

Annual Report 2021



Children's Safe Harbor

A Children's Advocacy Center





Our Mission

To achieve justice and healing for every abused child
and engage our community in that mission

Our Vision

Engaging our community to prevent child abuse and
achieve justice and healing for every abused child

Our Goal

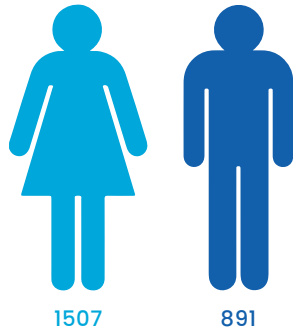
With a team of community and professional agencies
united, we are committed to counseling the minds and healing
the bodies of brave children and prosecuting offenders of the
youngest and most vulnerable victims of our society.

Serving children and families in
Montgomery, San Jacinto, & Walker Counties of Texas

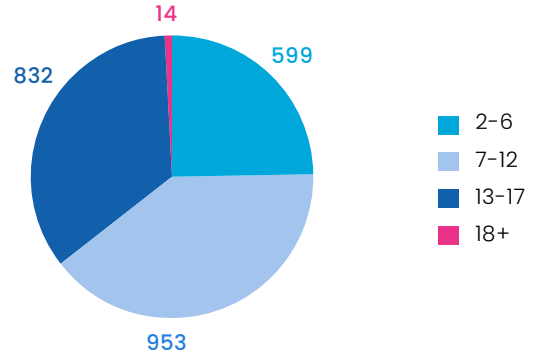
Children's Safe Harbor cares for children between the ages
of 2 and 17 who have suffered sexual assault, severe physical abuse, and
trauma. Since we opened our doors on August 31, 1998, we have provided
a safe place for over 25,000 children to be heard, helped, and healed.

Our Clients

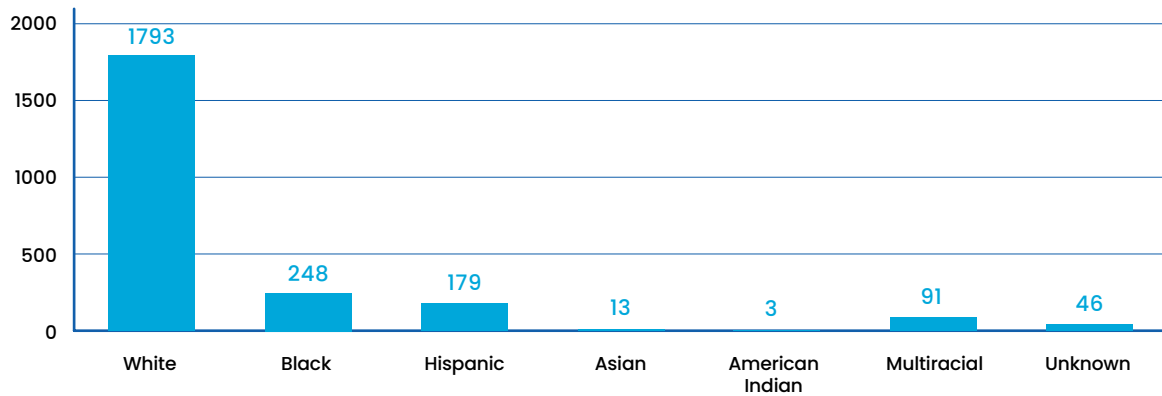
Gender of Child



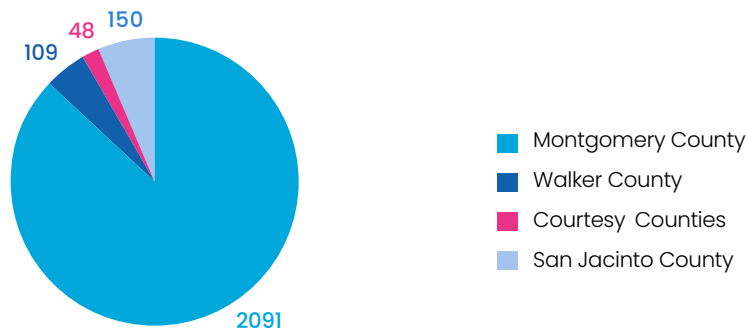
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Race/Ethnicity



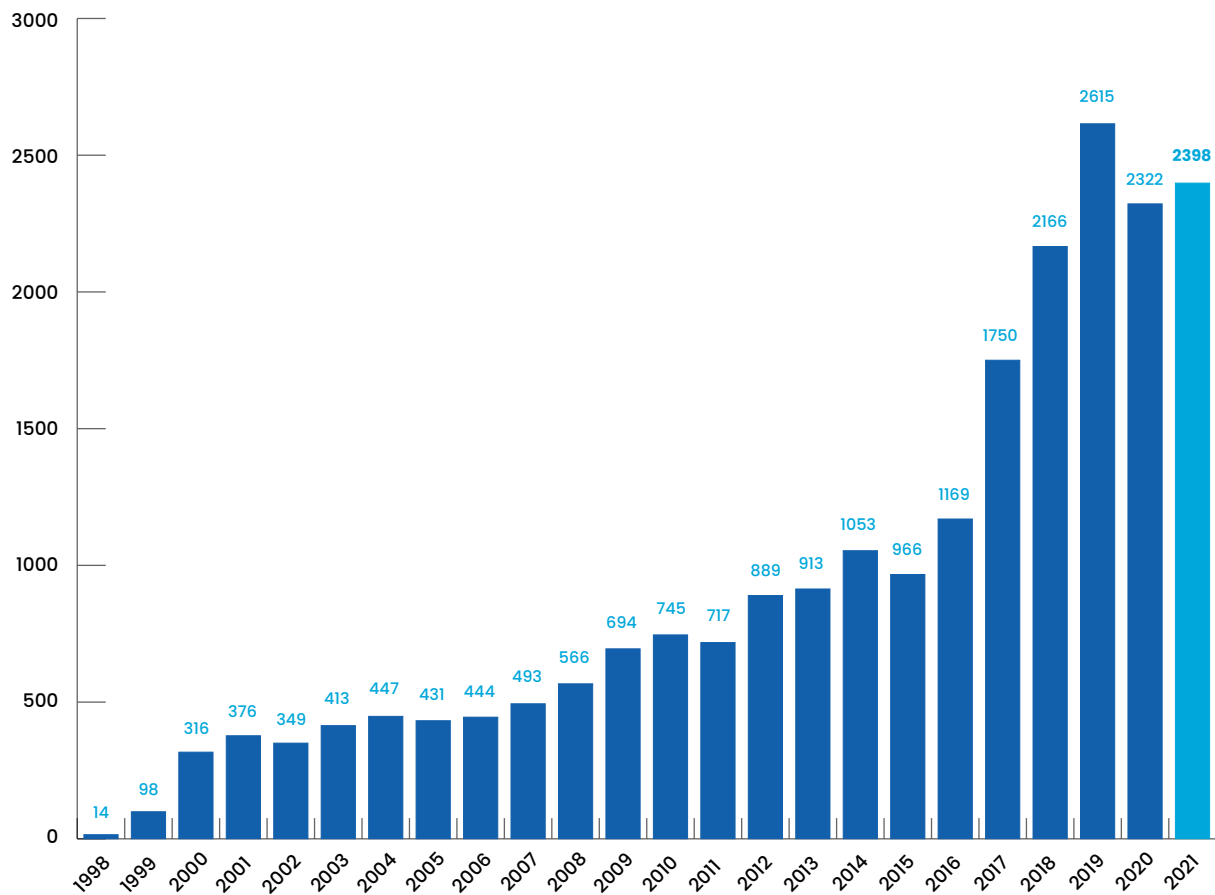
County Where Case Originated



Forensic Interviews

Forensic interviews are typically the first service provided for our families. A forensic interview is a neutral, fact-finding interview conducted by someone who is specifically trained according to Texas standards.

Forensic Interviews 1998-2021



2021 At A Glance



Help

- Number of intakes received and reviewed: 7,609
 - Received and reported for Montgomery Co.: 6,602
 - Received and reported for Walker Co.: 613
 - Received and reported for San Jacinto Co.: 344
 - Received and reported for other counties: 50
- Forensic interviews: 2,398
- Families that received advocacy services: 1,604

Justice

- Law enforcement dispositions
 - Charges filed: 177
- Prosecution disposition results
 - Accepted for prosecution: 5
 - Convictions: 4
- Pleas: 3
- Acquittals: 0

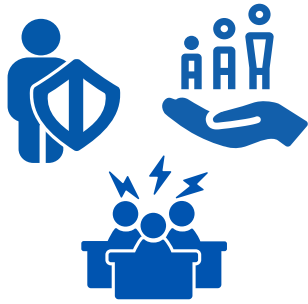


Healing

- Medical exams conducted: 158
- Individuals who received counseling: 448

Multidisciplinary Team

The multidisciplinary team is the core feature of our business model. Children's Safe Harbor serves two sets of customers:



Multidisciplinary team partners, including local law enforcement and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).



Children and families brought to CSH as part of a criminal investigation of child abuse.

Based in Conroe, Children's Safe Harbor shares a campus with representatives from law enforcement, county prosecutors, and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.

This multidisciplinary team approach focuses on child-centered strategies and the necessity to coordinate civil and criminal investigations, treatment, and prosecution of child abuse cases.

In 2021, this specialized staff reviewed **7,609 Department of Family and Protective Services intake reports** for local law enforcement in Montgomery, Walker, and San Jacinto Counties.

Multidisciplinary Team

The Greatest Value

The most unique service structure of our children's advocacy center is the **forensic interview**. Rather than a child having to go to the police department or a CPS office to report their traumatic experiences of abuse and victimization, a forensic interview is the best way for a child to tell their story in their own words in a safe and private setting. Children's Safe Harbor is the **ONLY** local nonprofit organization that offers this service, in collaboration with law enforcement and CPS investigators.

Our children have a conversation with a trained, professional forensic interviewer while our team observes from another room. In our field, this process allows for the greatest opportunity for children to disclose their experiences of trauma so that an investigation can begin. Once the investigation has started, then healing and justice follow.

Multidisciplinary Partner Agencies

Conroe Police Department
Cut and Shoot Police Department
Magnolia Police Department
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office
Montgomery County Police Department
Oak Ridge Police Department
Panorama Police Department
Patton Village Police Department
Roman Forest Police Department
Shenandoah Police Department
Splendora Police Department
Stagecoach Police Department
Willis Police Department
Conroe ISD Police Department
Montgomery ISD Police Department
New Caney ISD Police Department
Splendora ISD Police Department

Montgomery County Precinct 1
Montgomery County Precinct 2
Montgomery County Precinct 3
Montgomery County Precinct 4
Montgomery County Precinct 5
Montgomery County County Attorney's Office
Montgomery County District Attorney's Office
Montgomery County Juvenile Probation
San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office
Coldspring ISD Police Department
San Jacinto County DA's Office
Huntsville Police Department
Walker County Sheriff's Office
Walker County DA's Office
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services
Texas Children's Hospital
Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners

Child Sex Trafficking

987 human trafficking cases

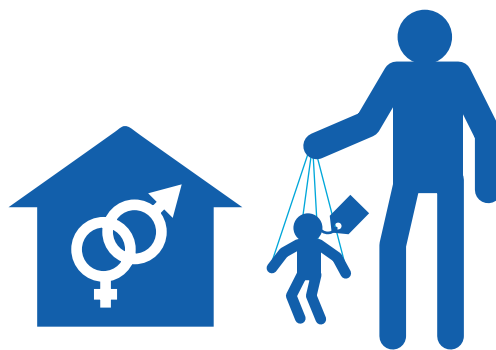
were reported in Texas in 2020.*

How We Help

Children's Safe Harbor serves as the Care Coordinator for Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth (CSEY) in Montgomery County. Our role is to facilitate long-term, trauma-informed care for CSEY survivors via an inter-agency, multidisciplinary Care Coordination Team. The guidelines for the Montgomery County Care Coordination Team have been developed with the Office of the Governor's Child Sex Trafficking Team.

The impact of the Care Coordination Team reaches the entire community. Through our tracking and reporting of CSEY cases, we expand the community's knowledge of child sex trafficking and ensure that every victim is seen and heard. The Governor's Office has built a robust system for tracking in which all cases are properly logged and analyzed.

In 2021, Children's Safe Harbor provided assistance and services to 27 CSEY victims. Another 29 children were considered high-risk for CSEY.



*According to National Human Trafficking Hotline

Healing Outcomes

In 2021

1,632 individual family members

received services from the family advocacy department.

Families were offered continual support from within Children's Safe Harbor's comprehensive departments (family and victim advocacy, medical, and counseling). Family advocates routinely follow up with parents and guardians over the course of their investigation. Some of the most common needs of our families are housing assistance, medical assistance, legal assistance, and food and clothing. These are the basic needs that all children and families require to thrive.

Counseling Successes

4,343 hours

of counseling services provided to clients FREE of charge

448 individual family members (children and their guardians) were provided trauma-informed counseling services FREE of charge in 2021.

Our trauma-informed mental health treatment programs track the following symptoms: anxiety, depression, anger, PTSD, dissociation, and sexual behavior concerns. Reviewing these symptoms on a regular schedule allows for the assessment of treatment goals. During 2021, **90 children** had a significant reduction in one of these six symptoms by their 24th counseling appointment. This represents a great impact because of the complexity of childhood trauma and the specialization of our clinical program.

Client Survey Responses

What did you appreciate the most about your experience at the Center?

"How friendly and understanding; they made my child feel very safe."

"The warm embrace. I felt my son and I were understood and cared about by all staff members and engaged with."

"That children are made to feel safe and comfortable and cared for. Very kind gestures made towards the kids."

"Everything, everyone is so nice and welcoming. The center makes me and my daughter feel safe."

"I appreciated how they were kind and wonderful to each and every child."

"The professionalism of the staff and ensure questions were asked and answered."

Board of Directors



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the Board of Directors
Children's Safe Harbor



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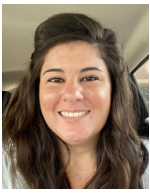
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Branch Manager
Woodforest National Bank



Patricia Bellows, MD
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Obstetrics & Gynecology

Fundraising

We are so grateful for the generosity and partnership of Chris Davis, managing partner of Truluck's – The Woodlands, and his incredibly hard-working team, who helped us by hosting several fundraising events.



— Giveback Fundraising Dinner —

📍 Trulucks - The Woodlands

Total Net:

\$16,230 was raised

for Children's Safe Harbor.

\$5,000 Donor:

Sally, David, & Susan

\$2,000 Donor:

Pysell, Lindsey

\$1,000 Donors:

Neskora, Mary and Bryan
Woodlands Crab Partners, LLC

\$500 Donors:

Grimm, Liz
Pazahanick, Jarret
Santini, Vince & Mary

Individual Donors:

Waterway Wealth Management (\$400)

Borchardt, Mae Kathleen
Bruegger, Alexis
Casperson, Dr. Tom and Faith
Constance, Victoria
Hallaron Media, LLC
Hudson, Travis
Hughes, Craig & Laurie
Hutson, Ryan & Echo
Krischke, Kris
Maddux, Kathleen

Manners, Michael
Montgomery County Medical Society
Parker, Jill
Perry, Debbie & Jay
Purcell, John
Purcell, Paul
Rodrigue, Matthew
Saludares, Reynaldo
Skylar
Yee, Hilton & Alison

— Giveback Fundraising Dinner —



Upper left: Dr. Victoria Constance and Chris Davis, Managing Partner of Truluck's – The Woodlands. **Upper right:** Event candid. **Middle left:** Wesley LeRoux, Assistant District Attorney, Montgomery County; Dr. Victoria Constance; Montgomery County Pct. 3 Constable's Office Lieutenant Adam Acosta. **Middle right:** Melissa & Mike Hallaron. **Bottom Left:** Ryan Hutson; Mary & Vince Santini; Dr. Victoria Constance; Vanessa & Mike Manners. **Bottom Right:** Event candid.

Fundraising

— Montgomery County Pct. 3 Constable Ryan Gable's 7th Annual Breakfast Fundraiser —

📍 Trulucks - The Woodlands

Total Net:

\$31,358 was raised

for Children's Safe Harbor.



Upper left: Dr. Victoria Constance; Brett Ligon, Montgomery County District Attorney; Montgomery County Pct. 3 Constable Ryan Gable; and Sheriff Rand Henderson. **Upper right:** Dr. Victoria Constance and Brett Ligon. **Bottom left:** Dr. Victoria Constance and Chris Davis. **Bottom right:** Dr. Victoria Constance, Chris Davis, the dedicated team at Truluck's - The Woodlands, and Ryan Gable.

— Donors – Ryan Gable’s 7th Annual Breakfast Fundraiser —

Challenge Match Donors

Auxiliary of Conroe Regional Medical Center (\$10,000)
Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office, Brett Ligon, DA (\$5,000)
Anonymous (\$3,060)

\$1,000 Donors

Cypress Creek Air Conditioning
Keough, Mark & Kimberly
Tice, Cindy

\$500 Donors:

Bill Cory Construction
Elias, Scott
Montgomery County Law Enforcement Assoc.
Sacks, Jonathan & Paula
Sloan, Kate
Stapp, Brad & Audrey

\$400 Donors:

Harpster, Greg & Ann
Hutson, Ryan & Echo

Individual Donors:

Aaron, Brittney
Acosta, Adam
Aguirre, Diana
Armand, Jerry
August, Angel
Balkovec, Brian
Bass, Diane J.
Berringer, Kathy
Blackwell, James
Blair, Maris Ann
Breedon, Khara
Burnett, Amanda
Butchello, Ann & Michael
Capilla, Priscilla
Capra, Laurie Anne
Cardenas, April
Carmona, Norma
Casperson, Dr. Tom and Faith
Castillo, Mary Ellen
Constance, Victoria
Domingue, Mayra
Dooley, Sean Elliott
Elzner, Meagan
Escobedo, Christine
Garcia, Kelly
Garcia, Yesemia
George, Elizabeth
George, Erin

Griffie, Charles
Grimm, Liz
Hafley, John
Hayes, Lakeshia
Hebert, Nancy
Henderson, Rand
Hibbeler, Aurora & Jeff
Hobrecht, Alyssa
Holder, Patricia & Jack
Hutson, Anne & Eric
Kaiser, Callison & Melissa
Lee, Sandra
Looney, Ashley
Luedde, Jody
Mahon, Samantha
Mair-Miley, Daphne
Maraviglia, Brandy
Martinez, Katrina
Matthews, Richard
McAlpin, Ann
Miller, Melissa
Moody, Robert
Moore, Hallie
Nelson, Matthew
Pace, Teresa
Parker, Jill
Pazahanick, Jarret
Phillips, Mary

Pilgrim, Julie
Prihoda, Kari
Purcell, Paul
Ramirez, Barbara
Ramirez, Sara
Redwine, Shanna
Richards, Christine & Scott
Rodrigue, Matthew
Ronsman, Ann Marie
Saludares, Reynaldo
Sander, Hannah
Scism, Hanna
Shaw, Raymond
Smith, Laura
Snyder, Ann
Solomon, Anthony
Springer, Matt
Stephenson, John & Jody
Stewart, Vicki & Bruce
Sumner, James
Thibodaux, Elizabeth
Thompson, Sarah
Waller, Chris & Gina
Warren, Brianna
Williams, Rebecca
Woodcock, Joeanna
Workman, Mary-Katherine

Fundraising

Truluck's donates \$600 to Children's Safe Harbor

Funds from The Woodlands Area Chamber networking breakfast benefit the non-profit.

Truluck's - The Woodlands presented a \$600 donation to Children's Safe Harbor with proceeds from one of their monthly networking breakfasts, which they host each month for The Woodlands Chamber of Commerce. During each meeting, a non-profit organization is featured. Cyndi Alvarado, Vice President of Membership for The Woodlands Chamber, and Dr. Dawn Schwab of Spinal Care Chiropractic Center, who is a member of The Chamber's networking breakfast team, nominated Children's Safe Harbor to be featured at the meeting.

Half of the proceeds of each member's \$10 breakfast tab was donated by Truluck's to Children's Safe Harbor.



Pictured from left are Chris Davis, Managing Partner of Truluck's - The Woodlands; Dr. Dawn Schwab, Spinal Care Chiropractic Center; Dr. Victoria Constance, Executive Director of Children's Safe Harbor; and J.J. Hollie, President and CEO of The Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce.

Fundraising

Local PetSmart store partners with Children's Safe Harbor for a warm and fuzzy give back for victims of trauma.

Each holiday season for the past several years, The Woodlands PetSmart store located in the Portofino Shopping Center in Shenandoah has donated an adorable stuffed animal to a child served by Children's Safe Harbor each time a customer makes a \$5 donation to the non-profit at check-out.

The stuffed animals have provided warm and fuzzy comfort to child victims as they receive specialized services from Children's Safe Harbor in response to trauma from physical abuse, sexual assault, neglect, sex trafficking, or witnessing violence.



Dr. Victoria Constance, Executive Director of Children's Safe Harbor (far right), with Jason Kuechler, Store Manager of The Woodlands PetSmart (far left); and store associates (from left to right) Shannan, Michelle, Paul, Amanda (PetsHotel leader), Savannah, and Chloe.

Fundraising

Woodforest Charitable Foundation recognized as “The Harbor Hero” by Children’s Safe Harbor

Children’s Safe Harbor recognized Woodforest Charitable Foundation as “The Harbor Hero” thanking the organization for its contributions over the years.



Pictured from left are Dr. Victoria Constance, Executive Director of Children’s Safe Harbor, with Woodforest Charitable Foundation (WCF) representatives Brittney Marling Dio, WCF Advisory Board Member; Kim Marling, WCF Executive Vice President; Robert Marling, WCF President; and Amy Hegemeyer, WCF Office Manager.

Awareness

On April 22, 2021, we presented our annual Pinwheels Art Installation in recognition of April being Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

Representing the number of children served by Children's Safe Harbor in 2020 for sexual assault, physical abuse, neglect, human trafficking, and trauma,

2,389 pinwheels

were installed on the front grounds of the Kroger grocery store in Magnolia at the intersection of FM 1488 and FM 2978 and remained on display all day for public awareness.

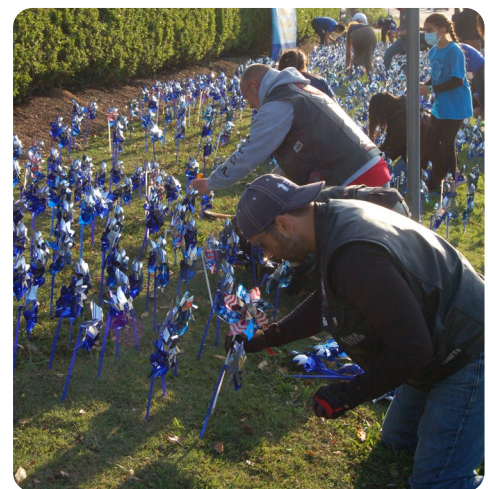
Community leaders and members of the county's child abuse multi-disciplinary team as well as Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) were in attendance to help with the installation.

View the video from the day here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDaF30RZTzM>



Dr. Victoria Constance, Executive Director, Children's Safe Harbor

— Pinwheels Installation 2021 —



Upper left: Staff from Children's Safe Harbor. **Upper right:** Shanna Redwine, JD, board member, Chief of Special Victims Unit - Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. **Middle left:** A member of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA). **Middle right:** Pct. 5 Montgomery County Constable Chris Jones (center) with Constables R. Johnston and K. Dougherty. **Bottom left:** Board member Ryan Hutson with Detective Robert Espinosa. **Bottom right:** Members of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA).

Volunteers

In 2021, we had 30 volunteers and interns providing direct service work for a total of 4,647 hours. Children's Safe Harbor was incredibly blessed. Despite the unprecedented times of a global pandemic and the economic and social consequences, we had a strong community of supporters that continued to advocate for our children and mission.



In December 2021, BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) helped Children's Safe Harbor host our traditional holiday party. They brought food and cooked for our families and shared a bounce house for the children! Biker Santa was in attendance, again, as were many Children's Safe Harbor staff elves! Families received stuffed animals from PetSmart's sixth annual donation drive, toys, books, and gift cards.

It was wonderful to finish the year with our BACA volunteers, staff, MDT partners, board members, and families.



Volunteers

— Special Volunteers: Adopt-A-Family Donors —

The families that we serve have been through a child abuse investigation and are coming to us for justice and healing. A large portion of the families that we serve are extremely low income, or the crisis that they are in has set them back. Because of this, every year for Christmas our advocates and counselors nominate families we serve that are in need. The families fill out a wish list that includes things the children need (clothing) and things they may want (toys). There is also a section on the list for general family needs such as hygiene products or toiletries.

We then match each family with a donor that is willing to fulfill their wish list. All is anonymous: The donors do not know the identity of the family they help, and the families do not know the identity of their donors. Donors drop off donations at Children's Safe Harbor, and we let families know when their donations are ready for pick up.

These amazing Adopt-A-Family Donors are members of our board of directors, staff members, and the general public who sign up through our social media platforms. In 2021, 80 donors went the extra mile and filled the wish lists of 80 families, including providing the wrapping paper for the parents or guardians to have the pleasure of wrapping these gifts and placing them under the Christmas tree.



How to Help

Please visit our website to find out how to volunteer
and support our children's advocacy center.



[ChildrensSafeHarbor.org](https://www.ChildrensSafeHarbor.org)



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