**History of R.E.A.C.H. of Macon County**

Macon Outreach began in November 1987, with six volunteers trained in crisis intervention services.  Initially, Macon Outreach assisted clients with supportive services and clients were then transferred to a shelter located in Jackson County.  On January 31,1990, Reach of Macon County was incorporated, and in September of that year, REACH opened their current shelter.

Since that time, REACH has grown to offer comprehensive services in both English and Spanish, including 24-hour crisis line, safety planning, court advocacy, case management, information and referrals, and a life skills program.  To assist with revenue to support client services, REACH operates a thrift store with the earnings of the thrift store to support their various programs and services for victims of domestic and sexual violence.