

# Community Partners

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Big Brothers / Big Sisters (353-0157) makes a positive difference in the lives of children who are in need of additional adult support and guidance. The program institutes professionally supported one-to-one relationships with adult volunteers. This relationship helps ensure that these children reach adulthood with a greater sense of security about themselves and their future.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Morgan County (340-3466) provides positive after school programs. The agency inspires young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

Girl Scouts of North Alabama (256-764-0331) helps girls to build character and skills for success in the real world. Girl Scouting is an informal education program that helps girls grow to their full potential – becoming strong in body, mind and spirit.

Greater Alabama Council, Boy Scouts of America (256-883-7071) endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self reliance, have personal values based on religious concepts, have the desire and skills to help others, have a keen respect for the rights of all people and are prepared to give leadership to our society. Scouts gain an appreciation and understanding of American social, economic and government systems and take pride in their heritage.

Sterrs Day Care Center (355-4423) provides a wholesome environment for children of working or in school parents of low income families. The Day Care Center exposes children to educational, physical, and emotional experiences that prepare them for school and today's society.

American Red Cross Morgan – Lawrence County Chapter (353-4891) empowers people to manage emergencies: disaster relief, emergency communications to military families, community disaster education, First Aid/CPR and water safety training; blood collection, youth development.

Community Free Clinic (309-2491) offers free medical care, dental care, and prescription medications to adult members of Decatur and Morgan County who have no form of health insurance and meet financial guidelines.

Crisis Services of North Alabama (353-8830) responds to people in crisis by providing comprehensive services for domestic violence victims including safe shelter at Hope Place, court advocacy and support groups.

Habitat for Humanity (340-9609) is a faith based housing ministry that partners with low income families and the community to eliminate substandard housing in Morgan

County. Habitat works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing.

Morgan County Rescue Squad (341-0301) aids persons in distress. The Squad is equipped and trained to perform rescue missions and assist in the event of a natural disaster.

The Salvation Army (353-2822) is an evangelical part of the Christian Church. The Salvation Army uses money provided by the United Way to provide services such as their food pantry, clothing assistance, emergency shelter for adult men and women, transitional shelter program (with case management for adult men and women), and transitional housing program for homeless families.

Tennessee Valley Outreach (350-5226) TVO serves Decatur in two ways by offering transient and transitional accommodations. The transient program provides overnight shelter as a safe alternative to the streets. The transitional program provides longer term housing to homeless persons while they learn skills for securing their own permanent housing.

Terrell Industries (773-1922) provides employment opportunities and a safe and comfortable work environment for citizens with mental handicaps.

The ARC of Morgan County (355-6192) is committed to securing for all people with cognitive, intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work and play. The ARC is committed to reducing the incidence and limiting the consequences of disabilities through education, research, advocacy and the support of families, friends and the community.

Centers for the Developmentally Disabled North Central Alabama (350-1458) helps people with mental retardation or developmental disabilities recognizing each person's strengths, dreams and preferences to empower him/her to live, work and recreate in their community with dignity and the greatest degree of independence possible.

FACES (340-5840) provides financial support and services for the foster children of Morgan County. The agency also promotes a positive image of foster parenting and educates the public concerning the need for foster parents.

Mental Health Association in Morgan County (353-1160) works for mental health and victory over mental illness. The agency offers many community programs among which are: the Morgan County Substance Abuse Network, Rape Response and Education, Friendship House, and resources for families and professionals confronting Alzheimer's.

Mental Health Center of North Central Alabama (355-6081) provides treatment, education and assistance to people affected by mental health problems.

PACT (Parents and Children Together) (355-7252) improves the quality of life in Morgan County by preventing child abuse and neglect. PACT provides parent education, public awareness, and school programs that empower the community to improve the lives of all children.

Morgan County Child Advocacy Center (355-1908) The Morgan County Child Advocacy Center provides a safe, caring place to evaluate any child who may have been abused.

Volunteer Center of Morgan County (355-8628) mobilizes people and resources to address the issues that are important to the community and strengthens the capacity of local organizations to meet community needs through volunteerism.

Community Action Partnership of North Alabama, Inc. (256) 355-7843  
Engages persons age 60 and older, particularly those with limited incomes, in volunteer service to meet critical community needs. The programs use the untapped talents, skills knowledge and experience of low-income retirees to provide direct one-on-one services to children and adults with disabilities.

Community Action Partnership of North Alabama, Inc. (256) 355-9058  
Helps meet the nutritional needs of the elderly and persons with handicaps in our area. The Program provides a hot nutritional home-delivered meal to Meals clients five days a week.

Decatur Morgan County Seniors Council (256) 355-7275  
Enhances the quality of the lives of senior citizens in the community by providing a nice facility, excellent food and high quality programs.

Hospice of the Valley (256) 350-5585  
Provides compassionate end of life care designed to meet the physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs of the patient and family, enabling them to experience life and death with grace and dignity.