

Happy New Year from DCAC!



2016 was another wonderful year for DCAC. With the help of our partners, contributors, and supporters, we were able to serve more children and families than ever before while continuing to prevent abuse, strengthen families, and restore childhood. We look forward to making 2017 another successful year and wish you a happy and healthy new year!



Who doesn't love a good birthday party?

This year at DCAC, we are celebrating birthdays all year long! We invite you to pledge your birthday and fundraise to support the 1 in 10 children who will be sexually abused before their 18th birthdays. Because birthdays should be a celebration - not a statistic of childhood sexual abuse.

If you are interested in pledging your birthday or would like more information, please <u>click here</u> or contact Meghan: 720.974.7231 or MParman@DenverCAC.org.

Let's celebrate!

Young Philanthropists Make a Lasting Impact!



Christmas, a group of young philanthropists made a donation that has had a lasting impact on our forensic interview program. By collecting new stuffed animals, this group helped us spread holiday cheer to the children and families who come to DCAC for interviews!

Because of this gift, every child who walks through our doors has been able to pick out a new stuffed animal to take home. We can honestly say that our clients' joy and excitement when receiving this gift is indescribable. We are so thankful for this group of young donors and their gift that we will continue collecting stuffed animal donations into 2017. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact MParman@DenverCAC.org.

Thank you again to all of our young donors - you are making such a difference in our community!

Important Dates - Mark your Calendars!

April 2017 - National Child Abuse Prevention Month

DCAC will be running a campaign during the month of April to highlight the importance of child abuse prevention. This year, we have an exciting challenge grant that will match every dollar raised up to \$35,000! Stay tuned for details.

September 14th, 2017 - Art from the Heart

Art from the Heart is DCAC's unique annual fundraiser. Art from the Heart draws attention to the transformative power of art and the art therapy utilized by DCAC in working with traumatized children. This distinctive event will help raise funds for DCAC's many programs that provide a positive impact on the lives of children that are seen at our facility, as well as children in the community.



DCAC Receives Gift from Young Donor!



A few weeks ago, we were contacted by a young donor named Travis and his father. Travis wanted to donate his beautiful, wooden Thomas the Train set to a worthy cause and with the help of his aunt, he found DCAC. Luckily, he gave us a call telling us he would like to donate his train set, a toy that he loved when he was younger. With the help of Travis and his dad, we set up the train set in one of our waiting rooms in early January! Our clients are already playing with it nonstop - making new tracks, cities, and trains. We are so glad that Travis decided to donate this amazing set to DCAC and we can't wait for the hours of fun and entertainment it will bring to our clients. Thank you again, Travis! Your gift is making such a difference.

DCAC Toy Drive Success



In December, we had our annual holiday toy drive at DCAC. Throughout the holiday season, therapists collect toy drive sign up sheets from our client's families with information regarding the ages and genders of the children in each home. Then during our

toy drive event, therapists pick out gifts for each child in the family. Toy are then deliver delivered to the parent of the family at their next visit. The parent can then take the gifts home and wrap them for their children for the holidays!

We are grateful for our generous donors who contribute gifts for children of all ages for our toy drive. Thank you to Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA), HR UndergroundX, Cherry Creek Mortgage Company, BluCore Shooting Center, HairDo, and so many more organizations for your wonderful donations! Our clients are able to have a stress-free holiday season because of your generosity.

DCAC's Problematic Sexual Behavior Program



We are continuing to work with the University of Oklahoma to establish a treatment program for children with problematic sexual abuse behaviors and their families. This program is designed to eliminate problematic sexual behaviors and improve pro-social behaviors and adjustments in children. It is also designed to reduce stress and enhance skills in parents and other caregivers.

For more information about treatment for problematic sexual behavior in youth, please contact:

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