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*Thanksgiving*  
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*With joy & gratitude, we wish you a wonderful  
holiday!*

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Tell Us What You Want to Empower Colorado's Kids  
to Be!



Ryan, the daughter of one of DCAC's staff members, wants to empower kids to be... LEADERS! What about you?

On Colorado Gives Day, you can empower kids to be...

Brave,  
Strong,  
Powerful,  
Smart,  
& Full of Potential!

What do you want to empower Colorado's children to be? Tell us now through social media! Print out our ["I want to empower kids to be..." sign](#), fill it out, snap a picture, and share it with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), or [LinkedIn](#)! Don't forget to tag us and use the hashtag #EmpowerColorado'sKids.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

Empower Colorado's kids! Schedule your Colorado Gives Day gift to DCAC today!

SCHEDULE YOUR  
DONATION TODAY!

Help Us Stack the Snacks this Holiday Season!



Every child who comes through our doors at the Denver Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) is offered a juice and a snack during their visit. Sometimes children come to DCAC for regularly scheduled therapy appointments and other times children are brought to DCAC in the middle of the night for emergency forensic interviews. Regardless of the time of day or situation, they are always offered a juice and a snack.

With over 1,500 children in our therapy program and nearly 600 forensic interviews completed in 2017... we go through a lot of snacks! With your help, we can continue to offer these treats to the children we see.

From now until the end of the year, you can support these children by collecting snacks and juice boxes for DCAC! For a complete list of items, please [click here](#). Once you've collected the snacks, please contact Anna Friedman, DCAC's Office Manager & Program Assistant, to arrange a drop off or pick up.

Help us stack the snacks and celebrate the season of giving!

To arrange a pick up or if you have any questions, please contact Anna Friedman at [Anna@DenverCAC.org](mailto:Anna@DenverCAC.org) or 303.825.3850.

To view snack list, please [click here](#).

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DCAC featured in Office of Child and Family Affairs  
Newsletter



In October, DCAC was featured in the Colorado Department of Human Services Office of Child and Family Affairs Newsletter. The feature highlighted a training that DCAC conducted with Launch Together. The article reads,

"On Saturday, October 14th, Colorado child abuse and neglect public awareness campaign partner Denver Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC) conducted a training in Southwest Denver with Launch Together. Created through a unique collaboration of eight Colorado-based foundations, communities across the state are supported in enhancing existing prevention and health promotion practices and building coordinated community systems, Launch Together is designed to improve social, emotional, behavioral, physical and cognitive outcomes for young children (prenatal through age eight) and their families in Colorado.

Dr. Gizane Indart spoke about child sexual abuse with community members and other individuals, 'it is estimated that 12,500 children 0 to 5 live in Southwest Denver. I am honored to be working with this community, having regular conversations with members, parents and grandparents about the emotional and social skills our young children should develop.'

This training was part of a partnership that DCAC has with the Denver Early Childhood Council, Launch Together, and other community organizations. The vision of the Launch Together collaboration is that every child, family, and provider in Southwest Denver is emotionally and socially flourishing in relationships and environments that nurture their hearts, minds, and bodies. The mission of the initiative is to build a resilient, trauma-informed community network of parents, providers, and programs throughout Southwest Denver who are responsive to the social-emotional needs of young children, their families, and the champions who serve them. To learn more about Launch Together and the work that DCAC and other organizations are doing in southwest Denver, [click here](#) ."

To view the full article, please [click here](#).

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# Teen Gifts Needed for Holiday Gift Drive



Every year, DCAC hosts a holiday toy drive for the families we serve. With the help of Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) and various other organizations and individuals, we are able to give each family a gift for every child in their family. Each year, we are always in need of more teen gifts for our older clients and their siblings. We love to be able to give our teen clients gift cards, headphones, make up, clothing, and other age appropriate items.

If you are interested in donating teen gifts to DCAC, please contact Meghan Parman, our Development Associate, at 720-974-7231 or [MParman@DenverCAC.org](mailto:MParman@DenverCAC.org).

Thank You, Thomas!



This Halloween, DCAC's clients and families received a special treat when visiting our campus. Thomas, one of DCAC's wonderful



volunteers, prepared and planned a trick-or-treat event for the children who visited our campus on Tuesday. He donated candy to DCAC and made individual bags for each client to take home with them! He spent the day helping out in our therapy house and making sure each child got a bag of candy.

Thank you again, Thomas!

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Support DCAC through your Holiday Shopping with  
Amazon Smile!



Spread some extra cheer this holiday season!

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your purchases to the Denver Children's Advocacy Center.

You can use the same Amazon account you normally use; simply select DCAC as your charitable organization, and at no extra cost to you, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price! [Here's how.](#)

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Dedicate your Birthday to DCAC through Donate  
to Celebrate



Do you have an upcoming birthday? Are you still deciding how you

would like to celebrate it? By dedicating your birthday to DCAC, you can celebrate your special day by supporting our community's most vulnerable children and their families.

We invite you to pledge your birthday and raise funds 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.

To learn more about how you can dedicate your birthday, [please click here](#) or contact Meghan at MParman@DenverCAC.org

Let's celebrate together!

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## Support our Therapy Program through our Wish List!



Do you want to directly support our therapy program? Check out our [wish list](#) today! Our wish list consists of items selected by our team of therapists for our treatment and assessment program. With over 1,500 clients in our therapy program in 2016, we are always in need of new items to make our therapy rooms warm, cozy, and inviting.

If you are interested in purchasing items from our wish list or have questions, please contact DCAC's Development Associate, Meghan Parman, at MParman@DenverCAC.org.

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# Staff & Volunteer Corner



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## Meet DCAC's Bilingual Victim Advocate, Viviana!

*Viviana joined the DCAC team in 2017. She double majored at Regis University and graduated in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and in Peace and Justice Studies. While in school, Viviana was involved in multiple nonprofit agencies, advocating for immigrant rights and social justice. Continuing to fulfill her passion for serving others, she worked as an intake specialist at The Rose Aodom Center, where she coordinated support services to survivors of domestic violence and their children. She looks forward to guiding the families of DCAC who have encountered trauma through her work as a Bilingual Victim Advocate.*



*Q: What is your role at DCAC?*

*A: My role at DCAC as a Bilingual Victim Advocate is to provide guidance to the families and children coming through our doors by ensuring they feel welcome, safe, and have the information necessary to prepare them for the forensic interview process taking place for the child. In addition to this, I spend time speaking to caregivers about the resources available to their child at DCAC and field any questions or confusions during and after the forensic interview.*

*Q: What do you find most rewarding about it?*

*A: There is so much power in the human connection! I am blessed to have these connections while working with children, youth, and their caregivers. Despite the trauma that our clients have endured, I am gifted with their resilience! I enjoy giving families tools to help restore their children's childhood. This is rewarding for me because together we are fostering a sense of hope. Children are our future and the connections I get to have with them at DCAC inspire me daily.*

*Q: What do you find most challenging?*



A: Looking back over my first month, the challenges that I have experienced stemmed from working with caregivers whom did not believe the allegations put forth by their child. These situations have been challenging in the sense that they automatically create a barrier for me to offer services to them for their child. I believe every child deserves the opportunity to be heard and thrive as a result of their powerful voices.

Q: If you had a super power, what would it be and why?

A: I would love to have the ability to speak all the world languages because it would allow me to connect with so many more humans! This super power would also make my goal of traveling the world easier.

Q: What do you love to do when you are not working?

A: I love to dance and spend time with my friends and family. I am very fortunate to have a majority of my family in Colorado and get to see them frequently!

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