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**TWO PROMINENT AGENCIES MERGE AS HOPE CENTER FOR CHILDREN**  
Hope Center Will Serve Over 1,000 Children and Families in Need This Year

On March 12 at 11 a.m., the newly merged Ellen Hines Smith Girls' Home and the Children Shelter of the Upstate announced their new name: Hope Center for Children. These two historically strong Spartanburg organizations have merged to better provide the fullest continuum of care in the most financially responsible way possible to all of South Carolina.

Still located in the heart of Spartanburg, Hope Center will be able to serve 185 children through on-site care programs, and 700 families through in-home abuse prevention care. Hope Center will also provide post-care for those reunited with their families. The amount of money saved by merging is enough to provide 150 months of meals for children in the Anchor House and Faucette House, homes with 24/7 care for children in need, or to provide services for a year to 37 families.

The Honorable Junie White, mayor of Spartanburg, gave a general address reliving the history of both organizations and thanking the community for their generous support throughout the years.

A match challenge of \$20,000 was then presented with an anonymous donor offering to give \$2 for every \$1 given. Mayor White donated \$5,000 to help the cause. To make a donation to the Hope Center, visit our website at [www.hopecfc.org](http://www.hopecfc.org).

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