**History of the Center**

1956— The Houston County Association for Exceptional Citizens, Inc. was founded.

1957— On September 17, the first class began in Second Baptist Church.

1964— The Happy Hour School (Maude Paris Building) was completed.

1966— The School was at full capacity and two additional classrooms along with an assembly room were added.

1970— Happy Hour Workshop I (Dan Callahan Building) was built through a private foundation grant of $75,000.

1976— Happy Hour School was overflowing and the Jay Ryals annex was added.

1985— Happy Hour Workshop II (McCannon Building) was built and financed through a SBA loan.

1993— In March, Falcon Park I and II, (group homes funded by HUD), were opened to serve 8 residents. In August, Workshop III was opened to handle all of our recycling contracts.

2003— In August, we broke ground on Falcon Park III, our semi-independent living apartment complex that was funded by HUD.

2005— Nine residents moved into Falcon Park III in March.

2008— In June, we opened Falcon Park IV & V group homes to serve an additional 7 residents.

2011— In February, Exceptional Mail and More was opened to provide mail services on the north side of town due to the closing of the existing U.S. Post Office. In March, Falcon Park VI was opened to serve 4 residents.

2012— In February, Falcon Park VII was opened to serve 4 residents. In March, Workshop IV was opened to accommodate the “Recycled Treasures” Yard Sale operations. In November Falcon VIII opened serving 2 residents, with the capability of serving 4 residents.

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**Community Service Organization**

Through a variety of facilities, Happy Hour Service Center provides much needed service to the people and businesses of Houston County. The recycling program not only provides funds for Happy Hour, but also diverts 5,000 tons of refuse from going to our landfills each year. A large portion of Houston County’s landfill is taken up by recyclable paper, cardboard, aluminum and glass. Happy Hour has the facilities and the personnel to recycle these items. The organization provides assembly and disassembly services for companies. The individuals served sort, examine and recycle small pieces and parts. Our federal contracts save the taxpayers thousands of dollars annually by our inspecting and recycling discarded materials. Individuals served provide bulk mailing services, box construction, kit assembly, sorting and repackaging services.

HCAEC, Inc. is a non-profit organization 501(c) 3 organization.

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Mission Statement
The mission of HCAEC, Inc. is to provide to any developmentally disabled person training in life, social and work skills within a safe, caring and considerate environment that will enable them to function in the community.

Philosophy
The philosophy of HCAEC, Inc. is based on the concept that the developmentally disabled are individuals with the same basic rights and privileges accorded to the non-disabled. We will provide services on a continuum from the very basic self-care needs to total independence of those individuals whose needs cannot be met elsewhere. This service will be provided in the facility and in the home and community as the needs of the individual dictates.

Who Do We Serve?
Since 1956, Happy Hour Service Center has been serving the developmentally disabled citizens of Houston County. The individuals we serve are trained in daily living skills, communication skills, social skills, and work adjustment skills. Everyone is guided toward reaching his or her fullest potential.

A COMPLETE RANGE OF SERVICES

Specialized Employment
This program involves employees working on the Robins Air Force Base Robins Recycling Contract.

Day Services
COMP/NOW Waivers; Involves employment in various areas: assisting with cooking and preparing lunch; document destruction and recycling computer paper; recycling newspaper and cardboard; assembly and packaging, printing and labeling newsletters, sorting and mail-out activities.
The emphasis of training is on assisting the individual in increasing self-help, socialization skills, skills of daily living and adaptive skills. These activities include assisting people with money management, teaching appropriate shopping skills, and teaching nutrition and diet information.

Residential Services
A program which operates group home and supported living apartments. Based on individual needs, we offer twenty-four hour Residential Service and a Semi-Independent Living Program.

Community Employment
Individuals are employed in various businesses throughout Houston County. They hold regular jobs while receiving support services from our staff. Happy Hour Service Center contracts with the Georgia Department of Labor’s Vocational Rehabilitation Program, which provides job training at community work sites. This Work Adjustment Program lasts between 3-6 months.

Outreach Services
Individuals receive services and/or case management in the home or community in lieu of the Center.

Recreation and Community Integration
In addition to being a work center, we provide for physical fitness activities. We have three teams which participate in basketball, bowling, and volleyball. We also participate in the city’s swimming and library programs.

Recycled Treasures Yard Sale
We accept furniture, clothing, appliances, toys, and other clean functioning items that we can sell on scheduled “Recycled Treasures” Yard Sale dates. All proceeds from sales go directly to the individuals we serve. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Donation receipts are available upon request.

Exceptional Mail & More
Individuals are employed to assist the staff in the Commercial Mailing Agency “Exceptional Mail & More”. They sort the mail, place mail into Private Mailboxes and pack items to be shipped. All of the proceeds from daily sales go directly to the individuals served.