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December 2025 Newsletter

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Greetings!

While the weather in Denver has been unseasonably warm, the lights on the trees and through the city still look perfect and signal that the holidays are here.

At DCAC, we are in the business of bringing light to incredibly challenging situations. Thank you for making that possible. Because of you, thousands of children found a safe path forward this year.

Here is a look at that recent impact in action:

- **Wraparound Support:** Connecting families to the resources they need most.
- **Team Spotlight:** Meet Jacquie, our newest Forensic Interviewer!

- **Tax Credits:** How to get up to 70% back on your donation (CCCCC).
- **Soul Food Saturday:** A night of food, music, and community raised an impactful \$14,000 for our cause!
- **Goal Smashed:** The final numbers for Colorado Gives Day

On behalf of everyone at DCAC, we wish you a bright holiday season.

With Gratitude,

Will Braunstein
Executive Director
Denver Children's Advocacy Center

P.S. As a reminder, donations must be made by December 31 to qualify for tax deductions for the 2025 year. **Make a end-of-year donation today!**



Supporting Families Beyond Therapy

Most families who receive services from DCAC are navigating many challenges. That's why **Andrea Lopez Lopez, DCAC Bilingual Case Manager/Intake Specialist**, frequently assists families with securing housing, addressing food insecurity, obtaining healthcare, accessing legal services, and meeting basic needs.

"My goal is to help them feel supported through the process, from applying to securing resources," she said.

Learn more about Andrea's role as a bilingual case manager at DCAC and how she supports families.

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Give Before 12/31! Donations Could Benefit from Tax Credit

With only two weeks remaining in the year, there is still time to make an end-of-year contribution. The generosity of our community continues to inspire us every day.

One of the ways in which your generosity can come with a possible tax benefit is through the **Colorado Childcare Contribution Credit (CCCCC)**. For every \$1 you donate to our early childhood and mental health training programs, you may qualify for the CCCCC, which could amount to up to 70¢ back in tax credit.

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New Staff Member



Jaquelin Hernandez-Perez 'Jacky' recently joined our team as a Bilingual Forensic Interviewer/Family Advocate. A graduate from MSU Denver, Jacky has worked with children ages 6 weeks to 5-years-old and their families as an advocate for most of my professional career. She was looking for a change of pace and a stronger connection to helping children and families overcome difficult barriers. "DCAC's mission really caught my attention as a great place to do that," she said. I am

excited to be a part of the team and all the learning that will come with being part of DCAC."

Outside of work, Jacky likes to read books, spend time with loved ones, and try new restaurants and coffee spots. She is trying to become more of an outdoorsy person so if you know any good hiking trails, please let her know. [Learn more about Jacky.](#)



Soul Food Saturday XIII Raises Nearly \$14,000!

DCAC is lucky to have the support of third party events, like Soul Food Saturday XIII. Third party events are personalized gatherings with family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to raise awareness and funds for DCAC. Joey Licata, Joe Primm, David Mack, Derek & Stephanie Sorkin, and JE Dunn came together to host annual event again this fall, raising \$13,485 and loads of in-kind supplies for DCAC! If you are interested in hosting a third party event, [check our Ways to Give page](#) or contact Michelle Davis at mdavis@denvercac.org.

Volunteer of the Month

Keith and Michelle Peterson are our Volunteers of the Month. They have been dedicated supporters of DCAC for many years. This year, they generously donated materials for our Art Group, led a candle-making class at DCAC, and volunteered at our Halloween party.

"We are incredibly grateful for their ongoing partnership and the kindness they bring to our community," said Marlen Montanez, Intake Manager/Community Mental Health Coordinator.



You Showed Up for Kids!

Thank you for making Colorado Gives Day a success.



Colorado Gives Day 2025!

Together we showed up for Denver kids by **raising \$69,650 for Colorado Gives Day (more than our goal!). That supports 465 therapy sessions or a month and a half of forensic interviews and advocacy support.** That means more Denver kids will get the support they need thanks to YOU! THANK YOU!

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