

Children First

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**MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR SOCIAL
MEDIA AND WEBSITE FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND UPDATES ABOUT
THESE EVENTS!**

JOIN THE CF INTERN TEAM!

Children First is currently looking
for fall and summer interns for 2023!
Applications are being accepted
now!

Hear From a Current Intern:

I have been a Children First intern since fall of 2021, and I have loved every minute of it. Not only is the team welcoming, they also are always there for you, encouraging you to do your best. Susie, the Executive Director, has trusted me with tasks that have allowed me to grow my skills in all different categories like grant writing, marketing, social media, and research tasks! I have learned so many invaluable lessons while interning at Children First, made so many great relationships, and I cannot recommend this internship enough to students looking to gain experience with non-profits! - Molly Mari, Children First Intern

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO BE
TAKEN TO THE APPLICATION, OR
CHECK OUT THE APPLICATION ON
THE CHILDREN FIRST WEBSITE



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY MON. JAN 16TH

“The time is always right to do what is right.” - MLK Jr.

WHO WAS MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR?

Martin Luther King Jr. was a civil rights activist from Atlanta Georgia who led the Civil Rights movement from 1955 to 1968. MLK Jr. was awarded a Noble Peace Prize in 1964 for his amazing achievements in advocating for equal rights for people of color during a time of segregation and injustice through nonviolent protests. He was accredited with having major influence on the passage of voting and civil rights laws in the 1960s. However, in 1968, MLK Jr. was assassinated, but his words and legacy have lived on and shaped the world we live in today.

THE WORDS OF MLK JR.

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

“Keep feeling the need for being important. Keep feeling the need for being first. But I want you to be the first in love. I want you to be the first in moral excellence. I want you to be the first in generosity.”

“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' ”

MLK Jr.’s compelling speeches during his time advocating for equal rights are a staple of his legacy. They give all of us wisdom to live by and inspire us to live the way he had dreamed of. As we celebrate MLK Jr.’s accomplishments and legacy, take a moment to reflect on how you can implement his messages in your life. Which of these quotes stands out to you, and what would you like to embody from these wise words?

STAFF BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

CASSANDRA SMITH

Anniversary - Jan. 3rd



TASHA NICHOLSON

Anniversary - Jan. 2nd



GIFT CARD CAMPAIGN



Children First is beginning a Gift Card Campaign! If you have extra gift cards laying around that you don't think you will use, please consider donating them to Children First! Whether you were gifted a Starbucks Gift Card and don't drink coffee, received two of the same gift cards, or would like to go purchase a gift card to support our campaign, Children First would gladly accept them as donations. The gift cards will be used for our clients!

If you would like to donate any gift cards to Children First, please bring them to our office located at 693 North Pope St. Athens, GA 30601!

**Thank you for your generous
donations!**


STAFF SPOTLIGHT ✨

IMANI SCOTT-BLACKWELL ✨



Please help us welcome Imani to the Children First team as a SafeCare Home Visitor! Imani is a community organizer with 5+ years of experience organizing in Athens, GA centering issues of youth, LGBTQIA+, Black, and/or immigrant and working-class populations. In 2019, she started a consulting practice specializing in facilitation, base-building, strategic planning, and organizational capacity-building for grassroots organizations and nonprofits. She dreams of a future where everyone has their basic needs met and the conditions exist for them and their loved ones to thrive. She looks forward to supporting the families we serve in their efforts to keep their families together and be the best parents, and best versions of themselves, that they can be. We are very excited to have Imani on the team!

**In January
Children First raised....**



\$445

Thank You

To all of our amazing donors!

**Click the button below to donate
TODAY!**

What was Children First up to this January?

MLK DAY PARADE 1/16



CASA INFO SESSION 1/18



NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR NOMINEE CELEBRATION

1/23



CONFLICT RESOLUTION: DEALING WITH DIFFICULT PEOPLE WEBINAR BY THE GEORGIA CENTER FOR NONPROFITS

1/21

Attended by Cassandra Smith
and Audey Lee

COMMUNICATION TRAINING 1/31

Attended by the Children First
Staff

CHILDREN FIRST 2023 WISHLIST



- Architectural services for our expansion
- Baby wipes
- Individuals with marketing experience to capitalize on our brand
- Van for transporting clients, donations, and staff
- Volunteer handy person
- Volunteer gardener
- Volunteer for office assistance
- Visa cards in the amount of \$25 or more for clients
- Board committee volunteers (you do not need to be a full member of the board to volunteer for a committee)
 - External board committee
 - Expansion board committee

**BELOW IS THE LINK TO
OUR AMAZON WISHLIST**

DIAPERS & WIPES

**Know someone in
need of diapers?
Click the link
below!!**



YOUR OPINION MATTERS

Please click on the
button below to
share your thoughts
on what is working
and ways we can
improve!

