

# The Beacon

Lighthouse Therapeutic Foster Care, Inc.

**Meet our Case Managers! We would like to showcase our two amazing case managers this month. They work so hard for our agency and we would love for you to get to know them.**

## **Anna Burns:**

"I have always been a small town, southern girl. Born and raised in Ringgold, GA. I grew up with a big and loud family of 10 siblings. My parents taught us to love God and always put Him first. He is the reason why I chose to be a social worker. I want to help others in need and try to make a positive change in their lives. When I'm not working, you'll probably find me outdoors doing something adventurous with my husband and puppy."

## **Kerri Hooper:**

"I have been a case manager with LTFC since October 2015. I am a Ringgold native. I graduated from Ringgold High School in 2008 and went to Dalton State College shortly after. Although, I knew that I wanted to go into a helping field, I wasn't exactly sure that social work was where I needed to be. I started out college as a Biology major with the hopes of being a physical therapist and shortly realized that wasn't where I was meant to be. Coincidentally, social work found me. After talking to a knowledgeable professor that was a Licensed Social Worker, I realized that is where I needed to be. I had the desire to do more and after several internships I found my passion was in foster care. Not long after taking the job with LTFC, I had the opportunity to adopt two sweet girls. Much like foster parents, it was a long tedious journey. That opportunity gave me a better understanding of the emotional turmoil foster parents can go through and better understanding of the reward it brings to have such sweet souls in your home. I feel blessed to be a part of the LTFC family and is looking forward to seeing the impact they have on the community in years to come.

**Thanks for all your hard work! It doesn't go unnoticed! We value you both so much!**

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**"Don't dim, don't fade,  
just SHINE. The path of  
the righteous is like the  
light of dawn, which  
shines brighter and  
brighter until full day."**

**Proverbs 4:18**

## Dates to Remember:



Walker County Back to School – Aug. 2  
<http://www.walkerschools.org/>  
Catoosa County Back to School – Aug. 8  
<http://www.catoosa.k12.ga.us/>  
Whitfield County Back to School – Aug. 8  
<https://www.wcsga.net/>

There is still a lot of wonderful summer activities to do at the local libraries before school starts.

Walker and Catoosa both have their Sports sign ups for Fall ball. You can get that information from their Facebook pages or their rec. page.

## Foster Parent Information

**Just a REMINDER – we compensate our foster parents for referring NEW foster parents.**

**So – if you know someone who would be a GREAT asset to our Lighthouse community, send them our way. We would love to help them get started!**

**IT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!**



### CLOTHING REIMBURSEMENTS

**PLEASE** turn your receipts in to your Case Manager or an LTFC staff member within 45 days. We no longer accept receipts older than 3 months.

**Thank you for your cooperation!**

**We appreciate all you do for the children!**

### ON CALL

AUGUST – please remember that Monty is your on-call contact person.

The on-call phone number is 706.313.1544.



Please remember that phone calls should be for emergencies or incident reporting during weekend after-hours.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?!

It has been an **AWESOME** summer! We have had 2 new families join our Lighthouse family and 2 more close behind.

We placed 2 children with our foster families. We had many successful re-unifications with birth families. We had 1 adoption this summer.

Overall, I consider this summer to be an amazing summer! **So...how can you help?!**

**We are still in need of more foster homes.**

I would love to come share with your Sunday school class, small group, neighbors, or friends about Lighthouse and our desire to help the foster children of Georgia.

Please contact Ashleigh today for further information!

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Thank you Mountain View CDJ for sponsoring our Summer Pool Party!

So much fun was had as well as a lot of hot dogs! 😊



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."  
-Nelson Mandela

As we get ready to send our children back to school, let us remember that we are investing in their futures. We have a great opportunity to build character, show them where the world began, teach them about the wars that gave us the freedom today, teach them right and wrong and all about the math and sciences. It is such a privilege to go to school. Let us cultivate their little minds as they learn new things and ask questions. This is such an exciting time for them. Let us not get discouraged because they may not understand something the first time but help them to figure out another way to understand. Enjoy this special time!





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## Mission Statement:

Lighthouse is a beacon for youth receiving foster care services in the State of Georgia by providing quality community-based and individualized aid to inspire growth and potential.



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