

Governor awards funds to assist victims in northeast Alabama

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MONTGOMERY—Gov. Robert Bentley has awarded \$807,112 to help an Anniston-based center to continue to provide services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in six northeast Alabama counties.

Funds will assist the operation of Second Chance Inc. which provides shelter and other supportive services required by people who need to escape abusive relationships, overcome sexual assaults and recover from related physical and mental crimes. The agency serves victims in Calhoun, Cherokee, Etowah, Randolph and Talladega counties.

“2nd Chance provides victims a place to turn and seek refuge in difficult times,” Bentley said. “I commend the staff at 2nd Chance for showing concern and compassion in helping so many overcome traumatic situations.”

In operation since 1988, 2nd Chance is a non-profit agency that provides a 24-hour crisis hotline and counseling, offers temporary or transitional housing for victims, and assists with directing victims through court and legal procedures. 2nd Chance works with area police and sheriff’s departments and provides educational outreach programs.

The agency remains dependent on private support from residents and businesses for operation costs.

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs is administering the grants from funds made available by the U.S. departments of Justice and Health and Human Services.

“Our local partnerships with organizations like 2nd Chance helps ensure that victims have a place to find refuge, understanding and compassion in times of need,” ADECA Director Jim Byard Jr. said.

ADECA administers an array of programs supporting law enforcement and traffic safety, economic development, energy conservation, workforce development, water resource management and recreation development.



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