

Annual Report 2023

East Central Georgia Family Council

President Saint Amand, Executive Director, Hugo Dwyer, members of the board of directors of VOR,

Greetings From Georgia.

Once again Georgia is excited to present a report about the issues that impact our most vulnerable, the Developmentally and Intellectually Disabled. We have zoom family council meetings periodically.

Two members of the family council went to Atlanta during the Georgia legislative session to appraise legislators about our concerns-the issues that impact people with disabilities. Kamala Balakrishnan served as legislative chair, and she met with all of our congressmen to appraise them of our concerns in Georgia.

We will continue to speak with legislators on our issues. It is our conviction that if the services were restored and the doors were opened to receive new clients at Gracewood State School and Hospital, there is no need to build a Veterans Cemetery, or to tear down buildings at the facility. Actually, statistics show that it is less expensive to repair, restore and open the doors than to dismantle the facility.

The Georgia delegation urges all of us to continue to set the sail for “The True North” as we strive to advocate for the Developmentally and Intellectually Disabled.

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