



ChildSafe

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

2018 Annual Newsletter



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Changing Lives & Breaking Ground

Most people start the New Year with lofty goals and high expectations, and the ChildSafe team is no different. Our number one goal? To have the single greatest impact our mission can have on the community we serve: to stop the cycle of child abuse and neglect. Strides by our organization in fiscal year 2016–2017 were big: we served 3,451 children and their non-offending family members and reached over 14,000 individuals through our education and outreach programs. We increased the numbers served in every one of the services we provided this past fiscal year. And for all of us at ChildSafe, this is a good thing. Statistics consistently show that only 1 out of 10 children who are sexually abused will ever tell anyone. The more aware our community is, the more child abuse reports rise, and the more children feel empowered to speak means the more children ChildSafe will serve. Only then will we begin to make an impact on the staggering statistic of 1 out of 10 children.



TEXAS MILKWEED

Part of our outreach is engaging the community in conversations about child abuse. ChildSafe created its Cardboard Kids® campaign, sponsored by Valero Energy Foundation, to engage the community about the prevalence of child abuse. More than 83,000 Cardboard Kids were decorated and shared on April 6th, the community-wide reveal day last year; and, our target for 2018 is 100,000! This campaign has struck a chord—it generates a dialogue and confirms how widespread child sexual and physical abuse are in Bexar County. We hear stories from survivors everywhere the Cardboard Kids® campaign takes us.

Three years ago, we embarked on a bold new journey. With our Multi-disciplinary Partners (Child Protective Services, SAPD, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, and Bexar County Juvenile Probation) and our design and construction team (Overland Partners and Guido Construction), we developed a blueprint to construct a state-of-the-art campus. On January 3, 2018, we began construction on our new 65,000 square foot facility located upon 36 wooded acres on the Eastside adjacent to the Salado Creek linear park and Martin Luther King Park. Our new facility will be home to 30 Child Protective Services staff members, 66 mobile Child Protective Services workers, 21 Law Enforcement Officers, 2 Bexar County Assistant District Attorneys, 14 Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department Officers and staff, and 102 ChildSafe staff. Our new building incorporates nature and its healing powers into every part of our building and our thoughtfully designed outdoor areas inspire and provide space for healing and reflection. In working with the incredible Overland Partners team on every detail and aspect of the building, we designed a building that will be safe, nurturing, and healing, not only for the children and families we serve, but also for our partners and our staff co-locating in our building who do the very difficult job



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of providing safety and care for these children, their families, and our community every day. We also designed our building with an education center as well as indoor and outdoor spaces that can be shared with our new Eastside community who has welcomed us with open arms. Our new campus allows ChildSafe to give the very best care to children who have been abused and neglected. It will allow us to increase awareness and community outreach and build a national model for how a community can come together to achieve something extraordinary for those in need.

In September 2017, ChildSafe deeded 21 acres of the Salado Creek Campus that reside in a flood plain to the City of San Antonio to be used to expand the city's Linear Creekway Parks Development Program. And on October 14, 2017, ChildSafe broke ground on the remaining 15 acres for our new campus. The ceremonial groundbreaking was a wonderful community event attended by our multi-disciplinary partners, community leaders, neighbors, board members, staff, volunteers, and donors. Mr. Harvey E. Najim, who donated \$5 million to the project and for whom the new building is named, shared his reason for giving. "I make this gift to ensure that our most valuable asset—our children—are protected and safe," Najim said. "My hope is that their tears will turn to cheers and their fears to hope," he said at the groundbreaking.

Mr. Najim's \$5 million gift demonstrates his ongoing pledge to help children in our community. Just as meaningful as his monetary gift has been his leadership, guidance, friendship, and confidence in ChildSafe. With their gifts, all our committed capital donors have demonstrated their commitment to the children of our community and their confidence in ChildSafe. We can't thank them enough.



SALVIA

It is evident with this type of support from individuals, foundations, corporations, and the City that child abuse is an issue resonating with everyone, and for good reason. The trauma inflicted on abused children has generational consequences, not only for them, but for our entire society. We continue to reach out to prospective donors and supporters and ask the community at large to participate in a grassroots fundraising campaign as we move closer to June 2019 when our construction will be completed. Our goal is to raise \$33.5 million, \$28.5 million to build a state-of-the-art, best practices facility and \$4 million for an operational and maintenance fund. Please join us in our crusade against child abuse. No one is more deserving than the children of San Antonio.

Kim Abernethy, *President/CEO*

To learn more about the ChildSafe Salado Creek Campus, please visit our website and click on "Build With Us," or contact Kim Abernethy at KimA@ChildSafe-SA.org or Maliha Imami at MalihaI@ChildSafe-SA.org.

Watercolors by Joey Fauerso illustrate some of the native species planned for the ChildSafe Salado Creek Campus



PRAIRIE VERBENA

The ChildSafe Salado Creek Campus will be a beacon of hope that will support total care and restoration for our county's abused children.



CEDAR ELM

Our new campus was designed following six guiding principles:

- {1} *Safe*: Above all, the campus must be a place of mental, emotional, and physical refuge.
- {2} *Restorative*: It will provide a welcoming, caring, warm, and peaceful atmosphere that fosters resolution, healing, and support for clients and staff alike.
- {3} *Transformative*: It will be a transformative space for the clients we serve and stand as a physical presence to increase awareness of child abuse thus transforming the community as well.
- {4} *Connected to Nature*: Interior spaces will be infused with daylight in order to harness the healing powers of nature. Outdoor areas will be park-like with ample vegetation and green spaces for everything from quiet meditation to play.
- {5} *Sustainable*: The building will be operationally and environmentally sustainable.
- {6} *Symbolic*: The building will serve as a beacon in the community, a physical symbol of ChildSafe's mission, and convey ideas of strength, hope, and that every individual matters.



MONARCH BUTTERFLY

To all of our donors who have supported this project and demonstrated your commitment to ChildSafe and the children of our community, we can't thank you enough.

\$5,000,000 & Above

Harvey E. Najim
MBS Urban Initiatives CDE, LLC,
PeopleFund NMTCC, LLC, and
Texas Mezzanine Fund, Inc.

\$2,000,000 – \$4,999,999

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Valero Energy Foundation

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City of San Antonio
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George & Julie Parker
Sherry & Martin Parrish
Dan & Tricia Peebles
Maliha Imami & Mike Persons
Lou Scantland
Chris Sherman



“When you talk about the problems we see in Bexar County, I would say number 1 is probably child abuse and neglect,” said Mr. Harvey E. Najim. Several years prior, Najim recalled touring ChildSafe’s present facility, walking the halls, and seeing the faces of a mother and six year old daughter in tears. “That really hit me hard,” he said. “I made a commitment to myself that day that if I was ever in a position to help ChildSafe in a big way, I would do it. I would do it to help that little girl.”

On Saturday, October 14, 2017, over 300 people gathered at 3860 East IH-10 to celebrate the ceremonial groundbreaking of the ChildSafe Salado Creek Campus. The event was attended by dignitaries, public officials, and community members.

“It’s something I think will be very good for the Eastside and the entire city of San Antonio. Child abuse is rampant and we need programs that will intervene, treat and help those who have been abused,” said Rev. Benson of the Bethany First Baptist Church of San Antonio—future neighbors of the ChildSafe Salado Creek Campus.

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Service Statistics for the period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

2017 SERVICE STATISTICS

DIRECT SERVICE

3,451

TOTAL SERVED

1,485

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

2,483

FIRST TIME CLIENTS

478

TOTAL THERAPY CLIENTS

4,948

CLIENT THERAPY HOURS

3,249

TOTAL FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE CLIENTS

24,409

DIRECT SERVICES PROVIDED

EDUCATION

14,179

INDIVIDUALS EDUCATED

3,621

INDIVIDUALS TRAINED ONLINE

2,501

PROFESSIONALS TRAINED

5,054

NON-PROFESSIONALS TRAINED

394

PREVENTION CLASSES PROVIDED

2,609

CHILDREN TRAINED

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

366

TOTAL VOLUNTEERS

2,841

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

343

CHILDREN RECEIVED NEW BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

411

CHILDREN RECEIVED NEW HOLIDAY GIFTS AT SANTA'S SHOP

Child Demographics – Gender

- Female 69%
- Male 31%



Child Demographics – Ethnicity

- Hispanic 66%
- White 15%
- Black 8%
- Other 11%

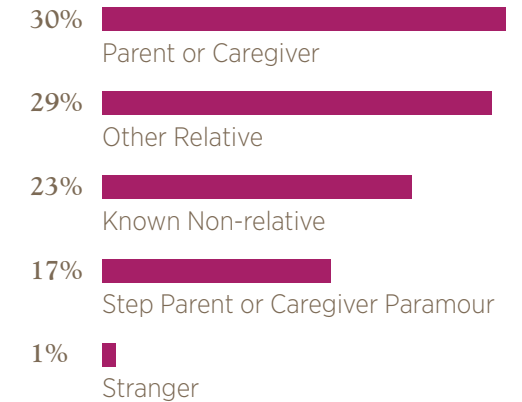


Child Demographics – Age

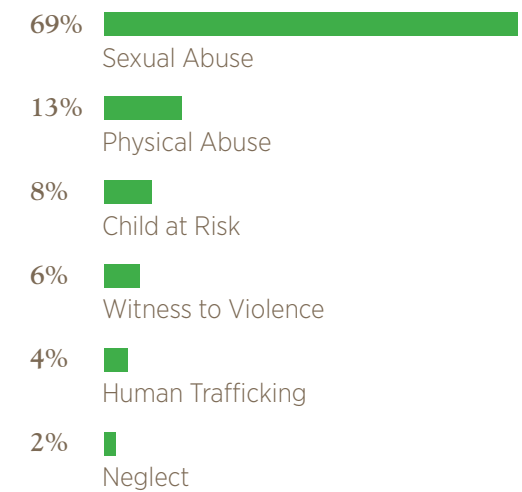
- 13% 0-5
- 50% 6-12
- 37% 13-17



Perpetrator's Relationship to the Child



Primary Allegations of Abuse



For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, the number of clients we served increased by 13%, forensic interviews by 20%, and counseling services by 60%.

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Financials for the period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Support and Revenue

United Way	\$209,431
University Health Systems	180,216
Government contracts – federal	935,120
Government contracts – state	509,756
City of San Antonio	102,248
Contributions and grants:	
Foundations	996,651
Corporations and business	46,050
Individuals	127,280
Other	5,807
Special Events, net expenses	59,905
Capital Campaign	6,999,119
Program revenue	5,391
Investment earnings, net	16,705
Unrealized gain on investments	19,480
Other revenues	1,512
In-kind support	317,662
Total Support and revenues	\$10,532,333

Expenses

Program services	\$2,993,278
Supporting services	261,357
Fundraising	425,480
Total Expenses	\$3,680,115

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents, unrestricted	\$216,219
Cash and cash equivalents	130,307
Capital campaign	1,706,778
Investments, at fair value, board designated	442,951
Accounts receivable, net	352,146
Pledges receivable, net	1,600,161
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	54,169
Total current assets	4,502,731
Noncurrent Assets:	
Pledges receivable, long term	1,313,227
Property and equipment, net	974,127
New campus, in progress	3,627,661
Other noncurrent assets	6,764
Total noncurrent assets	5,921,779
Total Assets	\$10,424,510

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$172,243
Accrued expenses	73,936
Total current liabilities	246,179
Line of Credit	900,000
Total Liabilities	1,146,179
Net Assets:	
Without donor restrictions	4,609,503
With donor restrictions	4,668,828
Total net assets	9,278,331
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$10,424,510



“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.” —President John F. Kennedy

Thank You! You, ChildSafe’s donors and champions, opened your hearts and wallets to help raise nearly \$1.5 million philanthropic dollars in support of our core services last year! Each child and family we serve thanks you for the services your donations made possible. As a result of your generosity last year, we served 13% more children and families, expanded our intervention and prevention services, and launched new evidence-based efforts to address child abuse and neglect. Although these numbers are impressive, each number is the face of an innocent boy or girl who desperately needed our help.

The difficult work we do can be heartbreaking; it can be tough to imagine many of the cases that come through our doors. Horrific abuse haunts local headlines revealing the tragic lives of children enduring sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect—including starvation. Disturbing details linger in our minds because the articles about abuse seem to never cease. So many of our community’s children suffer silently each and every day.

Above: On October 14, 2017 we broke ground on the Eastside at the future home of our new ChildSafe Salado Creek Campus!

ChildSafe picks up where the news stories leave off. Our intervention services are helping thousands of Bexar County’s children recover from the devastating effects of childhood trauma, develop healthy coping skills, learn to break the cycle of abuse, and grow to become the successful and happy adults they deserve to be. As a result of ChildSafe and its Multi-disciplinary Team Partnership, many abusers are now in jail. Because of you, our children are safer and healing; and, their abusers will be unable to hurt another child again.

Unfortunately, every day eight new children walk through our doors. Without meaningful intervention, these children are at high risk for developing poor physical and mental health well into adulthood. The lifetime costs for a survivor of child abuse who did not receive timely intervention services is over \$210,000. This cost includes immediate cost, loss of productivity, child welfare, criminal justice, special education, and increased health care costs into adulthood.¹

Each gift of \$800 provides an abused child with our complete services that restore the mental and emotional wellbeing to change the trajectory of that child’s life. Beyond commitment to human dignity, there is a strong case for your support of ChildSafe just for the impressive return on investment that makes long-term financial sense for the community.

I hope you will consider making a sustaining gift commitment to ChildSafe, become part of our Legacy Circle, create a memorial or tribute in memory of a loved one, or consider a charitable bequest to ChildSafe. If you are a business, consider becoming part of our Companies for Kids campaign. I encourage you to get engaged in our \$1 million fundraising campaign in April, “No Excuse. Stop Child Abuse. Give Today!”

ChildSafe’s work is driven by the generous support of individuals, foundations, corporations, and others who share its vision of a world where no child is ever victimized and where every boy and girl in the county grows up protected, nurtured, cherished, and empowered. Because you care, together we can shape the future. Build each child’s full potential and ensure a strong, lasting legacy for the future.

Maliha Imami, Chief Development Officer

¹ Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, A Better Understanding of Child Abuse and Neglect (2015) https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/About_DFPS/Reports_and_Presentations/CPS/documents/2015/2015-03-17_FY2010_to_FY2013_Child_Fatality_Report.pdf

REST for the Weary

“The expectation that we can be immersed in suffering and loss daily and not be touched by it is as unrealistic as expecting to be able to walk through water without getting wet.” —Naomi Rachel Remen

The Adventure Therapy team at ChildSafe is grateful to frontline workers and managers of trauma serving organizations who have participated in our Reducing Effects of Secondary Trauma (REST) Training this year. This ChildSafe initiative evolved from a growing desire, and sense of professional responsibility, to support helping professionals serving trauma survivors on a regular basis. The training is built upon adventure therapy beliefs of safety, challenge, belonging, trust, effective communication, freedom, and enjoyment. As such, the REST Training engages participants in self-reflection exercises, small and large group conversations, and experiential activities to explore secondary trauma and how to mitigate its effects on personal and interpersonal levels.

Licensed mental health clinicians leading the REST Training structured the four-hour workshop to flow through three segments: Stop, Look, Go. This design allows participants to create a common language around secondary trauma, assess current levels of secondary trauma symptomology, and then work to identify healthy coping strategies. The trainers decided on this structure after amassing professional-level resources on secondary trauma, consulting with leaders in the field of secondary trauma, and reviewing research on how secondary trauma presents in different trauma-serving organizations. The important themes which emerged are normalizing secondary trauma, taking stock of current levels of functioning as a trauma worker, developing clear self-care goals, and creating a workplace culture which values collaboration and encourages trauma workers to help one another. Therefore, very intentionally, the Adventure Therapy team deconstructs the components of secondary trauma with participants and promotes solution-based group interaction. The aim of this approach is to enhance peer support among trauma workers as they identify specific healthy coping strategies together and practice relating to each other in ways which impede the infection of secondary traumatic stress in their workplaces.

Once a group has completed the four-hour training, they are eligible to return for an additional intervention with ChildSafe’s Adventure Therapy team. This follow-up session uses adventure-based interventions like kayaking, archery, or ropes course activities to help frontline workers and managers of trauma-serving organizations enhance their relationships and explore ways they can continue to support one another as professionals serving trauma survivors.

Participants usually attend the training with between five and twenty team members. This allows the Adventure Therapy team to facilitate group conversations in meaningful ways for its participants. This year, the groups who have engaged in the REST Training include nurses, doctors, and support staff from the University Health System, Bexar County Court Advocates, Child Protective Services (CPS) Investigators, CPS Family Based Safety Services Specialists, CPS Regional Attorneys, administrators and site coordinators of Communities In Schools of South Central Texas, and, of course, ChildSafe employees. In all, about 200 professionals completed the four-hour training in 2017.

Participants, through post-training evaluations and conversations, have strongly endorsed the REST Training. They consistently express appreciation for how the trainers normalized secondary trauma and worked to build connections among team members to help resolve secondary trauma symptomology. Participants also consistently convey gratitude for self-reflection exercises during the training in order to make lifestyle changes which can help with secondary traumatic stress. From each training session, however, the Adventure Therapy team also learns how to hone the delivery of this difficult subject matter, taking very seriously the responsibility of providing helping professionals useful information about secondary trauma and effective coping strategies. As such, the training continues to evolve. Based on participant feedback, for example, the Adventure Therapy team plans to incorporate even more movement into the training (which fits well with the trainers’ appreciation for kinesthetic learning) and provide opportunities for participants to engage in more mindfulness-based exercises.



Federico A. Borroel, MS, LPC-S, ChildSafe’s Adventure Therapy Manager, presented the REST Training at this year’s Therapeutic Adventure Professional Group’s Best Practices Conference at the University of New Hampshire. Mr. Borroel also spoke about ChildSafe’s REST Training at this year’s Association for Experiential Education’s International Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Through these venues, professionals from around the world learned of ChildSafe’s experiential approach to educating and empowering frontline workers and managers of trauma-serving organizations. Moving forward, the Adventure Therapy team aspires to provide this training and follow-up team adventures to more professional groups in and around our community. The team also aims to strengthen the REST Training by consulting with and learning from leaders in the secondary trauma field.

For more information or to schedule this training for your team, please call Fred Borroel at 210.208.5746.

Above: Mother and daughter rock climbing as FEAT therapist helps them overcome trauma-related obstacles, explore trust in one another, and build self-confidence.

SELF-CARE TIPS FOR THE HELPING PROFESSIONAL

Practice Self-Awareness

Take stock of how your body responds to stress and fatigue. Knowing how to measure your symptoms and behaviors associated with secondary traumatic stress can be beneficial to your overall health and help with early detection of compassion fatigue. There are a number of formal and informal self-assessments (e.g. Professional Quality of Life Scale) to help assess and characterize symptoms or experiences associated with traumatic stress. Other than these tools, however, taking stock can be a matter of noticing when and where in your body you carry the stress you feel. Do your shoulders or neck tighten? Is there a heaviness in your head or chest? Does your mind become easily distracted thinking of the different things going on in your life? Of course, there are many other ways people carry stress. When you know how stress is affecting you, you can consciously interrupt its effects with aims of decreasing the levels of stress hormones in your body.

Develop a Spiritual Practice

Whether it be mindfulness, meditation, yoga, intentional breathing, art, nature, or attending religious services, make it your business to fill up on these experiences as often as you can. Movement in the direction of refueling our spiritual vessels will leave us with a greater sense of renewal. Furthermore, paying attention and honoring those things which bring meaning to your life can help ground you during times of stress.

Create Work/Life Balance

It can be unrealistic to keep home completely at home and work completely at work. What we should strive for is a sense of homeostasis throughout the day, dedicating time to what’s important when it’s most important. Striking a balance may be achieved by developing a written plan or making a commitment to self-care. Also, where there is flexibility, be flexible. Create time to manage your workload, take breaks or lunches away from your work spaces, eliminate unnecessary meetings from your schedule, and take advantage of mental health days as you need them. Most importantly, know when and how to let others know when you’ve reached your limit, and believe it is unhealthy to take on additional tasks. Use time with your supervisor to discuss the effects of compassion fatigue and secondary trauma you may be noticing in order to develop plans for staying balanced. Working collaboratively to set limits and boundaries can help you and your colleagues create an environment marked by mutual respect and one conducive for minimizing the potential of compassion fatigue.

Prevent Child Abuse—Educate!

LOOKING BACK

What a remarkable year 2017 was for the education department! Through our online and in-person trainings 86% more individuals in our community know how to prevent child abuse and neglect. The most significant increase was through our online *Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse* training. Meeting TEA guidelines, this training is designed for all educators, auxiliary staff and volunteers working with children in public schools, public charter schools, early childhood development centers and other youth serving organizations. This teacher review from Harlandale ISD is but one of the many positive reviews we received: “I’ve taken so many different trainings, but this one is really good! It has a lot of information and it kept my attention. I now feel prepared to make a report if I needed to!” Other than immediate family, our educators typically have the most contact with the children in our community. We are hopeful that thousands of children can be saved from continued abuse and the risk of fatality simply by increasing the educators’ awareness of the signs of abuse and of how to report. We believe it is equally vital to empower our children to use their voices, to know they are significant and valuable, and that they have the right to say no if something makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe. Through our *Out and About* and *Internet Safety* training programs, we educated approximately 2,609 children during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. We know our efforts to increase our training program for children throughout the next year will see this number grow.

LOOKING FORWARD

As we worked with schools on child abuse education, we saw a significant need for implementing trauma-informed practices within the school systems. This realization prompted us to collaborate with our counseling department on developing a “Trauma-Informed Schools” curriculum. The trauma-informed curriculum consists of six trainings detailing appropriate practices for addressing social and behavioral concerns in a trauma sensitive manner. The program is currently being piloted within KIPP Aspire Academy. We plan on making it available to other school districts and youth serving organizations beginning fall 2018. We also collaborated with several child abuse and trauma experts throughout our medical community to develop a training video for medical professionals. This video details the common signs of abuse medical professionals should look for when examining child patients. This new video is in the final stages of production and will be available online in the upcoming months. With so many new programs on the horizon, we are looking forward to an especially amazing 2018!

Kayla Bailey, Director of Education

For more information on ChildSafe’s online training, please contact Kayla Bailey at KaylaB@ChildSafe-SA.org or Nicole Calvillo at NicoleC@ChildSafe-SA.org.

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3. Select ChildSafe, located in San Antonio, TX.
4. Smile! You’re helping a child in need!

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Cheers to Our Volunteers!



As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with awe and gratitude for the remarkable volunteers, interns, donors, and community partners who help ChildSafe fulfill our mission.

Over the past year, ChildSafe experienced an increase in the number of children and their non-offending family members we serve. This growth trickles down to an increased need for volunteers, interns, and donors. This year the volunteer program’s largest events, Back-to-School Store and Santa’s Shop, experienced an increase in children served by 40% and 30%, respectively. These events provided school supplies and Christmas gifts to 754 children! This would not be possible without the generosity of individual and corporate volunteers, and in-kind donors, who contributed their time and resources. To help staff during this growth phase, internships have been extended to two academic semesters to provide a deeper educational experience for students and reduce staff training time. An increase in children served by ChildSafe also calls for an increase in the need for in-kind items such as new stuffed animals. Through the generosity of individuals and community partners like Hyatt Place San Antonio/Riverwalk, PetSmart at The Rim, and Resnik Middle School of South West Independent School District, every child walking through ChildSafe’s doors continues to receive a cuddly new friend to offer comfort and support.

As a way of giving back to the communities of which they are a part, community and corporate volunteer groups collaborate with ChildSafe to tackle special projects. This past year, ChildSafe began distributing “coping kits” to distressed children through a partnership with the Northwest Vista Psychology Club, the Psi Beta National Honor Society, and the University Health System Management Development Academy. Each of the 150 coping kits contains tools meant to prompt different coping behaviors: help distract the child, encourage relaxation and deep breathing,



provide comfort, require focusing on an object, and encourage communication and self-expression. As our clinical therapists begin using coping kits in counseling sessions and stories of the kits’ positive impacts are shared, ChildSafe looks forward to furthering the distribution of coping kits.

No matter the size of the group or task being completed, all of our dedicated volunteers, interns, and donors play a vital role in helping us fulfill our extraordinary goal of eradicating child abuse in Bexar County. Without these generous gifts of time and support, ChildSafe would not be able to provide the children and families who walk through our door with the level of care they both need and deserve.

The over 2,800 hours of volunteer services provided are essential to the success of ChildSafe. We are grateful to all of our individual and corporate volunteers, interns, and donors who bring passion and commitment to our front doors daily. Our healing efforts are possible because of committed and compassionate individuals, like you. Thank you for standing with ChildSafe and those we serve.

Lauren Zuniga, Volunteer Coordinator

To find out how you can help ChildSafe as a volunteer contact Lauren Zuniga at LaurenZ@ChildSafe-SA.org or 210.233.5931.

*Left: Humana volunteers distributing Cardboard Kids at Rolling Oaks Mall
Right: Clark High School Key Club volunteering at the ChildSafe Salado Creek Campus groundbreaking*



\$1M = 1,200 KIDS

END CHILD ABUSE

NO EXCUSE. STOP CHILD ABUSE. GIVE TODAY!

Silence is indifference. Inaction is an action.
Breaking the cycle of abuse requires collective voice and action!

Last April, you led our community in raising over \$350,000 through 606 unique gifts within 30 days! Your efforts changed the lives for over 400 child survivors of abuse. Thank you for your leadership! Sadly, our work is not done. Eight new child victims walk through our doors every day. Will you lead our community again and transform these children's lives this year?

This April, we request you be a champion for Bexar County's abused and neglected children. Mobilize your network of family, friends, business partners, and social media followers through our peer-to-peer and text-to-give fundraising platforms; create a fun-raising event at your work; create a profit-sharing day at your business; or create a unique effort of your own to transform a child's life!

Join us in raising \$1 Million from April 1 – 30, 2018.
Increase the impact of your gift by creating your own challenge goals!

TEXT-TO-GIVE

Text SAKIDS to 50155

We thank the **Carl C. Anderson, Sr. & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation** and the **Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation** for their match grant challenges.

For more information, contact our Chief Development Officer at Malihal@ChildSafe-SA.org or visit www.ChildSafe-SA.org

A Million Thanks!

Thank you to our generous friends, donors, and volunteers who supported our mission in 2017. We truly could not do this important work without you!

Thank You to Our Champions for Children

\$50,000 & Above

Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio
Carlos & Malú Alvarez
Kronkosky Charitable Foundation
Mays Family Foundation
The Brown Foundation, Inc.
Najim Family Foundation
Valero Energy Foundation

\$10,000 – \$49,999

Ashley Furniture Home Store
Carl C. Anderson Sr. & Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation
Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation
H-E-B Tournament of Champions
In-N-Out Burger Foundation
Marcia & Otto Koehler Foundation
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The Greehey Family Foundation
The PM Group
Mary Dudte Williams

\$5,000 – \$9,999

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Clear Channel Communications
Faye L. & William L. Cowden Charitable Foundation
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Halliburton Charitable Foundation
Louis J. & Millie Matcek Kocurek Charitable Foundation
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A. J. Carpenter, MD
Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas
Clubcorp Charity
Community First Health Plans
Bonnie Furner
G.A.C. Halff Foundation
Mr. & Mrs. James S. Gillingham
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