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## **Abba House Partners With Global Vision Technologies - First Adult Residential Case Management System of Its Kind.**

Atlanta, GA January 20, 2010 - Access to critical data is much easier these days for Abba House – a 12-month residential program in north Georgia that helps women overcome addiction and abuse. Since partnering with [Global Vision Technologies](#) (GVT) and implementing [FAMCare®](#) – a custom-tailored, [web-based human services case management solution](#) they can now collect and analyze their data faster – giving them a clearer picture of how their programs and services are benefiting their clients.

Founded by Jim and Chris Sharp in 1992, the facility serves women and their children. Restoration of the family unit is one of the main objectives at [Abba House](#). “Abba is family-centric... and with FAMCare® they are able to capture data relevant to family outcomes,” says George Ritacco, Executive Director, Client Services at GVT.

The core FAMCare case management platform was built for [child welfare case management](#), and acts as a COTS/hybrid solution – with tailoring for each system to match the individual workflow and business rules for each client. Abba’s FAMCare system has been tailored to capture data specifically related to their core focus – helping women with addictions and emotional wounding.

Paper forms were transformed into online data entry forms. Users populate their client records through a simple point and click effort and can connect to the system from anywhere with an Internet connection, even from a mobile device such as a Blackberry. This enables caseworkers to remain in front of their critical data as needed. FAMCare contains all of the necessary elements to help Abba build robust case profiles for their clients and delivers critical information in real-time, when the caseworkers need it most. The team now has access to up to the minute alerts from pre-defined triggers of upcoming events and appointments and managers and directors are able to identify problem trends and delinquent cases as they occur.

“Incorporating a web-based case management solution like FAMCare® only helps our team become more efficient, gain regular access to critical data and make better decisions that will continue to improve outcomes for our clients, said Abba’s founder, Jim Sharp.

“We’re very proud of our new partnership and look forward to helping Abba achieve their next milestone. Because FAMCare is a flexible human services solution, it can be tailored and scaled as Abba grows – allowing them to leverage new features when the need arises,” remarked Ritacco.

Thanks to a three-year effort by the Sharps and others, the Rural Development Department of the USDA has approved a \$1.55 million-dollar loan to expand Abba House with a 22,000 sq. ft. building that will enable the ministry to triple its current capacity. And recently, American Proteins owner Tommy Bagwell recently committed to providing a \$150,000 matching grant to the organization.

"This [grant] from the Bagwells puts us within \$300,000 to \$400,000 of reaching our goal and being able to break ground on the project," Sharp said. "I'd estimate, we should be ready to start building within the next six months."

The new data management tool should be a perfect complement to an already expanding infrastructure.

#### About Abba House

Abba House is a 12-month minimum residential ministry for women with emotional wounding. Abba House is a safe place for women to come and receive God's love and forgiveness. For more information, please visit: [www.abbahouse.com](http://www.abbahouse.com)

#### **About Global Vision Technologies**

GVT is a provider of world-class information management solutions for child welfare and human services case management, patient registries, and e-learning management. The company strength is derived from its ability to rapidly deliver tailored, cost effective and proven web-based tools that save organizations time and money by improving time to ramp up, while reducing overall training and support costs.

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