

# Keeping Up With Advocates

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF  
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## Congrats Grads!

FBCS Residents Graduate High School

## Together for Families

New program launch

## Child Abuse Prevention

April Recap with Harbin Clinic

## Kids Helping Kids

Thank you to the students &  
teachers of CES

## Duck Mania

20 years of success



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Dear Advocates' Friends & Champions,

What an eventful start to the year! This spring has gone by in a blur. From the announcement that we are moving from our current location to all the amazing campaigns and events, including Kids Helping Kids, Child Abuse Prevention Month, our Half-Marathon and 5k, and of course our 20th anniversary of Duck Derby, we had a lot to celebrate.

In addition to all this, we launched our 8th program this year, Together for Families and saw two of our residents of the Flowering Branch Children's Shelter proudly graduate high school. None of this would have been possible without you, our loyal supporters, fellow community members, and caring individuals. Nelson Mandela is credited for saying, "Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear." When we work to build strong families, supporting one another and giving our children an environment in which they can thrive, they do amazing things. Thank you so much for your support.

Warmest Wishes,  
Rachel Castillo  
President/CEO



### Keeping Families Together with Together for Families

Advocates for Children is proud to announce our newest program, Together for Families.

The program's goal is to stabilize families by providing concrete support while working with community partners to meet immediate basic needs. Through referrals, families are able to access our resource center, which is supplied with everything a family may need to create a safe environment for children including beds, clothes, hygiene products, and baby supplies.

The new location opened April 20th, 2022 in Cobb County. To learn more about referrals or how to get involved with the program, visit [www.advocchild.org/together-for-families/](http://www.advocchild.org/together-for-families/)



### Congratulations to our 2022 graduates!

Two of our residents from the Flowering Branch Children's Shelter are officially high school graduates! We are so proud of their accomplishments, triumphs, and all they have overcome to get to this point.

Both young adults are choosing to pursue higher education, and one resident is transitioning into our RISE program as (s)he makes his/her journey into independence.

Congratulations again!!

**Did you know that only  
about 50% of foster  
children graduate high  
school?**

# Child Abuse Prevention Month

479 Pinwheels = 479 Children Who Need Your Help

April marked the beginning of Child Abuse Prevention Month, which is a national initiative that raises awareness about child abuse and how to prevent it from happening. Advocates for Children, along with community partner, Harbin Clinic, raised awareness during the month of April. For the second year in a row, Harbin Clinic joined us in this campaign to help assure that children have the positive childhoods that every child deserves.

In 2021, Advocates for Children conducted 479 forensic interviews for children who made allegations of physical and/or sexual abuse and neglect. This is almost a 25% increase from interviews done in the previous year.

Not only did Harbin Clinic plant their own pinwheels for prevention at multiple locations, but they also hosted a hugely successful diaper drive that was then donated to our Hope in Your Home families. Diapers, wipes, pull ups, and other infant and toddler care items were distributed to our families in need thanks to the team at Harbin.

Learn more about what you can do to prevent child abuse by visiting [www.advochild.org](http://www.advochild.org)



## Gratitude Attitude

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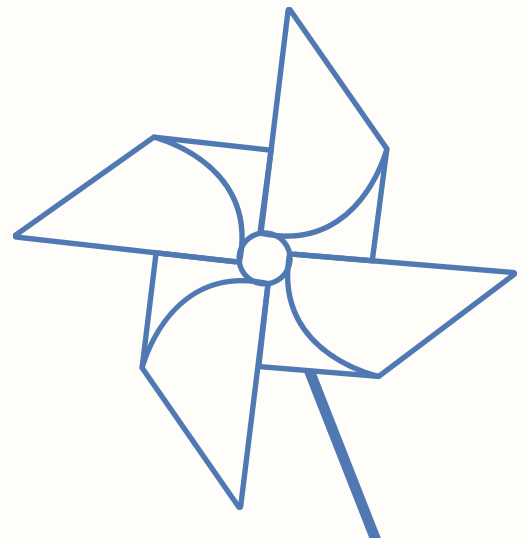




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## Upcoming

October 22nd - Fall Benefit  
November - National Runaway &  
Homeless Youth Awareness Month  
December 3rd - Very Merry Movies

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