Thank You to Everyone Who Donated during National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Thanks to the Piton Foundation, we received a challenge grant of $35,000! Every donation received for our campaign was matched 100% by this grant. We are thrilled to announce that we met and exceeded this goal by raising $50,030!

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed, shared our message, and promoted our work! Your kindness and generosity made this campaign an absolute success.
And THANK YOU again to SM ENERGY, our campaign sponsor.

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The Denver Children’s Advocacy Center’s

**Breakfast Open House**

*Thursday, June 8th • 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.*

At DCAC, we partner and work closely with many agencies, organizations, and individuals throughout the Denver metro. To show our appreciation and gratitude for all the hard work of these partners, we are hosting our annual breakfast open house. Stop by and enjoy a morning of delicious food, conversation, and tours of DCAC’s child-friendly campus.

Please invite your family, friends or colleagues to attend with you!

This event is free of charge.

When? Thursday, June 8th from 7:30-9:00 a.m. (come and go as you please)
Where? DCAC Courtyard - 2149 Federal Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80211
Questions? Contact Dulce Solis at Dulce@DenverCAC.org

We look forward to seeing you there!

**RSVP NOW**

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Thank You, KB Home
KB Home of Denver, a long-time supporter of DCAC, spent yesterday morning volunteering on our campus. We were so thrilled when they reached out to set up a volunteer day and their hard work has made our campus bright and beautiful for the summer. They cleaned out our flower beds, put down new mulch, changed out many light bulbs, repainted our parking lot lines, cleaned up our lawn, and even brought us a new basketball net. Our child-friendly campus looks amazing!

Many thanks to KB Home’s ongoing dedication to the work that we do!

Local Girl Scout Troop Nominates DCAC as "Hometown Hero"

A local Girl Scout Troop recently nominated DCAC as the recipient of their "Hometown Hero" award! The Hometown Hero Program "gives girls the opportunity to learn philanthropy and community service through the Cookie Program". As a recipient of the award, we received 13 cases of cookies to give out to our families,
Tickets on Sale Now for Art from the Heart 2017

You are cordially invited to join DCAC for the 2nd annual *Art from the Heart* signature event on Thursday, September 14th at the beautiful and unique SPACE Gallery in the Art District on Santa Fe.

By featuring the artwork created by many of our clients, *Art from the Heart* will draw attention to the transformative power of art and the art therapy utilized by DCAC’s therapists when working with clients. *Art from the Heart* will help support our many programs that positively impact Denver’s most vulnerable children and families. Please join us for an evening of fun to benefit the lives of the children we serve. The event will include a live auction, food and drinks, wine pull, interactive art activities and live music.

If you are interested in becoming an event sponsor, please click here or contact Meghan at MParman@DenverCAC.org

Buy Tickets Now!

DCAC Receives YES Grant from Ent Credit Union!
In April, DCAC was notified that we were one of the 34 recipients of Ent Credit Union’s YES Grant! We are absolutely thrilled to be part of Ent’s charitable giving program. Since Ent’s YES Grant’s inception in 2000, they have awarded more than $1 million in grants to 130 Colorado nonprofits that serve the diverse health, human services and other needs of children. DCAC employees, Meghan and Anna, attended the grant ceremony and got to mingle with Ent employees and other grant recipients from the Denver area.

Thank you again, Ent! We are so thankful for your commitment to our community!

To view more photos from this event, please click here!

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May is Mental Health Month

Each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition, as 1 in 5 U.S. adults will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime. However, everyone is affected or impacted by mental illness through friends and family.

Throughout May, DCAC and other participants across the country are raising awareness for mental health with the help of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Each year, NAMI fights stigma, provides support, educates the public and advocates for equal care. Each year, the movement grows stronger.
"This Does Not Look Like Work..."

In early January, a group of children donated stuffed animals to our forensic interview program for our clients to take home with them. One little girl from the group, Ella - age 5, was wowed by the beauty of our campus and our three homes. When she walked in the front door of our Forensic Interview house, Ella’s mom explained this is where Jodi Byrnes, DCAC’s Director of the Forensic Interview Program, works. Immediately, Ella said, “This does not look like work!”

As we head into the summer months, which is our busiest time for volunteer groups coming on campus, we love this story as a reminder of the hard work these individuals do at DCAC every year. Various organizations and companies dedicate days to cleaning up and making our campus look wonderful and bright. This work does not go unnoticed even by our youngest supporters, like Ella. All the hard work that each volunteer group dedicates to DCAC makes this campus a warm and friendly atmosphere for all children who step onto it.

To all of the individuals and groups who help us with our various volunteer projects, thank you. You are the driving force behind making our houses feel like homes.

DCAC’s Problematic Sexual Behavior Program

The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA

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: Gizane Indart, PsyD. at Gizane@DenverCAC.org or (303) 996-8580.
Meet DCAC volunteer, Sulema!

Sulema started volunteering at DCAC in January. In the Fall, she will start her senior year at Metropolitan State University. She is currently enrolled in the Bachelors Program for Social Work, after deciding to change her major from Criminal Justice halfway through her academic career. She felt her curiosity would not allow her to stop at anything and she always felt like there was more she could be doing for people, so she found herself in the Social Work field.

Sulema is a very passionate person and she strives to do her best at whatever she is doing. In the future, she would like to work with school-aged children because she understands how important reaching out to children at the youngest age possible is.

Outside of her academic life, Sulema also works to help her mom and family. When she is not at school or work, she enjoys spending time with her family, playing sports, just hanging out, and talking with her siblings.

Q: What is your role as a volunteer at DCAC?
A: I spent the last semester volunteering over 60 hours with various teams at DCAC, assisting with any project that needed to be done.

Q: What do you find most rewarding?
A: I enjoy learning new things every time I am on campus and the interactions I have with staff and clients at DCAC.

Q: What do you find most challenging?
A: Every new situation at DCAC is a new opportunity to learn, so sometimes it is challenging to always be changing roles and teams. But, I am always willing to try and succeed!

Q: If you had a superpower, what would it be and why?
A: If I had a superpower, I would want the power to stop time. Controlling time would allow me to make a larger difference and it would allow me to do more things.

Q: What do you love to do when you are not volunteering at DCAC?
A: I enjoy playing soccer and volleyball with my siblings. We are very busy, so in our free time we love to enjoy time together and get a bit competitive!
See what's happening on our social sites: