



FOOTHILLS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

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FOOTHILLS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER CELEBRATES THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY *Local artists to display work at Open House and Reception*

CHARLOTTESVILLE (April 24, 2019) – Foothills Child Advocacy Center (Foothills) is celebrating the support of the community on behalf of child victims and welcomes invited guests and interested members of the public to stop by and see its newly expanded and renovated space at 1106 E. High Street from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. this Friday, April 26.

Artist Jennifer Esser will display several of her works at the event. Bolanle Adeboye, Sarah Boyts Yoder, and Cary Oliva will also have works on display during the event.

“We are so grateful for everyone who provides support to help child victims of abuse,” said Lisa Brook, chair of the Foothills Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors. “Thanks to many generous people and organizations, we are able to provide much needed services to some 350 children and families a year and to welcome them to a beautiful newly renovated space.”

Foothills Board and staff members will be on hand to welcome guests and provide tours of its renovated direct services space. These renovations were made possible by:

- Building Goodness Foundation
- Building Goodness in April, a Darden School of Business Organization
- Engineering Solutions & Construction Management, Inc.
- The Thomas C. and Mary Ann Hays Family Charitable Trust
- Robin Joslin, Granville Construction Co.
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- High Street, LLC
- Nathaniel March
- Lauren McRaven
- Perry Foundation, Inc.
- Ray Snably, Sanger Carpentry, LLC
- Jane T. and Thomas A. Tirrell III
- University of Virginia Reuse Store
- University of Virginia Women in Trades
- And many other generous friends!

“It takes a community effort to stop child abuse and to help abused children to heal and recover,” said Cathee Johnson Phillip, Foothill’s executive director. “None of this would be possible without the generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure from our community and the dedication of our partners on the area child abuse multidisciplinary teams.”

The Charlottesville/Albemarle Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) members include: Foothills; the Albemarle County and Charlottesville Police Departments, Child Protective Services, Commonwealth’s Attorneys, and Victim-Witness Offices; Piedmont Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA); ReadyKids; Region Ten Community Services Board; the Sexual Assault Resource Agency (SARA); and the University of Virginia Forensic Nurse Examiners and Department of Pediatrics. Foothills is also a member of the MDTs in surrounding counties.

For more information about Foothills, visit www.foothillscac.org.

About the Artists

Jennifer Esser is a local artist who has been painting for nearly thirty years. Several of the large oil paintings gracing the walls in the newly renovated conference room at the Foothills Child Advocacy Center are of beautiful private and public gardens in Maine and California. All of the paintings are for sale, and Esser has pledged to donate 25% of any proceeds to the center. View her work at JenniferEsserStudio.com.

Bolanle Adeboye is a visual artist who focuses on creating works that are interactive and collaborative. Her work was most recently displayed at the McGuffey Art Center and The Bridge Progressive Arts. She lives and works in Charlottesville. See her work at <http://tinyurl.com/bolanleadeboye>.

Sarah Boyts Yoder is a mixed media painter based in Charlottesville. Boyts Yoder's work has been featured in numerous publications and exhibitions throughout the United States including the Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art. View her work at <https://sarahboytsyoder.com/home.html>.

Cary Oliva is an artist/photographer who lives and works in Charlottesville. She has been interested in traditional photography for many years but enjoys experimenting with different Polaroid techniques: transfers, manipulations, and emulsion lifts. See her work at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/ByCary>.

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Foothills Child Advocacy Center provides a coordinated system of effective response and intervention to children who have been victimized. The center’s goal is to minimize trauma for children, promote their healing, and ensure child safety. Foothills works to fulfill these goals through the Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)/Forensic Assessment and Public Education and Outreach Programs. Through the MDT/Forensic Assessment Program, Foothills (1) coordinates a team of 14 local government and nonprofit agencies to increase communication and mutual accountability, reduce duplication of services, and help ensure that children are safe and that their needs are met; (2) conducts coordinated forensic interviews that reduce the number of times a child is interviewed and so reduces the child’s trauma; and (3) ensures that children receive appropriate medical services on site at Foothills or at the University of Virginia SAFE Clinic; and (4) provides non-offending caregivers ongoing support to help them provide safe, healing environments for the children. Through education and outreach, Foothills increases community understanding of the ways to prevent and stop abuse. Read more about the education and outreach program at <http://www.foothillscac.org/resources.html>.