



## FOOTHILLS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Serving Charlottesville, Albemarle, and Surrounding Counties

### 2018 Gratitude Report



**Thanks to your support and the support of our community**, in FY 2018 many good things happened that improved outcomes for child victims. **Please scroll down to read more!**

We are very grateful to all those who give of their time, talent, and treasure to help child victims and their families: our generous donors; our Board of Directors; our partners on the area multi-disciplinary teams; the local professionals who serve child victims; and the adults who took 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.*

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

### The new medical program was launched.



**We are pleased to announce that the Child Victims Health Care Access Program was launched on April 1, 2018**, when **Dr. Mark Mendelsohn** began duties as Foothills' first Medical Director.

Dr. Mark oversees medical services that meet the unique needs of abused children and conducts forensic medical evaluations on site at Foothills child-friendly, safe, and private center. He has been a pediatrician in Charlottesville since 1996 and is Associate Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics at the University of Virginia.

### Your gifts helped to provide...

... a safe, child-friendly environment for **352** children and their families.

- 236 children were from Charlottesville and Albemarle, and 116 children were from the surrounding localities, including Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Madison, Nelson, and other counties.
- Foothills saw a 7% increase in the number of children served over FY 2017 -- a 37% increase over FY 2016!

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

... **87** 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 25 percent of the children served received medical services, up from 12% in FY 2017.

... more than **4,500** services to the families, which helped them to provide a safe and healing environment for their children.

- 98% of the caregivers who came to Foothills received crisis intervention services.
- 98% of the families who came to Foothills received risk assessments and safety planning.
- 93% 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 **1,253** 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 **656** 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.

**94%** 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...

We were able to **expand our space** by entering into a lease for both floors of our safe, private facility. Renovation is underway and expected to be completed in January. *Stay tuned for more information!*

Our bilingual education specialist completed training to serve as an on-call **bilingual forensic interviewer** who can interview children for whom Spanish is their first language in that language. We are so grateful to her!



We completed the steps to earn the GuideStar **Platinum Seal of Transparency**.

We can now receive **stocks and securities** in support of child victims.

### 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.
- Add a victim advocate to our staff. (Currently, we only have three direct services staff!)
- 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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