

Youth Opportunities Impact Report:

From Inception
Through March 2026



We are all too familiar with the devastating statistics that have historically painted a bleak picture for Georgia's aging-out foster youth—**more than 700 youth age out of foster care annually and only 37% achieve a high school diploma. Nationally, less than 3% graduate from a four-year college.**

Instability and trauma have long-term consequences. **Around 50% of the homeless population and 20% of those incarcerated were once in foster care. Up to 90% of children who are victims of sex trafficking have been involved with child welfare services.**

This reality is now changing in Georgia, thanks to the Georgia legislature passing the Fostering Success Act (FSA), a groundbreaking tax credit designed to support foster youth as they transition into adulthood.

Because of this, FaithBridge immediately launched Youth Opportunities to ensure former foster youth would have access to the wraparound financial assistance offered through FSA and life coaching **to help them achieve their post-secondary degree and equip them to become self-sufficient.**



Who we're serving:

Former Georgia foster youth served

598

Male vs. female

31% | 69%

Median age

21.4 years old

Youth who are parents attending school

22%

Youth basic needs must be met to enable achievement of educational goals.

Youth entering the program with:

Food insecurity

80.8%

Housing insecurity

87.6%

Unreliable transportation

68.5%

Within 15 days of enrollment, 100% of the young adults we support have their housing, transportation and food insecurities resolved.

Educational goals being pursued:

High School Equivalency Program

7.4%

Technical / Vocational Program

49.9%

Bachelor's/Associate's, College/University Program

38.9%

Graduate Program

3.9%

237

Youth no longer homeless
and enrolled in school

How the funds are being used:

Housing

\$4.2M | 45.9%

Food

\$2.1M | 22.6%

Transportation

\$1.6M | 17.8%

Educational fees

\$552K | 6.0%

Personal care & health

\$507K | 5.6%

Care for dependent children

\$193K | 2.1%

**Tuition costs are largely
provided through
federal and state grants.**

Each Life Coach supports an average of 41.5 youth per year.

Aging-out foster youth often lack caring and committed adults in their lives. Every youth we support is paired with a dedicated Life Coach who works with the youth to assess their capabilities and interests, develop a plan to achieve their educational goals, and meet their financial needs in support of those goals.

Our students have been able to pursue a wide variety of degrees and certifications in **130+ different schools and programs** with the help of FaithBridge Youth Opportunities.

Our Life Coaches are currently providing 351 students with the critical mentorship needed to navigate their educational journey.



Where they are studying:

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College

Albany State University

Albany Technical College

American Intercontinental University

American International University

American Public University

Athens Technical College

Atlanta Beauty & Barber Academy

Atlanta Dental Assistant School

Atlanta Elaine Sterling Institute

Atlanta Institute of Music and Media

Atlanta Metropolitan State College

Atlanta Perimeter Technical College

Atlanta School of Massage

Atlanta Technical College

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School

Augusta School of Massage

Augusta Technical College

Augusta University

Aviation Institute of Maintenance

Barry University

Berry College

Brenau University

Bryant and Stratton

Central Georgia Technical

Central Georgia Technical College

Chamberlain University: College of Nursing

Chattahoochee Technical College

Clayton State University

Coastal Pines Technical College

Coastal Plains High School

College of Coastal Georgia

Columbus State University

Columbus Technical College

Dalton State College

DeVry University

East Georgia State College

Elaine Sterling Institute

Empire Beauty School

F.I.R.S.T. Institute

Forest Hill High School

Fort Valley State University

Fortis College

Full Sail University

Georgia Building Trades Academy (GABATA)

Georgia Career Institute

Georgia College & State University

Georgia Gwinnett College

Georgia Highlands College

Georgia Institute of Cosmetology

Georgia Institute of Emergency Medicine

Georgia Institute of Emergency Medicine

Georgia Institute of Technology

Georgia Military College

Georgia Northwestern Technical College

Georgia Piedmont Technical College

Georgia Southern University
Georgia Southwestern State University
Georgia State University
Georgia Trade School
Gordon State College
Greenville Technical College
Gulf Coast State College
Gwinnett Technical College
Health and Style Institute
Herzing University
Hillendell Medical Training
Houston City College
International School of Skin,
Nailcare & Massage Therapy
Jefferson High School
Jump Start
Jump Start Automotive Training Center
Kennesaw State University
Lanier Technical College
Life Solutions for Health Institute
Lincoln Tech
Mercer University
Middle Georgia State University
Monroe Community College
Morris Brown College
New Beginnings Learning Center
North Carolina A&T State University
North Georgia Technical College
Oconee Fall Line Technical College
Ogeechee Technical College
Paul Mitchell Hair & Beauty School
Perfecting Talent Academy LLC
Perimeter College @ Georgia State University
Perry Learning Center
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Philander Smith University
Piedmont University
Point University
Real Estate Performance Center
Reinhardt University

SAE Institute of Technology-Atlanta
Savannah College of Art and Design
(SCAD)
Savannah State University
Savannah Technical College
Snead State Community College
South Georgia State College
South Georgia Technical College
South University
Southeastern Technical College
Southern Crescent Technical College
Southern New Hampshire
Southern Regional Technical College
Southern University and A&M College
Southwestern University
Strayer University
Strive Atlanta
Toccoa Falls College
Troy University
Ultimate Medical Academy
United Education Institute
University of Georgia
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Maryland
University of New Hampshire
University of North Georgia
University of Phoenix
University of West Georgia
Valdosta State University
Voorhees University
Walden University
Wallace State Community College
West Georgia Technical College
Wiregrass Georgia Technical College
Young Harris College

30 youth have graduated from their program.

35 more youth are expected to graduate by summer 2026.

What they are studying:

Accounting	Diesel Equipment Technology	Mass Communications
Architecture	Early Childhood Education	Mechanical Engineering
Art History	Education	Medical Administration
Automotive Tech	Electrical Technician	Medical Assisting Services
Barbering	Elementary Education	Military Technologies
Behavioral Health Tech	Engineering	Molecular Biology
Billing and Coding	Esthetician	Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies
Biochemical Sciences	Exercise Science	Music
Biology	Family Child Specialist	Neurology
Business	Film/Cinema Arts	Neuroscience
Business Management and Administration	Finance	Nursing
Certified Medical Assistance	GED	Pharmacology
Certified Nursing Assistant	Graphic Design	Pharmacy Tech
Chemistry	Homeland Security	Phlebotomy
Communication Technologies	Horticulture	Photography
Computer Engineering	Hospitality	Political Science
Computer Programming	Human Resources	Psychology
Computer Science	Human Services	Public Administration
Consumer Science	HVAC	Public Policy
Cosmetology	Industrial Management	Radiology
Court Reporting	Industrial Production Technology	Social Work
Criminal Justice	Industrial Tech	Sociology
Criminology	Informational Technology	Special Needs Education
Culinary Arts	Interdisciplinary Social Sciences	Speech Pathology
Cyber Security	Interior Design	Sports Management
Data Science	International Business	Sterile Processing
Dental Assistant	Kinesiology	Theater
Dental Hygienist	Liberal Arts	Veterinary Studies
Design and Media Tech	Logistics	Welding
	Marketing	



Meet Mila

Placed in the foster care system when she was a teen, Mila had turned to drugs to cope. She dropped out of high school, never making it past the 10th grade.

The day Mila got arrested she knew she needed to make a change. She chose sobriety and then pursued an education at the University of Georgia. Even then, **with no familial support, she struggled to navigate the university system and found herself unable to pay her rent.**

“I felt hopeless, but I chose to trust in God.”

This trust led Mila to the Youth Opportunities program where she met her Life Coach, Renee.



Meet Sergio

For Sergio, something as simple as a calculator he couldn't afford led to him dropping out of school. He ended up living with a distant relative in Alabama, 20 miles from the nearest gas station and hundreds of miles away from his dreams. He had lost his only chance to go to college.





Meet Emily

Emily spent her entire childhood moving from foster home to foster home - from age 8 until she signed herself out of care at 18. With no support system and nowhere to go, she ended up sleeping in her sister's car. At her lowest point, Emily learned she was pregnant with her daughter.

“I didn’t want to put my daughter in a situation where generational trauma would affect her.”

Emily was referred to FaithBridge’s Youth Opportunities program, where she met her Life Coach, Renee.

