



# ANNUAL REPORT



# NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we reflect on the past year at The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri, we are filled with gratitude for the many individuals and organizations that have helped us continue our vital mission of supporting children and families affected by trauma and abuse. Every step taken on the path to healing is made possible through the dedication, generosity, and compassion of our community.



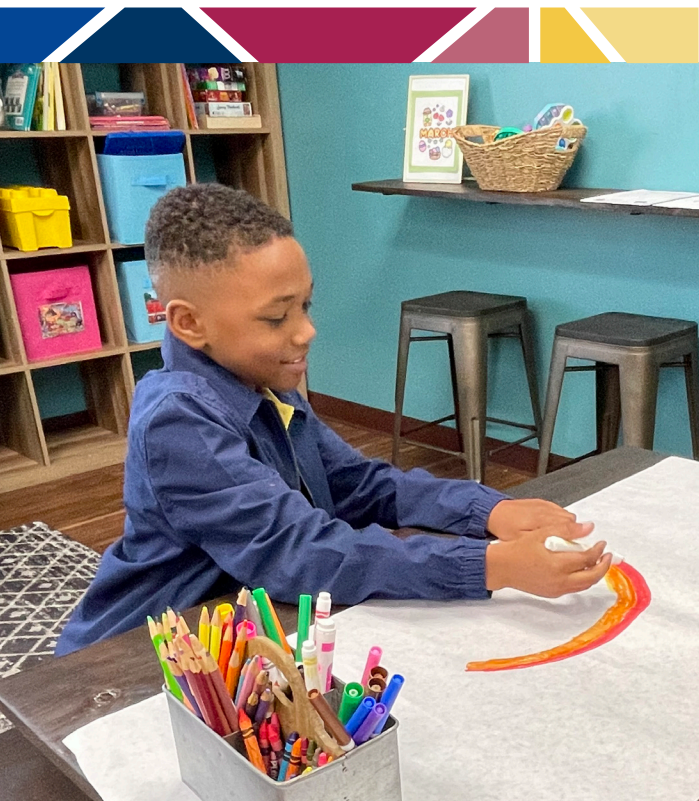
Over the past year, many children and families have walked through our doors, each with their own story of resilience and hope. One story, however, stood out—a brave young girl who chose to share her experience at our annual gala in front of 500 attendees. Her courage and vulnerability in recounting her journey inspired everyone in the room and served as a powerful testament to the healing and hope made possible through your support.

**In 2024 we served 70,858 people. That's more than double the number we served 5 years ago in 2019.** Behind every statistic we share, there are families and children who have faced unimaginable challenges and shown extraordinary strength. Their courage and determination to heal and rebuild their lives inspire all of us every day. We are honored to walk alongside them on their path to healing and remain committed to providing the compassionate care and support they deserve.

Because of you, children and families are finding that hope and healing. So thank YOU for helping us make a lasting impact in their lives.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Seymore".

Julie Seymore  
Executive Director



## Our Mission

Deliver excellence in child abuse response, offer a path toward healing, and educate the community.

## A Coordinated Response

The Child Advocacy Center coordinates a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach in response to allegations of child abuse. This results in more successful investigation and prosecution outcomes, and minimizes the impact of a stressful investigation on child victims and their families. The MDT consists of law enforcement, Children's Division staff, prosecuting attorneys, juvenile officers, medical providers, family advocates, forensic interviewers, and mental health therapists.

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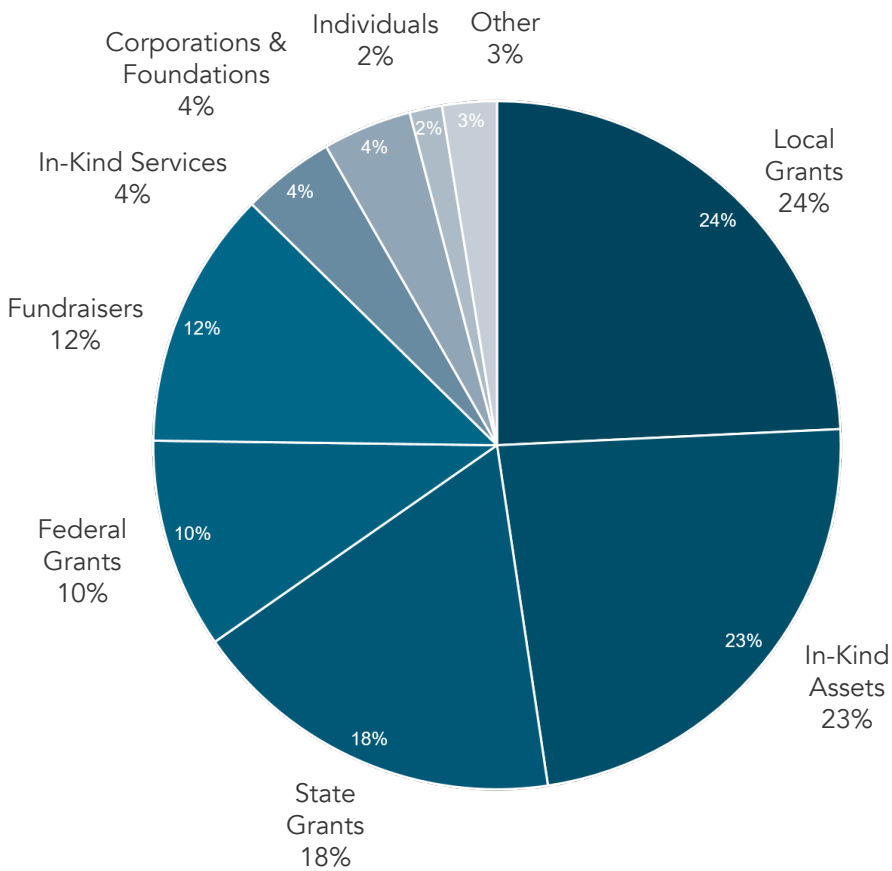


“The Child Advocacy Center continues to experience amazing growth in the number of programs and services provided, the number of staff we have been able to hire, and the number of children and families we serve. We greatly appreciate each and every one of our donors and it is through their partnership that the agency is able to provide and expand incomparable services across the 14 counties we serve.”

- Dr. Jennifer Patterson  
Board President

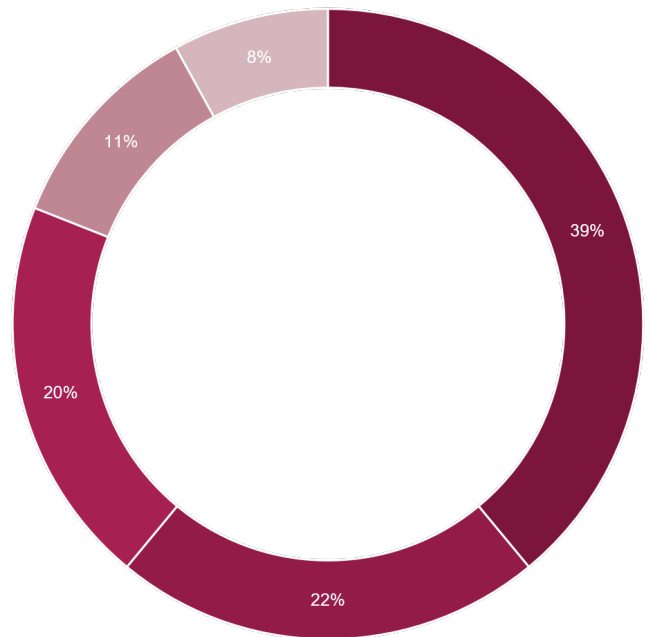
# A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS

## Revenue



Total revenue for the past fiscal year  
\$4,571,345

## Expenses



Forensic Services	39%	\$1,279,741
Prevention	22%	\$747,327
Therapy	20%	\$663,045
Admin	11%	\$359,632
Development	8%	\$274,211

Ending net assets at fiscal year end  
\$2,483,539

## 2024 GRANT FUNDERS

BNSF Foundation  
Boeing Employees Community Fund  
Children's Trust Fund  
Community and Children's Resource Board (CCRB) of St. Charles County  
Community Foundation Serving West Central Illinois & Northeast Missouri  
Cuivre River Electric Cooperative  
Developmental Disabilities Resource Board (DDRB) of St. Charles County  
General Mills  
George H. Riedel Foundation  
Hannibal Early Bird Kiwanis  
John Borota Foundation  
Lincoln County Resource Board (LCRB)  
Marillac Mission Fund  
Missouri Department of Social Services  
Missouri Network Against Child Abuse  
National Children's Alliance (NCA)  
Quincy Medical Group Foundation  
Samantha Otte Youth Opportunity Fund  
The Saigh Foundation  
Toyota Bodine  
Tri-County Electric Charity Foundation  
United Way of the Mark Twain Area  
Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)  
Wayne C. Kaufmann Charitable Foundation  
Youthbridge Community Foundation



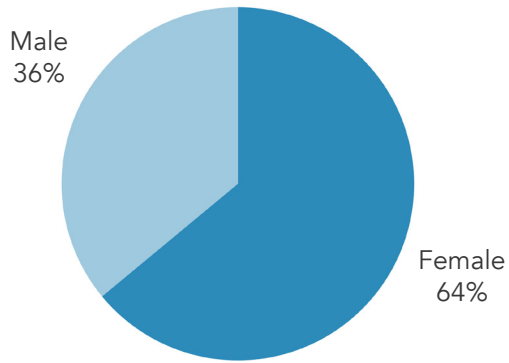
"Every child deserves a voice, safety, and hope. By supporting The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri, we are investing in a future where every child receives the care and justice they deserve. Together, we can make a lasting difference."

-Barbara Carswell,  
YouthBridge Community Foundation of Greater St. Louis

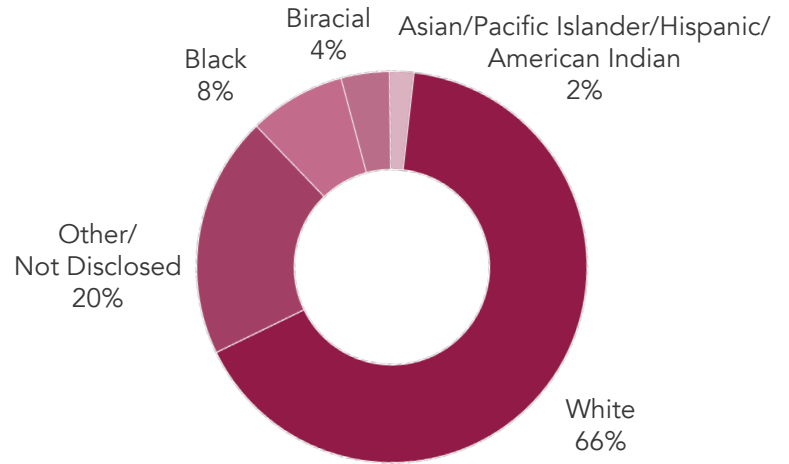
# DEMOGRAPHICS

A snapshot of the families served through forensic interviews in 2024

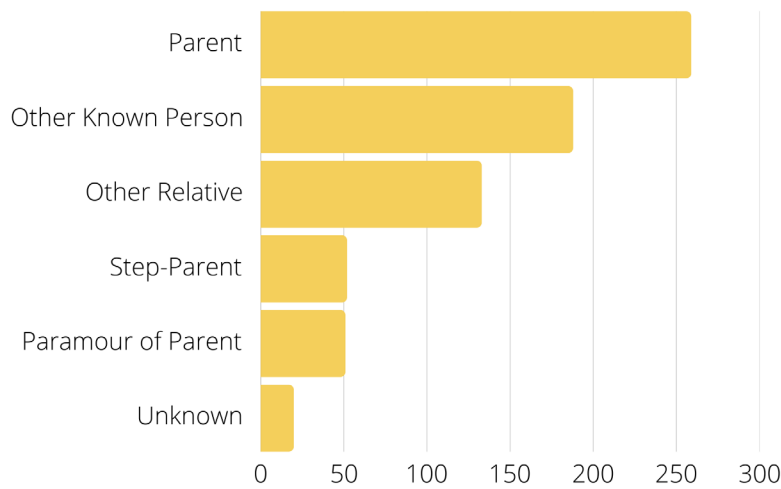
## Gender of Victims



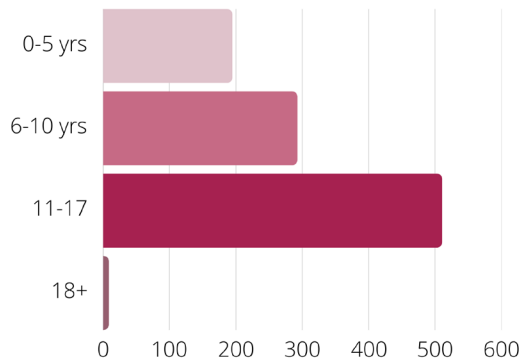
## Ethnicity of Victims



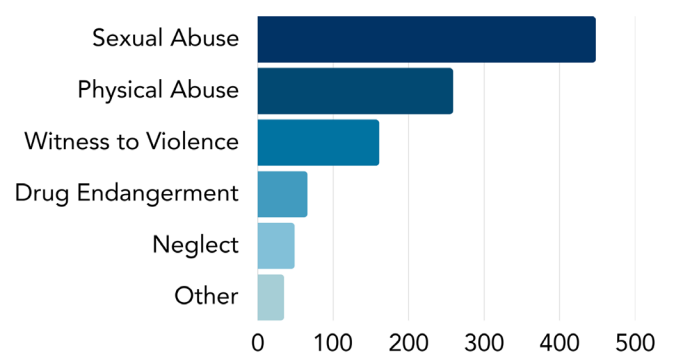
## Relationship Between Alleged Offender and Victim



## Age of Victims



## Primary Allegation





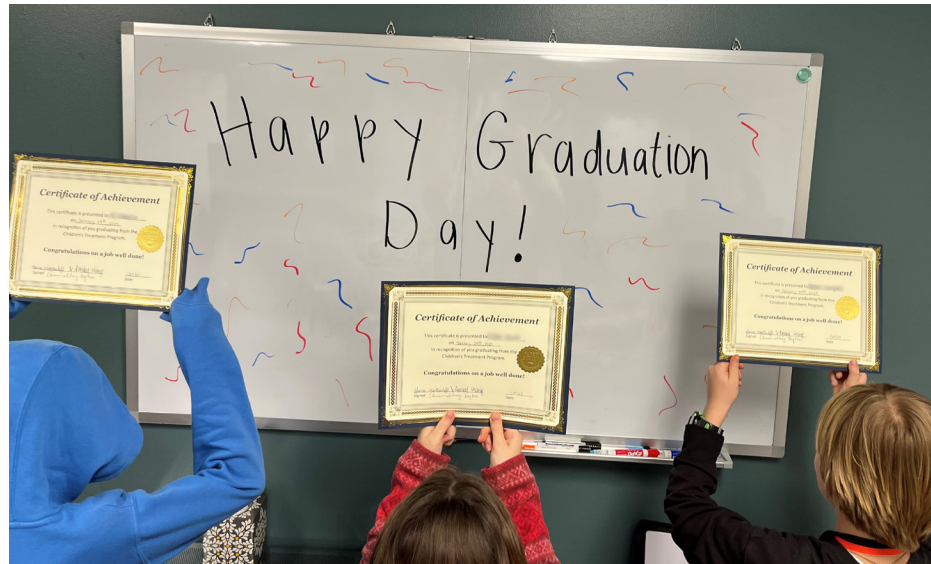
## THERAPY SERVICES

We believe that every child and family can find healing after abuse, and therapy plays a major role in that. Whether it's through research-backed trauma therapy, family support, or our Problematic Sexualized Behaviors (PSB) group, we get to witness children and families claw their way back to healing and wholeness.

Children who were afraid to leave their house are now excited to go on adventures. Teens who hated therapy at first, now have someone to turn to for help. Kids who dissociated and were missing out on life are learning how to cope and be present. Parents are learning how to navigate their own trauma and show up for their kids in this messy process.

## PSB

So far, 11 children graduated from our Problematic Sexualized Behaviors (PSB) program - a resource that previously hasn't been available in this area. Children showing sexual behaviors outside of what is developmentally appropriate are learning coping skills and boundaries. This program is preventing future sexual abuse and giving kids their lives back.



*"She turned into a shell of herself, it was like she wasn't even there. I was desperate to find a way to help her. But now I finally have my little girl back."*

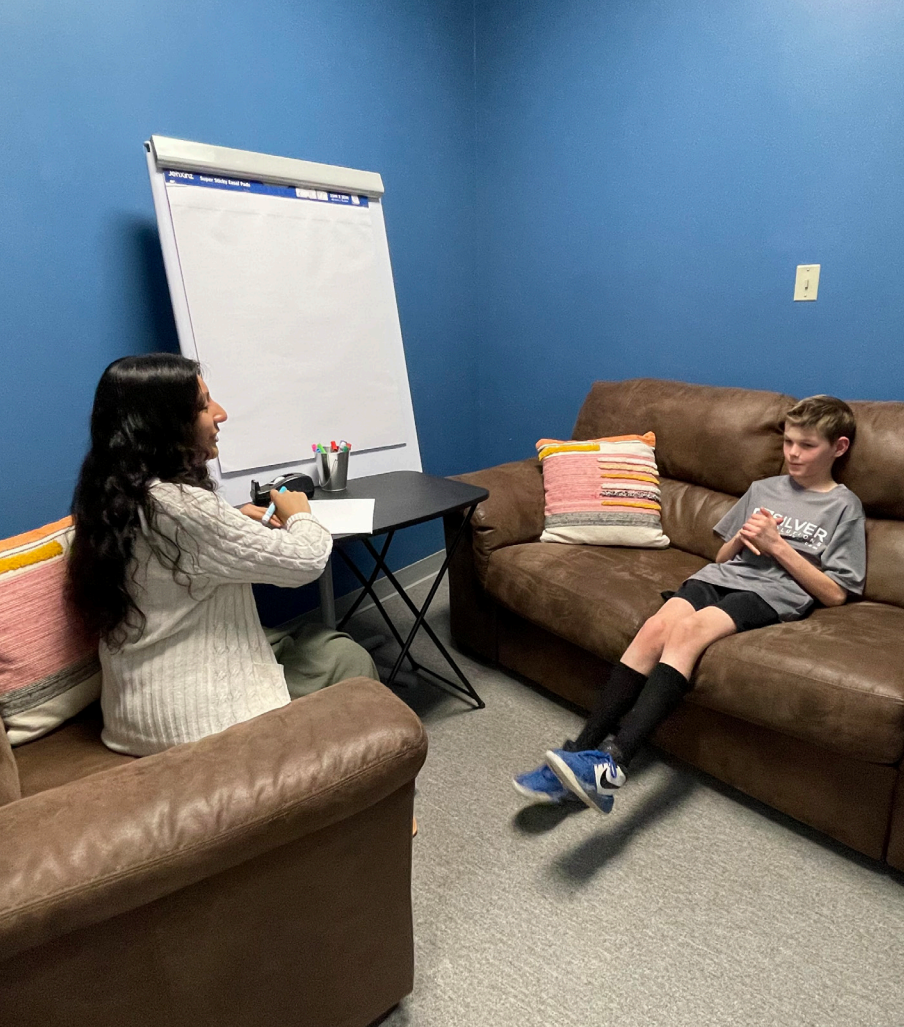
- Parent after therapy graduation



## Prevention Education

Prevention education programs teach children about appropriate boundaries, internet safety, sex trafficking, and healthy relationships. These programs empower children to disclose abuse to safe adults. In addition, we offer Mandated Reporter Training and Preventing Predators in the Workplace programs for adults.

**63,218** children educated  
**2,130** parents/caregivers educated  
**2,611** Mandated Reporters trained



## Forensic Services

Forensic interviews provide a safe place for children to disclose the details of abuse. It gathers pertinent information in a neutral, nonleading, developmentally appropriate, and legally defensible manner. Forensic interviewers also testify in court as expert witnesses for cases that involve criminal charges.

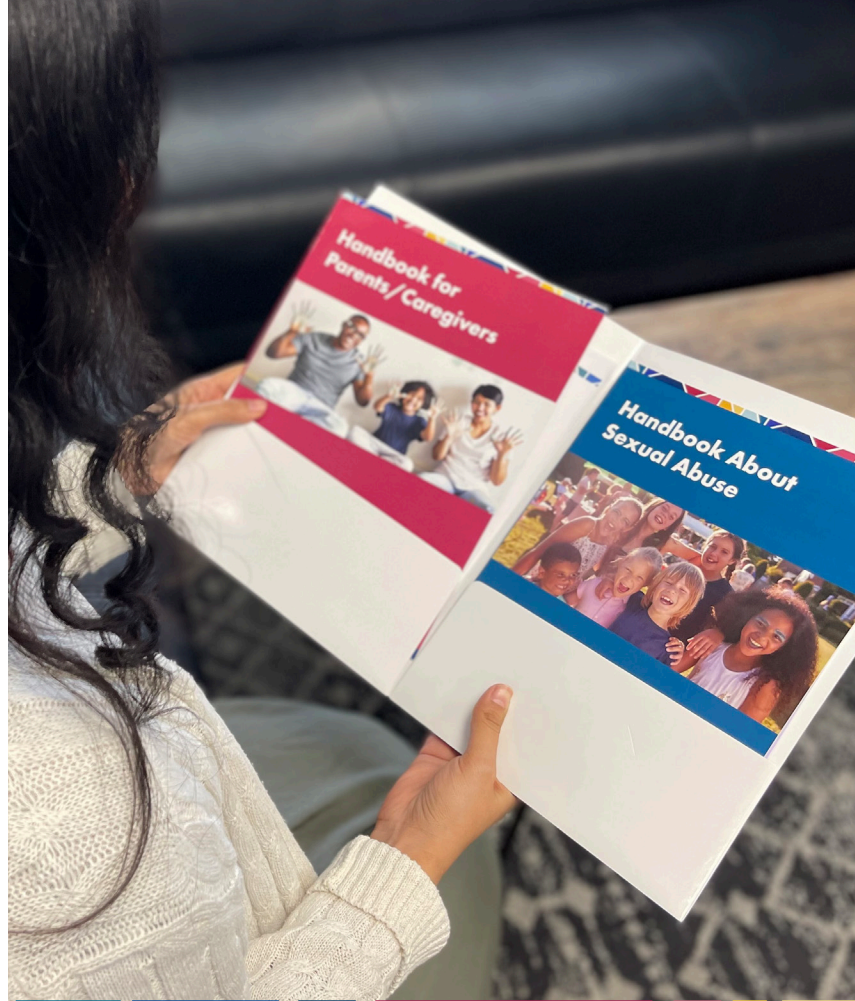
**1,008**  
forensic  
interviews  
conducted



# Family Advocacy

Advocates work with caregivers to help reduce the trauma for both the child and the family. By providing ongoing support and acting as a referral source, they help families navigate the complex systems following a disclosure. Our advocates walk families through the aftermath of a crisis, whether it's helping to replace a bed where the abuse occurred or answering questions about the investigative process.

**1,512**  
caregivers  
received  
advocacy



# Mental Health Services

Therapists provide trauma-informed, evidence-based therapy for children and families to begin the healing process after they have experienced abuse. The mental health component is vital to the long-term health and well-being of the families we serve. Helping victims process trauma and build resilience is the best way to empower children and families to achieve long-term recovery and healing.

**322** individuals in therapy  
(in-house & contracted)





# 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- 1.** CSEC Coalition meeting with a presentation from the St. Louis FBI office about AI and sexual exploitation.
- 2.** St. Dominic High School seniors at the inaugural Run for Hope 5k which they organized for the CAC.
- 3.** The powerful testimony of our speaker at the 11th Annual One With Courage Gala.
- 4.** Our Director of Forensic Services completed her 2000th forensic interview. Michelle Stille (on the right) has been with the CAC for 17 years.
- 5.** Our Justice for Children Conference for local law enforcement, other CACs, and child protection agencies. Sessions included training on AI, trafficking tattoos, interviewing children who witness violence, and more.
- 6.** Julie Seymore speaking on behalf of CACs at the State Capitol on issues of funding, commercial sexual exploitation, and legal aspects of child abuse cases.
- 7.** Case review with our multidisciplinary team in the Hannibal region. It's important to meet regularly with our partners about cases seen at the CAC to ensure best practices are being met and children are receiving the services needed.
- 8.** Our prevention team kicking off the 24-25 school year with team-building and program review.





## 2024 GRATITUDE RECEPTION AWARD WINNERS

*Bill Gardner, Volunteer of the Year*

*Sarah Francis, Ambassador of the Year*

*Tammy Stratman Brown Charities, Organization of the Year*

*Mark and Viviana Mueller, Philanthropists of the Year*

*United Way of the Mark Twain Area, Funder of the Year*

*Pictured with Board President Dr. Jennifer Patterson*

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# WAYS TO GIVE

Your financial support throughout the year is critical to sustaining our mission. There are many ways to support The Child Advocacy Center of Northeast Missouri. To learn more, please contact our development department at 636-332-0899. Visit us online at [www.cacnemo.org/give](http://www.cacnemo.org/give)



## Cash Gifts

Gifts may be made by cash, check, or credit card



## In-Kind

Donate goods or services to support the CAC's mission



## Securities

Avoid capital gains taxes by giving appreciated securities, stocks, bonds, and mutual funds



## Life Insurance

Provides a way to make a sizeable gift to our endowment at a relatively low cost



## IRAs

\$100,000 can be distributed annually from your IRA without paying income taxes.  
\*Age requirements



## Wills & Trusts

Remember The Child Advocacy Center through a gift in your living will or trust

## Planned Giving

You can leave a lasting legacy for children in your community. Legacy gifts provide the foundation for our mission.

## Endowments

Endowments provide financial stability and certainty so we never have to turn a family away.



## 50% TAX CREDITS

The Champion for Children (CFC) Tax Credit is a unique tax credit offered by the state of Missouri to **any individual or corporation** with a Missouri tax liability. Tax credits can be used whether you itemize or not and is taken directly off of your tax burden.

Any contribution with a donation value of \$100 or more is eligible for a tax credit of up to 50% of the amount of the qualifying donation.

## 2025 CAC EVENTS

### Wentzville Golf Classic

June 6, 2025 | Incline Village Golf Course

### Hannibal Golf Classic

June 27, 2025 | Norwoods Golf Club

### Rock & Roll Bingo

September 26, 2025 | St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre

## MATCHING GIFTS

Your employer may match your charitable gifts. Increase the impact of your gift by checking for employer matching at [www.cacnemo.org/match](http://www.cacnemo.org/match).

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Gain brand exposure while supporting The Child Advocacy Center at key events in 2025. Learn more at [www.cacnemo.org/sponsor](http://www.cacnemo.org/sponsor).

Pinwheel Ceremony for Child Abuse Prevention Month



Thank you for your support in 2024!

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