



## FOOTHILLS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Serving Charlottesville, Albemarle, and Surrounding Counties

### 2019 Gratitude Report



**Thanks to the support of our community**, child victims and their families received services to help them heal and move forward in FY 2019.

We are very grateful to all of you who give of your time, talent, and treasure to help child victims and their families. Many thanks to our generous donors; the Board of Directors; our partners on the area multi-disciplinary teams; the local professionals who serve child victims; and the adults who take time to complete our training and learn how to protect the children they love.

***Together**, we can reduce the trauma of child victims, promote their healing, and ensure their safety. Thank you so much!*

**With sincere gratitude,**  
Cathee Johnson Phillips, Executive Director

### Your gifts helped to provide...

... a safe, child-friendly environment for **360** children and their families.

- 219 children were from Charlottesville and Albemarle, and 141 children were from the surrounding localities, including Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Madison, Nelson, and other counties.

... **357** legally sound forensic interviews that reduce child re-traumatization and gather accurate information.

- 98% of the children who received forensic interviews were only interviewed once.

... **125** forensic medical evaluations that reassure the child and caregivers about the child's physical well-being, support legal decision-making, screen for injuries/medical conditions and initiate treatment, and diagnose sexual and physical abuse and neglect.

- Fully 32 percent of the children served received medical services, up from 25% in FY 2018.

... more than **3,100** services to the families, which helped them to provide a safe and healing environment for their children.

- 100% of the caregivers who came to Foothills received crisis intervention services.
- 99% of the families who needed referrals for services received these referrals within one week of coming to Foothills.

... coordination of community agencies who work together in the best interest of the child and who have together conducted more than **900** case reviews to be sure that the children's needs are met.

... education and training on child abuse issues and how to prevent and stop child abuse for **944** adults.



### Your gifts supported families...

**100%** of caregivers surveyed agreed that their children felt safe while at Foothills.

**100%** of caregivers surveyed strongly agreed that they understood the investigation process.

**93%** of caregivers agreed that Foothills staff provided them with resources to support their children and respond to their needs in the days and weeks ahead.



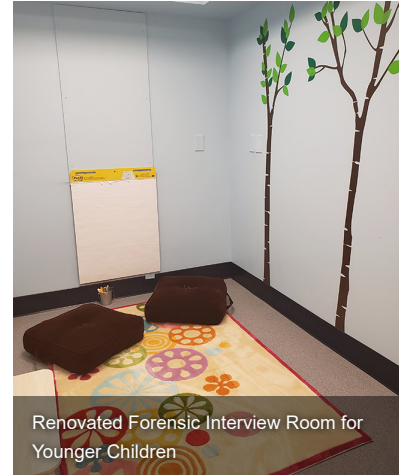
## Your gifts helped us to increase our capacity to serve child victims...

In order to meet the growing need, Foothills leased the entire building at 1106 East High Street and completed renovations that resulted in **new, expanded direct services spaces**, including:

- A second waiting room for older children;
- A more comfortable room dedicated to family meetings;
- A second and larger forensic interview room for older children;
- A renovated forensic interview room for younger children;
- A larger, renovated medical exam room; and
- A first-floor handicap-accessible restroom.

Foothills is very grateful to all of those whose support made these renovations possible:

- Local contractor Robin Joslin, who did the renovation at cost;
- The building's owner, who contributed \$39,200 to the renovation;
- A \$10,000 grant from the Hays Family Foundation;
- The help of student volunteers from the Darden School of Business, who moved staff offices upstairs and raised funds for new bathroom fixtures;
- Building Goodness Foundation volunteers who worked on making the first-floor bathroom handicap accessible;
- The University of Virginia Women in Trades, who created a second, larger forensic interview room;
- Another generous contractor, Ray Snably, who constructed the new waiting room and medical exam room;
- A grant from the Perry Foundation for a new dual-floor security system;
- And many others!



## Your continued support will help to keep kids safe in the coming year...

Please help us to sustain our existing services to families and to continue to close the gap in services for abused children and their families in the greater Charlottesville area.

Opportunities to improve services include:

- Increase access to trauma-focused mental health services in our community.
- Continue to increase access to appropriate health care.
- Increase annual contributions and diversify our revenue streams so that we can meet the needs of child victims and their families as that need increases.



*Thank you so much for your past and continued gifts of your time, talent, and treasure!*

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