




Together, breaking the cycle of child abuse

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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Dear Friends,

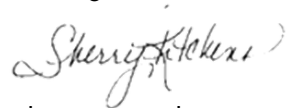
We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support of the Child Advocacy Center. Your generous contributions of time, energy, and financial support have been instrumental in helping us protect children.

With your support, we have been able to expand our programs to reach more children and families, providing them with the support and resources they need to stay safe and healthy. We have been able to provide counseling and therapy to those affected by child abuse, as well as provide education and training to families and professionals to help them prevent child abuse in the future. We have also been able to provide resources for families to help them better understand the signs of child abuse and how to respond when they suspect abuse is occurring. Your support has allowed us to provide a safe and secure environment for children to receive healing services. Thank you!

This year the need for services continued to increase. We served 3,784 children and caregivers in 2023. 1,172 were new cases, 56 were child sex trafficking cases, 786 were physical abuse cases, 1,012 were sexual abuse cases, and 167 required a specialized forensic interview.

We are so grateful for the support and dedication to the cause of protecting children who have experienced the tragedy of child abuse. Please reach out to schedule a tour of our newest facility, The Bobbie Holden Center for Child Advocacy.

With gratitude,



Sherry Kitchens, Ed.S., LMFT
President/CEO

2023 Administrative Staff

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Lisa Sickels, MDT Coordinator

Vivian Dobbs, Finance Manager

Carla Jones, Human Resources/Grants Compliance Manager

Jamie Saunders, Lead Therapist

Devon Montague, Victim Services Coordinator

Brooke Beers, Development Coordinator

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2023

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Dee Dee Cain Smith

Rod Smith

Jay Herrington*

Bobbie Eubanks Holden*

*Posthumous Dedication

MISSION

A comprehensive, child-friendly facility where professionals from law enforcement, medical, child protection and therapeutic services effectively collaborate to meet the individual needs of child victims and break the cycle of abuse.

PARTNERS

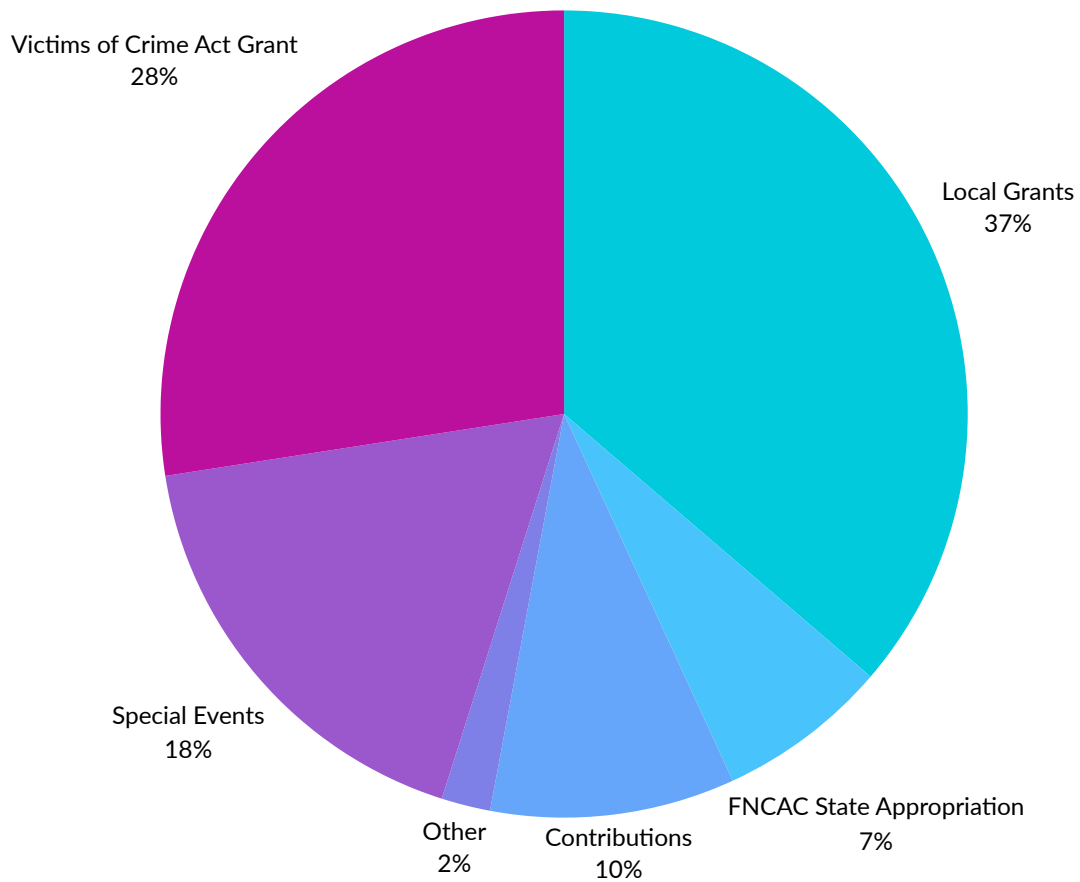


THERAPY DOGS

Oliver & Elliott



FINANCES



EXPENSES

Program	\$1,235,879.00	83%
Management & Fundraising	\$252,788.48	17%
Totals	\$1,488,667.48	100%



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Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance recommends that organizations spend at least 65% of their total expenses on program activities - the CAC spends 83%.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

BUILDING DEDICATION - The CAC hosted a Building Dedication to thank and honor all of the donors that made the purchase of the newest center location possible and unveiled the new center building name: The Bobbie Holden Center for Child Advocacy.



KITCHEN RENOVATION - The CAC's newest location received a new kitchen thanks to the proceeds of the 38th Annual Wild Game Feast, courtesy of The Rotary Club Foundation of Gainesville.



Forensic Interviewer

Erica Jones

Crisis Intervention Specialist

Court Waltermire

**Victim Services
Support Specialist**

Martha Miller

Case Management Team

Devon Montague

Victim Services Coordinator

Becca Bernal

Advocate/Case Manager

Kimberly Gragg

Advocate/Case Manager

Celi Guzman

Advocate/Case Manager

Taylor Hemphill

Advocate/Case Manager

Therapy Team

Jamie Saunders

Lead Therapist

Dallas Jones

Staff Therapist

Megan Miller-Niemes

Staff Therapist

Patty Bent-Thurman

Contract Therapist

Lakesha Bowie

Contract Therapist

Corinne Edwards

Contract Therapist

Kelly Jackson

Contract Therapist

SaraNeal Johnston

Contract Therapist

Passion Lewis

Contract Therapist

Nicole Stern

Contract Therapist

ADVOCACY & MENTAL HEALTH



VOLUNTEERS & EVENTS

The CAC participated in three major fundraising events in 2023 - The Amazing Give, Slacker Run, and Gainesville Gone Wild...West! In addition to these fundraising events, CAC staff attended several community events to raise awareness about the CAC's services, hosted a Building Dedication for the newest location, and attended trainings to include a Crimes Against Kids Conference hosted by the Florida Network of Child Advocacy Centers.

Community individuals and groups were also very generous with the CAC in 2023 to include multiple Give Back fundraisers to provide funding for the CAC, as well as events for CAC clients to include an offsite holiday event and a Help for the Holidays program that provides multiple families with wish list items for Christmas.



Funds Raised

The Amazing Give

\$28,065

Slacker Run

\$34,929

Gainesville Gone Wild...West

\$198,040

300 Volunteers

6,796+ Hours

The CAC is grateful for the volunteers who assist with the following needs:

- Special events
- Spending time with clients in between therapy sessions
- Organizing the donation station and waiting areas
- General cleaning of the center

2024

GOALS:

- Further develop Training Program at CAC
- Increase Multidisciplinary Team activities and trainings
- Apply for reaccreditation with National Children's Alliance

DATES:

- The Amazing Give - April 25, 2024
- Slacker Run - May 18, 2024
- Gainesville Gone - October 24, 2024

