the Andrew Young School of Policy. She has her Ph.D. in Public and Urban Administration. Dr. Hill has recently served as the Director of the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS) for the state of Georgia. She has also served the Department of Human Resources as Project Manager and Director of Federal Regulations and Data.



**Brian Spivey, Operations Committee**

Brian Spivey, Managing Partner with Technical & Scientific Application, is a 25+ year IT veteran and graduate of Auburn University. As Managing Partner, Brian's responsibilities include partnering with the executive team to define TSA's corporate business strategy, major manufacturer alignment, and actively managing the TSA Atlanta office.



**Allison Smith, Operations Committee**

Allison is a Client Engagement Manager for Aderant Technologies and has worked in the Information Technology and Financial Services industries for more than 26 years. Allison has a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics and a Minor in Economics from Colorado State and a Master of Business Administration and Management of Technology from Georgia Tech.



**John Zachary Blend, CEO, Ex-Officio**

Zach Blend has served as Chief Executive Officer at Goshen since 2016. Zach has worked for Goshen Valley within all aspects of the organization. He has a BA in Sociology from Rollins College, a Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies from Fuller Seminary, and an MBA from Reinhardt. Zach also served as an adjunct professor at the McCamish School of Business at Reinhardt University.



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**Founder,  
John Blend,  
retires after  
22 years of  
service at  
Goshen Valley**

*Dear friends,*

All is well at Goshen. We are repeatedly reminded that we are in God's hands. There are too many examples of His remarkable presence to try to take credit for our circumstance. He has clearly been at our side through our current public health challenge. Our prayers for safe passage have been answered. Our Goshen professional team is strong and growing.

We have been able to invest in ourselves and our youth and their families, and the results are clear. We are providing safe haven for our youth as we assist in building stronger families. Our community mental health and family wellness initiatives have been well received.

This has been a remarkable forty-year journey for the Blend family as we found our footing. You have been at our side throughout, always encouraging and committed. With strong leadership in place at Goshen, and being blessed with an excellent and experienced Board of Trustees, Connie and I will be moving to the sidelines. In January 2022, Peter McGaffigan will begin his service as Goshen Chair. Peter has been on the Board from our very early days. Peter has chaired our Executive Committee and has been active in all aspects of our ministry. Peter is an executive with Wells Fargo Bank, recently received his doctorate from Georgia State University, and is on the faculty at Oglethorpe College.

There is nowhere to begin thanking you enough for what you have meant to the Goshen ministry and the Blend family. **You have simply carried us**, with prayers, gifts, guidance and encouragement.

*Peace & Purpose to you all,  
John Blend*

*At Brasfield & Gorrie, we believe in building strong communities. We love being a blessing to others. Goshen's work with boys in the foster care system, the therapeutic services offered to families, and their increasing focus on root cause education for families all line up with our values. We are excited to be a partner with Goshen Valley!"* – Brent Perkins, Director of Personal Development

# Community

In 2021 Brasfield & Gorrie instituted a new process to select their nonprofit partner of the year. Thirteen non-profits were invited to complete an application, and five were selected to present to a leadership committee. The group was then narrowed down to three, and an employee vote determined the winner. Goshen Valley received 53% of the employee votes in this process.

Goshen CEO, Zach Blend compared residential foster care to running a construction business, but one where you can only build on the site of a previous catastrophe.

*"We do great work in residential care, but we also want to focus on root-cause. We want to stabilize families before the building collapses. This funding will allow us to expand our work in ways that will keep families strong before a foster care placement occurs. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of Brasfield & Gorrie, and we are confident that many families will be strengthened and rescued as a direct result of this partnership."*



Over  
**\$300,000**  
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Hosted 5  
volunteer  
work days  
at Goshen  
in 2021



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# GIVE

In addition to what we receive from the state, it costs Goshen over \$14,000 on average to provide 1 year of **support** and **services** per child.

With over 115 youth in our care, your **donation** ensures that more youth will experience the peace and purpose that abound at Goshen.

# SERVE

Whether you would like to join us for a **volunteer** day, **bring a meal** to a foster family, or collect **welcome baskets** for our incoming foster youth, there are plenty of ways to serve our kids.

No matter if it's just you or if it's your whole company, there's a space and a need.

# LOVE

If you have a little extra room in your heart and home, the **biggest need** for vulnerable youth is a loving family.

Whether you'd like to occasionally **babysit**, take on a part time respite foster-parenting role, or become primary **foster parents**, there's a place at Goshen Homes for you.

[GoshenValley.org/Help](https://GoshenValley.org/Help)

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