

ChildSafe





Expert Care for Abused Children Especializando en el Tratamiento de Niños Abusados

Annual Newsletter / January 2015

What did you appreciate the most about your experience at the center?\*

...how safe my daughter feels here

...just how nice everyone was

...la comunicación

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\*Floating messages are excerpts from actual client satisfaction surveys completed by parents/caregivers in 2014

# ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Service Statistics for the period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

ChildSafe provided trauma focused services to 3,840 children and their non-offending family members.

#### SERVICES STATISTICS

# ChildSafe served 3,840 children and their non-offending family members

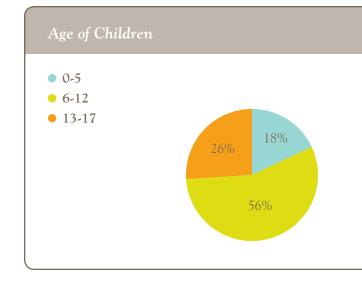
1,121 forensic interviews were conducted

2,611 primary and secondary victims served for the first time

An average of 415 clients served each month

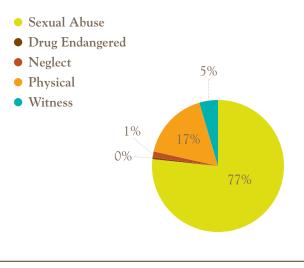
#### Education & Prevention

9,130 individuals trained
School employees from 17 Independent School Districts in and surrounding Bexar County
AVANCE Staff
Head Start Staff
YMCA of Greater San Antonio
Haven for Hope
Pre-K 4 SA
Parents
Children and Teens
San Antonio Police Department Cadets and Detectives
Bexar County Sheriff's Officers and Detectives
New Child Protective Services Caseworkers
Other Non-Profit Mental Health Workers
Bexar County Juvenile Probation



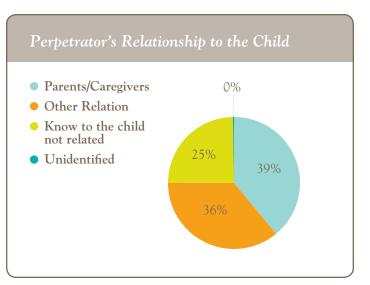


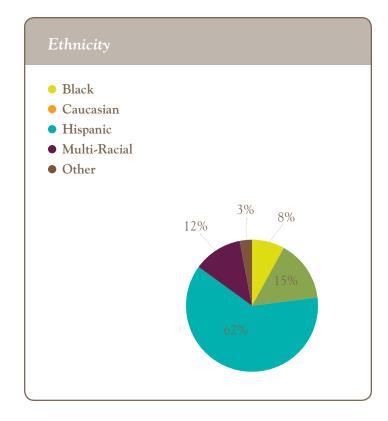
#### Primary Allegations of Abuse



...that I was given other resources to help me with my situation and to better cope

> ...how they explained everything to me in person





# **ANNUAL REPORT 2014**

Financials for the period of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

\$1,701,022

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

#### Support and Revenue

**Total Expenses** 

United Way	\$155,625
University Health Systems	175,339
Government contracts – federal	64,477
Government contracts – state	365,655
City of San Antonio	54,259
Contributions and grants:	
Foundations	\$811,391
Corporations and business	34,220
Individuals	49,041
Other	9,908
Special Events, net expenses	27,201
Program revenue	16,692
Investment earnings, net	1,202
Other revenues	5,114
Total support and revenues	\$1,770,124
Expenses	
Program services	\$1,430,339
Supporting services	144,848
Fundraising	125,835

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents, unrestricted	\$89,120
Cash and cash equivalents, board designated	834,759
Accounts receivable, net	79,761
Pledges receivable, net	27,500
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	4,161
Total current assets	1,035,301
Noncurrent Assets	
Property and equipment, net	1,091,143
Other noncurrent assets	30,200
Total noncurrent assets	1,121,343
Total Assets	\$2,156,644
Liabilities & Net Assets	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	14,349
Accrued expenses	36,244
Total current liabilities	50,593

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Net Assets	
Unrestricted	
Available for operations	142,009
Board designated	834,759
Invested in property and equipment	1,091,143
Temporarily restricted	38,140
Total net assets	2,106,051
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,156,644

## Message from the President/CEO

In a lot of ways, 2014 was a good year for ChildSafe. I know it may seem strange to talk about a good year, given the fact that we are working with children who have experienced the trauma of abuse, but let me share with you why this year was good.

#### We were busy!

welcomed thank you

We served more children and their non-offending family members than ever before, providing them exceptional trauma focused care. Our counselors provided 2,403 counseling sessions to children and their non-offending family members and our family support specialist assisted 1,409 families. Along with Texas State University and

the Hogg Foundation we collected valid, useful, and positive data about our nationally recognized Adventure Therapy Program. Our education and prevention team trained over 10,000 professionals, parents, and youth about awareness and prevention of child abuse and self-protection.

In addition to our education and prevention work, last year we launched our Cardboard Kids® campaign to create awareness throughout our community about the often unspoken problem of child abuse. This campaign reached over 1 million people through social media alone. As a result of our education and awareness efforts, we accomplished something that has never been done before in the history of ChildSafe's 23 years of operation. From February 2014 through November 2014 we had 321 families come in or call for information or services. And, the number continues to grow. Prior to February 2014, ChildSafe's records show less than 5 families coming in on their own. Throughout our prior history, families and their children came through our doors as a result of referrals from law enforcement or Department of Family and Protective Services. We are now reaching more people with our message, and families feel safe about calling ChildSafe.

Both our new and ongoing donors were very generous to ChildSafe. In 2014, we received our largest individual gift to date from Azteca and Thomas J. Henry. The Henrys very generously gave us a gift of \$350,000, which will enable us to design and establish our first ever web-based training site. Our team is working diligently to get our new bilingual website up by May of this year. Our first training video, Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse, will be available in both Spanish and English for all school employees. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) mandates all school employees complete this training once a year, and ChildSafe is making it convenient and easy for them to do so. We are working with Region 20 Education Center to reach all the 81 independent school districts and charter schools in their region. Our goal is to train the over



60,000 school employees in these 81 school districts and charter schools in the next school year. We will also be providing a similar training in both English and Spanish on our website for the students' parents in these school districts.

In addition to all the outstanding work our staff did in 2014, our board of directors was also working hard donating their time, talents, and treasures. Our board and leadership team are aggressively working on the new strategic plan initiatives - New Building, Fundraising, Awareness, Board Development, and Volunteer Ambassador Program. Art Wilson, an independent consultant, has been our amazing leader extraordinaire throughout this process. We are also expanding our Advisory Council and its involvement under the skilled leadership of our newest guardian angel, Doug Cross. We are all very honored and excited to have Doug on our team.

2015 will also be a good year! We will serve more families and children and reach more individuals through our education and prevention programs. We will solidify our new building plans as

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we identify a new home for ChildSafe in a more central location to better serve our clients' and partners' needs. We plan to begin a capital campaign in the latter part of 2015 with a goal of moving into a larger facility in 2017. We will continue our Cardboard Kids campaign again this year hoping to reach many more residents of Bexar County, and

work with our community leaders, funders, and partners to engage our entire community to help stop child abuse.

We hope you all will support or continue to support our work and join us in changing our community as we move forward toward our extraordinary goal of eradicating child abuse and protecting our most valuable resource...our children.

Kim Abernethy, President/CEO

## **Eradication Through Education**

In 2014 alone ChildSafe's growing education department provided training to over 10,000 educators, professionals, students, and caregivers. Together we can make a difference.



With demand for our prevention and education programs continuing to grow, we added two staff members to our department this past year, Gladys Amador, Education Team Leader, and Christina Polanco, Education Specialist. Together we were able to train over 10,000 individuals in calendar year 2014. These individuals ranged from educators, law enforcement mental health professionals, nurses, foster care workers/parents, Child Protective Services caseworkers, university students, parents, children, and other community members.

We have and continue to develop great partnerships throughout our community. Here are examples of recent outreach:

San Antonio Police Department: We were asked to participate in a state mandated, year-long in-service training for sworn members of the Department. The focus of the training was "Special Investigative Topics" and we provided weekly classes, discussing ChildSafe's services and training on child sexual abuse issues. These day-long trainings were in conjunction with Center for Miracles, Department of Protective and Family Services, Family Violence Prevention Services, and Rape Crisis Center every Monday for the year. As a result our team trained 2,350 SAPD employees.

#### Haven 4 Hope and Winston School of San Antonio:

We are providing radKIDS<sup>®</sup>, our child empowerment safety course, to the children in residence at Haven 4 Hope and to all the students at Winston School. To date, we have trained 96 children



YMCA of Greater San Antonio: It is our goal to train all 1,500 Y staff in Stewards of Children, a 2 hour training on how to recognize, react, and respond to child sexual abuse. In addition, we are providing the Stewards of Children training to the parents participating in the Y's Precious Minds New Connections program. To date, we have trained 86 staff and 240 Precious Minds New Connection parents.

A major component of our education department is providing training to recognize and report child abuse to school employees. Since July, we have trained 3,366 school employees. We conducted our first nurse's symposium in October and successfully trained the over 90 nurses in attendance. In addition, we trained 1,668 school age students about internet safety focusing on topics such as: cyberbullying, sexting and online predators.

Through education about and how to recognize child abuse, we are empowering our community to take action — by reporting suspected child abuse and neglect, and, by talking with their children about how to keep safe. Only as a community can we eradicate child abuse and protect our children.

Clarissa Zamora, Director of Education

Right: radKIDS<sup>®</sup> graduates celebrate successful completion of the 10 hours child empowerment safety course.

## We All Have a Role



Trauma informed care is recognizing that people often have many different types of trauma in their lives. People who have been traumatized need support and understanding from those around them. Often, trauma survivors can be triggered by well-meaning caregivers and community service providers due to the misunderstanding of the lasting effects of trauma. At ChildSafe we are working hard to educate our partners and our community about the impact of trauma on children, co-workers, friends, family, and even ourselves as frontline service providers. Understanding trauma is an important first step in becoming a compassionate and supportive community where traumatized

children can thrive and develop into healthy contributing adults.

# to ChildSafe than I have been in some time

Trauma comes to us in many different forms ranging but not limited to: child sexual and physical abuse, neglect, witnessing violence in the home and community, random accidents, or the unexpected loss of a loved one. Trauma exposure can also be acute or multilavered and chronic. As

a community we must better understand that traumatized children without proper intervention live with their traumatic experience which may lead to child traumatic stress (CTS), and CTS may have a lasting negative impact as children develop into adulthood. The utilization of early and effective evidenced based intervention or trauma informed treatments is the key to healthy development in traumatized children. These treatments will positively impact the long term trajectory of a child's development. Unattended CTS may impact a child's ability to learn, to build trusting relationships, to develop positive coping patterns, to make solid life decisions, and may later in life negatively impact their ability to parent their own children.

Randy McGibeny, MA, LPC, Director of Programs and Clarissa M. Zamora, Director of Education



The community that surrounds our children - parents, teachers, law enforcement, judges, juvenile probation, child protective services, our district attorney's office, and other child serving organizations and nonprofits - must come together to understand the traumatized child's experience. We can no longer assist perpetrators of crimes against children in keeping child abuse taboo by refusing to have conversations about San Antonio's community problem with child abuse. These conversations change the culture of our community, they empower otherwise disempowered children to come forward and seek help. When they do come forward we must be prepared to refer them to trauma informed organizations and trauma informed treatment providers. We must understand that a traumatized child may recant a statement, may choose not to speak, may wait two years before telling, may act out, may become depressed and hurt themselves, may fail in school, and may themselves become a product of the justice system. We must understand that behaviors that helped a child survive a traumatic situation may work against them in the real world. This has to be a community effort: law enforcement, prosecutors, CPS, and children's advocacy centers; none of us can do this by ourselves. It is time to change the child abuse culture of our community by becoming trauma informed and working together. We all have a role in becoming trauma informed.



...everyone's

concern and

help

Randy McGibeny, MA, LPC, Director of Programs

Left: radKIDS<sup>®</sup> demonstrate newly acquired skills on Clarissa Zamora, Director of Education.

## FEAT Program Receives National Attention





ChildSafe's Family Enrichment Adventure Therapy (FEAT) Program continues to help our families heal and carve new paths in the field of trauma-informed adventure therapy. The FEAT program makes use of natural settings and adventurebased activities like camping and rock climbing to help families heal together from the effects of child abuse and neglect. Dr. Christine Norton, associate professor in the School of Social Work at Texas State University, with funding from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, has been studying the effectiveness of ChildSafe's family-based adventure therapy on trauma and family functioning. She presented ChildSafe's FEAT program at recent prestigious conferences: the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma Conference in Hawaii, the Wilderness Therapy Symposium in Utah, and the Association for Experiential Education Conference in Tennessee.

What she found by using clinical assessments and focus groups was that, in general, ChildSafe services improve family functioning, whether the families participate in FEAT or not. FEAT families attributed this to adventure therapy; non-FEAT families reported that traditional counseling was the most important service they received. However, FEAT families (who also received traditional counseling services) reported greater communication, closeness and problem-solving skills gained through adventure therapy. They also reported a faster return to normalcy, and a greater sense of empowerment and healing than non-FEAT families. Focus group participants reported that FEAT enhanced family behavioral and skill building, adding that participating in adventure therapy events with other families affected by trauma was a powerful part of their healing.

When comparing the results of the Trauma Symptom Checklist for Children, we found that children and adolescents who participated in FEAT experienced a significant decrease in trauma symptoms, particularly depression and anxiety — more so than those who did not participate in FEAT activities. While more research is needed, this study begins to build a foundation for trauma-informed adventure therapy as an innovative and effective intervention for children and families who have experienced abuse.

To help more families participate in FEAT, ChildSafe welcomed Annette Pelletier, MSW, as ChildSafe's Adventure Therapy Coordinator, a new position to the agency. She brought with her impressive outdoor expertise as a Wilderness First Responder and wilderness trip guide, apart from her experience as a social worker. Annette is proving to be instrumental in enhancing the program. For example, as she teaches families how to build fires using flint and steel or bow drills, she engages them in conversation about finding sparks in life after trauma and the fuel which keeps them moving forward together.

Having Annette on-board also allowed me to advance the program on other levels. For one, I was able to finish a handbook describing how FEAT lines up with established trauma-informed approaches to treatment and care. This tool is now available for other agencies serving children that are hungry for resources which engage children and families emotionally, mentally, and kinesthetically to address the resolution of trauma symptomology. I was also able to present a professional development intensive session with Dr. Norton, Dr. Anita Tucker, Dr. Bobbi Beale, and Nicholas Magle-Haberek, MSW, during the 2014 Association for Experiential Education Conference. Mental health clinicians from all over the country came to learn from us as leaders in the field of therapeutic adventure, leaving with new information and an appreciation for implementing trauma-informed practices during therapeutic adventure programming.

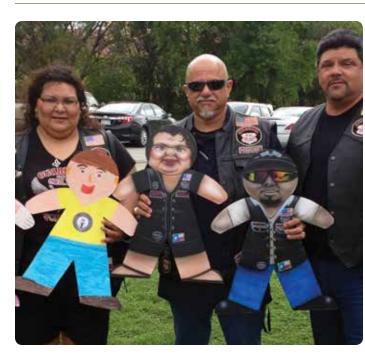
Empowering Children. Strengthening Families. Having fun while healing together.

For more information on the FEAT program, please contact Frederico A. Borroel, MS, LPC-S, CARE & Adventure Therapy Manager, at FredB@ChildSafe-sa.org.

ChildSafe welcomes adventure therapist Annette Pelletier, MSW to the staff.

ChildSafe adventure therapist and clients kayak the San Antonio River.

## Cardboard Kids® Come to Life with Community Participation



# CARDBOARD®

#### MARCH 13-15, 2015

Distribution Weekend: Pick up your Cardboard Kid at area malls and sign up to become boots on the ground for the kids of San Antonio!

## APRIL 9, 2015

Leave your Cardboard Kids in public places to help promote awareness during National Child Abuse Awareness Month. Join ChildSafe's official kick-off to a month of activities that include a presentation to city council members, a press conference, and updates related to Cardboard Kids via social media.

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Contact ChristinaS@ChildSafe-sa.org or 210.233.5931 to get your set of Cardboard Kids.



Just as wildflowers begin to bloom and spring is upon us, we will launch ChildSafe's community-wide child abuse awareness campaign—Cardboard Kids. This second annual event will be held in April which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Thousands of Cardboard Kids will be decorated and then placed all over San Antonio on Thursday, April 9, 2015. Each Cardboard Kid represents a child victim of abuse and neglect in Bexar County—both those who have made an outcry and those who continue to suffer in silence.

In 2013, 5,846 children were confirmed victims of abuse and neglect in Bexar County. This staggering statistic is made even starker by the fact that for every child who makes an outcry, 10 more are silent, stifled, scared or threatened into not telling an adult about the abuse they are enduring. That is why there will be so many Cardboard Kids cloaking our city on April 9.

Cardboard Kids will make their way onto playgrounds, into coffee shops, grocery stores and more, and the creators of each Cardboard Kid will share photos of them using social media to heighten attention, intervention, and prevention of abuse and neglect of children in our community.

Citizens, companies, and organizations are being asked to join in this effort by picking up a Cardboard Kid during our distribution weekend March 13–15 and begin decorating them. Then on April 9, participants will place their Cardboard Kids all around the city and take a photo of them to share via social media using #cardboardkidsSA on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

We created Cardboard Kids to illuminate the pervasiveness of child abuse and illustrate the fact that every story is different and every child unique.

Check out www.cardboardkidssa.com to begin a dialogue about this pressing issue. Visit www.childsafe-sa.org for Cardboard Kids updates!

Left: Guardians of Children share their creative Cardboard Kids at the ChildSafe press conference launching Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Right: Northside ISD's amazing counselors help demonstrate that Cardboard Kids are everywhere!

## ...that there are people out to help not just hurt children.

## A Mission Worth the Investment



In the short amount of time I have been with ChildSafe, I have completely come to love the purpose and mission of this agency. I realize that I'm not the only one. The staff here at ChildSafe is truly committed to the mission of providing quality, traumainformed service, and this makes for a dynamic, intelligent, and highly motivated team.

The number one goal of ChildSafe is to provide the absolute best services to children traumatized by abuse and neglect, as well as to their non-offending family members. My role in this meaningful mission is to help ensure we have the financial means to do just that.

Innocent children, whose lives have been traumatically altered by the abuse or neglect they have endured, are 59% more likely to be arrested as a juvenile, 28% more likely to be arrested as an adult, and 30% more likely to commit violent crime and often go on to suffer from mental illness, alcoholism, and a host of other physical problems. This comes at a tremendous cost to our community. According to a 2008 Centers for Disease Control report, the lifetime cost per substantiated case of child abuse is \$210,000. This includes immediate costs, loss of productivity, and increased health care costs into adulthood and does not include inflation for recent years. It is estimated that child sexual abuse costs the U.S. \$124 billion each year.

Judge Peter Sakai, Kim Abernethy and Senator Leticia Van De Putte share in the success of ChildSafe's Celebration for Children.



Last fiscal year ChildSafe served 3,846 children and nonoffending family members at a cost of \$424 per client. What is just as important is that these children were able to reclaim their childhood and go on to develop into healthy, contributing members of our society. Ultimately, this is a result worth the investment.

Through the generosity of our donors, we have been able to ensure our ongoing efforts of impacting our community one child at a time.

ChildSafe also seeks to cultivate a community of likeminded individuals and connect with those who believe in giving children every opportunity they deserve to recover and flourish. If this is a cause you believe in, I encourage you to learn more about ChildSafe and how you can help further our mission.

If you are not yet a member of our Legacy Circle, we would love to have you join us, to become a member of likeminded community leaders who believe in investing in our children; who believe that by giving them a solid opportunity at recovery, we are also giving them back hope, and a childhood yet to be lived. Simply contact me at ChristinaS@ChildSafe-sa.org or 210.233.5931.

Christina Schoonover Assistant Director of Development

## Happenings





ChildSafe Board Members Martin Parrish, Senior VP at Valero, and Larry Mathews, Asst. US Attorney (retired), enjoy the Celebration for Children.

ChildSafe donors join Randy McGibeny and Board Chair Ray Battaglia (3rd from L) at the Celebration for Children. Granddaughter came out smiling after her interview

..the care and services they offer us The PM Group and The Wood Agency cordially invite you to an evening of fun, music, charity and cheer!



2015



## Benefiting ChildSafe

February 21, 2015, 6 - 11 p.m.

Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort

Dinner. Fun. Dancing. Prizes. Music and More to Benefit Local Charities.

#### **RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!**

Contact your charity of choice to reserve your table. \$5,000 – Table of 12 \$4,500 – Table of 10 \$3,500 – Table of 8 \$500 – Individual ticket

**100%** of the proceeds go back to the designated charities.

Contact Christina Schoonover at (210) 233-5931 or ChristinaS@ChildSafe-sa.org for more information.

## Thank you to our generous friends who have supported our mission and work in 2014!

#### Champions for Children

#### \$50,000 & Above

Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio Brown Foundation, Inc. Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas City of San Antonio Azteca & Thomas J. Henry Houston Street Charities Kronkosky Charitable Foundation Mays Family Foundation University Health Systems United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County Valero Energy Foundation

#### \$10,000 - \$49,999

Bexar County Department of Community Resources Charity Ball Association Corner Store Brands Foundation HEB Tournament of Champions Jefferson Bank Marcia and Otto Koehler Foundation Office of the Attorney General of Texas The Scott Petty Foundation **RGK** Foundation Texas Bar Foundation United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County USAA Foundation

#### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Access Midstream Baptist Children and Family Services Guardians of the Children HEB Humana Foundation In-N-Out Burger Foundation Nnovative Marketing Solutions, LLC The Norton Trust Shield-Ayres Foundation Texas Shiloh Foundation Zurich American Insurance Company

#### \$1.000 - \$4.999

Kim & Robert Abernethy Accenture Mindi Alterman & Dr. Glen Halff Aviation Services of America Rachel and Raymond Battaglia Broadway Bank Rosie Cano Mr. & Mrs. Doug Cross Children's Hospital of San Antonio 3k Garrison General Contractors, LLC Paul Greer Jessika Goad Alex & Sally Halff Family Foundation Amir D. Hosseini, DDS Yvette L. Kalter Gary Kilgore

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#### \$500 - \$999

Karen Adams BDO Rav & Dorothy Berend Catherine & Francis Burzik Capt. Andrew Carian Lee Carlisle Central Christian Church Elizabeth & Steve Crawford Kevin Faherty Frost Bank Mr. & Mrs. James Goudge Terry Hand Mr. & Mrs. Ray Hopper Jewish Federation of San Antonio Jill & Larry Lapaglia Stephanie L. Layland Jan and Mel McDougle Nothing Bundt Cakes Elizabeth Olson Aurora Sanchez Christina Schoonover Tina Taulbee Gabriel E. Urbina Mr. & Mrs. Hector Venegas Clarissa Zamora

#### \$200 - \$499

Lisa Avalos Barton, East & Caldwell, P.L.L.C Christina N. Bouffard Mr. & Mrs. Wade Caldwell Rebecca Anne Canavan Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Cheever, Jr. Adriana Cerillo Patrick Cunningham

Pierre Emond Fisher Elementary School Mr. & Mrs. Bill Fitzgerald Dr. & Mrs. Donald A. Flory Jorge A. Garza GE United Way Campaign Alan C. Hepp Jody & Scott Hillenbrand David Honaker Louis J. & Millie Matcek Kocurek Charitable Foundation Mr. & Mrs. Alan W. Krapf Kappa Delta Alumnae Association of San Antonio KPMG, LLP Judith Lachman Rudy Leonard Heather Mackenzie Law Office of Pat Maloney Robyn & Randy McGibeny Liza Negron Dr. & Mrs. Steven R. Neish Laurie Pomerantz Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union Julia & John Reinhart Maya Royberg Mary Ann Rybacki Jennifer Sorenson & Ed Sako Cathy Siegel Mr. & Mrs. Jay Stanley Kenneth Sullivan Felicia Travieso United Way of Central & Northeastern Connecticut Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign Woodlawn Theatre Zulu Investment Corp.

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Akin, Doherty, Klein & Feuge, P.C. Allstate Giving Campaign Causecast Centro Properties Citigroup Costco Dodson House Moving Macy's Marriott Merck Gives Back Employee Giving Program Network for Good Sandy Patin Business Directions **OVC** Partners in Giving PepsiCo Sabre Employee Engagement Fund Strasburger & Price, LLP Target UPS

#### **Companies for Kids In-Kind**

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JW Marriott Hill Country Resort & Spa Living Days Adult Day Care Mars Mobile Kitchen Montemayor Electric, LLC Morgan Stanley Wealth Management MPS Group Northside Counselors Association Oroian, Guest, & Little, P.C. Photos by Janet The PM Group Republic National Distribution Co, LLC Rock's Discount Vitamins N More **RVK** Architects San Antonio Food Bank San Antonio Missions Baseball Club Saweet Cupcakes Shades of Green Spicesea Gourmet Spurs Sports & Entertainment Vantage Bank Luis Vazquez Photography Wells Fargo Weichert Realtors Select Where Y'all At Food Truck World Audio and Lights Zelime Pins

Thank you to the following donors who have made this Legacy Circle donors are those individuals who have given \$1000 or more to ChildSafe in the calendar year. Legacy commitment to ChildSafe. Your Legacy Circle gift helped us provide services to 3840 clients and train over 10,000 Circle donors help ensure that we continue to provide services to a growing population of abused children, and adults in 2014. to educate more of our community on recognizing and Kim & Robert Abernethy, Dr. Glen Halff & reporting child abuse and to combat the abuse through prevention and intervention.

Intimate Legacy Circle events are an opportunity for our leadership donors to have the privilege of exclusive gatherings and the most up-to-date information. But most of all, the privilege is knowing that you are a significant partner in our work to help child victims and their families heal.

#### **BECOME A LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBER TODAY!**

With a recurring donation of only \$85 or more a month, you can join this list. Donate now at www.ChildSafe-sa. org or contact Christina Schoonover, Assistant Director of Development, at 210.233.5931 or ChristinaS@ ChildSafe-sa.org.

We are grateful for all of our donors but unable to list everyone. The above list includes donations made above \$200 in the calendar year 2014, as of December 15. We hope we have included everyone, but if we have missed you or don't have you in the right category, please notify our Development Office by email ChristinaS@ChildSafe-sa.org or phone 210.233.5931.

#### Individual In-Kind Donations

Atonement Lutheran Church Ballet Conservatory of South Texas Brandee Brouillette Cable Elementary Case Management Society of America Chapel Hill United Methodist Church City of San Antonio Clarity Child Guidance Center Cub Scout Pack 70 Holmes High School - National Honor Society Jake Blan Linda and Bob Manning San Antonio Tru Ryders Motorcycle Club San Antonio LGBT Chamber of Commerce Rejoice Lutheran Church Stacey Junior/Senior High School Epsilon Sigma Alpha, OLLU Chapter Amazon Smile Foundation Valley High Elementary United Way Suncoast United Way of Matagorda County United Methodist Women

## ChildSafe Legacy Circle

Mrs. Mindi Alterman, Rachel & Raymond Battaglia, Rosie Cano, A. J. Carpenter, MD, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Cross, Paul Greer, Jessika Goad, Wanda & Edward Guevara, Azteca & Thomas J. Henry, Amir D. Hosseini, DDS, Yvette L. Kalter, Gary Kilgore, Sherry & Carter Lambeck, Liz & Larry Mathews, Dean Melton, Joyce Miles, Esse & Gilbert Moreno, Bonney & Marc Nourani, Sherry & Martin J. Parrish, Richard Perez, Sue Ellen & Don Ruggles, Emil & Liz Swize, Yvette & James Thomas, Lucia & David Williamson, Gerald & Donna Williamson, Art & Kathy Wilson

## **Empowering Volunteers**

For the past four years I have worked as a volunteer manager serving a large non-profit agency which relied heavily on volunteers. I have always believed that volunteers have the passion and power to drastically make a difference in the work of any organization. I have seen volunteers transform lives, and bring hope to others just with their presence. I love showing how each of us can use our gifts and abilities to help improve the lives of others. This is why I am so happy to be part of the ChildSafe team. We pride ourselves on providing the best care to children and families who have been traumatized by abuse and neglect.

ChildSafe has made a commitment to improving its volunteer program by welcoming me to the team. This year we will have regular volunteer orientations and trainings where volunteers who truly want to serve our agency will be given the tools to do so. My goals for the year are simple—assess new areas where volunteers can be involved, increase the number of volunteers involved in Cardboard Kids, create regular group of volunteers who are always ready to help us, and ensure that volunteers are always at ChildSafe making this a safe and special place for children by reading to them, playing games, or just coloring together.

The role of a volunteer is changing—it does not necessarily mean that you will be coming to our building once a week and be given a task. We are seeking volunteers who can help us in new creative ways, on their own time. The sky is the limit for ways you can help us at ChildSafe.

In addition to working with children, we also need volunteers to help behind the scenes and with small events. For our 2015 Cardboard Kids campaign we will need an army of volunteers to help us deliver Cardboard Kids all over the city, decorate them, and spread awareness. To stay up to date on volunteer opportunities, visit our website in the "Get Involved" section where you will find our unmet needs and ways you can help us to better serve our clients. We need volunteers for an array of services that we provide and we cannot do it without your help.

Remember all volunteers who work with children will undergo a criminal background check, an application process, orientation and experience "Modeling Boundaries" training. Volunteers will also be given opportunities to receive continuing education.

To find out how you can help ChildSafe as a volunteer contact Felicia Travieso, Volunteer Coordinator, at FeliciaT@ChildSafe-SA.org or 210.208.5795.

## Are you great with children? An excellent speaker?

**Do you love coordinating your** friends to participate in collection drives? Do you like raising awareness about child abuse and neglect? No matter your talents and abilities, we ask that you consider sharing them with us by volunteering. At ChildSafe we want to give you the opportunity to help with the healing process of an abused or neglected child. As we grow our agency, we need your help to ensure that together we accomplish our mission.



Above: Led by Dr. Micaela Cole, OLLU service learning students pose after a day of hosting art activities for ChildSafe families.

Opposite: CVS Health volunteers Rhonda Alonso, William Davis, and Randy Garcia help stuff stockings for families to receive at our annual Santa's shop.

> ...that there are people out to help not just hurt children.

## Volunteer Opportunities



We often need helping hands to assist our staff, stock pantries with needed supplies, or spend time with our young clients. When you donate your time you are sharing a wonderful gift. Please consider these opportunities to invest in the hope and healing of the children at ChildSafe.

...that there is a center like this and that crimes of this nature are taken seriously compared to when I was coming up

> ...aber sacado de unas dudas gracias otravez

#### SPECIAL OCCASIONS

#### **Easter Baskets**

Collect and organize Easter baskets to ensure our kids receive a visit from the Easter bunny.

#### Cardboard Kids Decoration and Delivery

Beginning in March we will need volunteers to help us decorate and distribute Cardboard Kids for Child Abuse Awareness month in April. To coordinate or oversee a group decoration/ delivery, contact us.

On April  $8^{th}$  &  $9^{th}$  we will need volunteers to help us deliver Cardboard Kids to various agencies and organizations throughout San Antonio.

#### Santa's Shop

Volunteers will help us collect and sort donations of toys and stocking stuffers for our children. Parents will pick out presents for their children and volunteers will help wrap them.

#### **RECURRING ACTIVITIES**

#### **Greeters and Friendly Faces**

Help us make our clients feel special by spending time with children as they wait in the waiting room. Activities include reading, playing board games, arts and crafts. Set your own recurring schedule during our work hours.

#### Stuffed Animal and Necessities Drives

Volunteers are always needed to coordinate stuffed animal drives so that every child who completes a forensic interview at ChildSafe leaves with a new stuffed animal to comfort them. We also need necessities drives for items such as clothing, snacks, diapers, toiletries, emergency gift cards, Santa's gifts, and back to school supplies.

#### Arts and Crafts

If you are an artist, even one at heart, you can help our kids complete small art projects while sitting in the waiting area or create a special project for them to complete.

#### Staff Volunteer

Prefer to give our staff support as they complete their duties? We want your help! No task is too small for you to help us with.

...friendly and non-judgmental

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