



# HALO

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News from the HALO Group/P.O. Box 1078, Perry, GA 31069/halogroupga.org



“HALO” is “Helping Achieve Life Outcomes” by “Having Agape Love for Others.”

We are a non-profit organization which aims to meet the vocational, social and residential needs of adults with developmental disabilities and autism. “Teammates” are typically young adults facing some kind of disability or social skills challenge. HALO is working to give these adults skills for the workforce, and social skills for community engagement.

## HALO by the Numbers

Total 2020 income, including tuition, fundraising events and donations: **\$174,337**

Total 2020 expenses: **\$168,046**

Number of monthly financial teammates:  
**16 ... up from 11 in 2020!**

## Our immediate goals:

We want to continue to glorify God through this ministry.

We had an astounding 116 givers in 2020. Increasing our monthly contributors will help us accomplish more ministry and expand our office on Ball Street.

We'd love to have you as one of our teammates!



A photographer from WMAZ-TV films Jacob Hall pressing a burlap tote bag he'll help sell at a future date. Thanks to Robins Federal Credit Union, HALO will be a featured community organization on the Macon television station in April.

## Thank you for your help in 2020!

Words can't adequately express our gratitude to all who have donated to HALO. We have regular monthly givers, end-of-the-year givers, out-of-the-blue givers, and just-in-the-nick-of-time givers.

In the crazy, pandemic year of 2020, all of you donated \$127,785. Your generosity has certainly resulted in our thanksgiving to God for the giver and the gift. Each gift meets a specific need and with each gift you are joining us as we enable young adults with special needs to find belonging and a sense of purpose in our community.

May you be richly blessed in every way. To God be the glory.



Melanie Murphy  
HALO President



*You will be enriched in every way for all generosity which produces thanksgiving to God through us.  
- 2 Corinthians 9:11.*

# A place where she belongs

## Zaria Wainwright flourishing in the HALO community



When Zaria Wainwright graduated from Veterans High School two years ago, her parents were concerned about her future.

Zaria, now 19, has cerebral palsy.

“Her sister went to college and Zaria wanted to go to college, too,” said Tonya Carodine, Zaria’s mother. “We were so excited to hear about HALO, because this is a local opportunity for her. It makes her feel like she’s a part of something.”

Zaria enjoys cooking, helping create products for HALO to sell and participating in community activities with her new friends at the ministry. She especially enjoys going to the library and shopping with the group.

“Zaria and other young people who have special needs are why we created HALO,” said Melanie Murphy, president of the organization. “We all deserve to be a part of a community.”



On a recent Friday, Zaria was at the HALO House on Ball Street in Perry, surrounded by her friends.

“It’s good,” she said as she worked on products for HALO to sell. “We do different things all the time.”

“It’s been amazing to us,” her mother added. “We’re very excited about HALO. They’re teaching her everyday skills, job skills and life skills. She is developing more independence there. We’re very grateful for HALO.”



## Join the Fire Truck Pull!

Saturday, April 10, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
Get a team together and join us  
at the Dogwood Festival, Perry Fairgrounds!  
Visit [halogroupga.org](http://halogroupga.org) for more information.

