



Advocates
for **Children**

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

is a non-profit organization committed to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. Through our umbrella of programs, we strive to one day help create a world where all children are respected and loved, happy and thriving.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

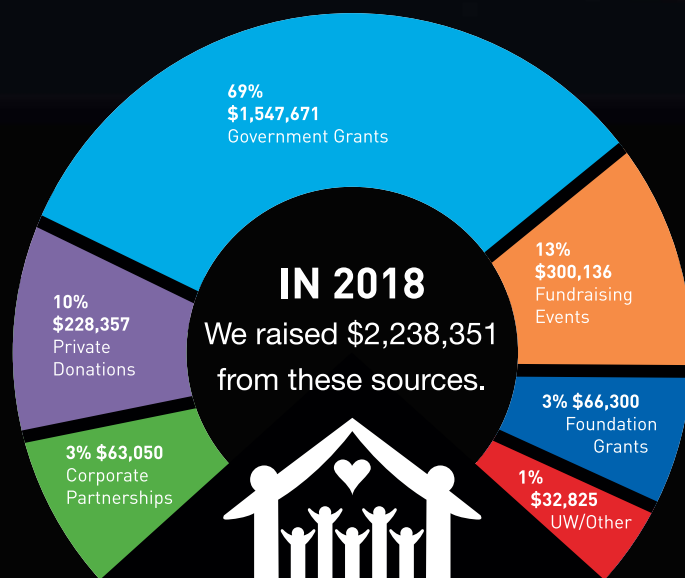
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CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER (CAC)

113 Douglas Street, Cartersville, GA 30120

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA)

654 Joe Frank Harris Pkwy, Cartersville, GA 30120



IN 2018

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN

strengthened our community of families by offering safety, comfort, and hope to children and preventing child abuse in all its forms.



CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

The CAC celebrated our 10th Anniversary this year. Since our opening in 2008 we have helped over 1600 children. The CAC also brings our community together through the Multi-Disciplinary Team to bring services for the most vulnerable in our community.



COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES

CASA advocates for our clients inside and outside of the courtroom. This year with the support of our community, we have gone above and beyond to help families with food, clothing, furniture, toys, and much more.



RAINBOWS

This year the Rainbows program increased the number of schools participating in the program and we're now helping grieving children in 15 of our area schools. The program also trained five new facilitators who will help even more children navigate their emotions relating to painful family transitions including separation, divorce, death, illness, and military deployment.

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**BIG THINGS
YOU HELPED US ACHIEVE
IN 2018**

 **MORE THAN
3,000
CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES SERVED**

**MORE THAN
40**  **CORPORATE
PARTNERS**

 **MORE THAN
300**

**CHILDREN HELPED BY
GRIEF SUPPORT SESSIONS
IN THEIR SCHOOLS**

**192
FAMILIES**


**WERE
SERVED
THROUGH
HOPE IN
YOUR HOME**

116 FAMILIES (Triple P)
76 FAMILIES (PAT)

90



**LOCATIONS
WHERE YOUTH IN CRISIS
CAN FIND HELP**



 **250
VOLUNTEERS**

98 CASA VOLUNTEERS
 **donated 5,207 HOURS
& drove 34,050 MILES
to advocate for 259 CHILDREN**

726



**MOTHERS RECEIVED
SUPPORT, REFERRALS
TO RESOURCES,
AND COMMUNITY
RESOURCE GUIDES**

**OVER \$300,000
RAISED FROM
SPECIAL EVENTS** 

36 KIDS 
CALLED OUR SHELTER 'HOME'

**AND WERE GIVEN A SAFE PLACE
TO SLEEP, MEDICAL CARE, CLEAN
CLOTHES, AND LOVING SUPPORT.
SOME FOR THE FIRST TIME, EVER.**

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**CHILDREN BRAVELY SAT
IN AN INTERVIEW ROOM
TO TELL THEIR STORY
OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT**



FLOWERING BRANCH CHILDREN'S SHELTER

The shelter program focuses on permanency, education and independent living skills. As a result of our focus areas we have seen a resident advocate to live with her aunt, a resident begin the school year as an 8th grader, complete the coursework and start 9th grade early, and another resident gain employment, save money and move to live with her sisters! Additionally, our RHY and SafePlace programs have expanded their reach this year.



HOPE IN YOUR HOME

Our Positive Parenting Program and Parents as Teachers program provides in home education and support for parents and children. Our First Steps program visits new mothers at the Cartersville Medical Center providing them with resources, including babies first library card! Sandra Deal recognized this program in 2018. This year our parenting programs experience great growth due to increased referral sources and strengthened community partnerships.



FROM THE PRESIDENT / CEO

Fostering hope . . . this powerful phrase led me through the welcoming doors of Advocate's for Children in July of 2018. While the past year has been one of organizational transition, we have continued to provide the excellent programming expected from our dynamic team, volunteers, board and community leadership. For more than 35 years, children and families have entered our doors discouraged, downtrodden and dejected, yet exited transformed by our mission to provide safety, comfort and hope. This report shares with you in stories and statistics our many accomplishments over the past year. My desire is that you will come along with us on this amazing journey and foster hope in the lives of abused and neglected children in your community.

– Rachel Castillo

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