



A Moving Story

The Children's Advocacy Center
of the Bluegrass

our MISSION



To reduce the trauma
experienced by sexually
abused children by
providing professional
services in a nurturing,
friendly and safe
environment.



Dear Friends,

The Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass is a quiet treasure in Central Kentucky — a place where courageous children and young people, victims of child sexual abuse, can gain the strength they need to rebuild their lives.

Our Center is a refuge for families confronting the reality of child sexual abuse. In 2011 alone, 586 child victims and 781 caregivers passed through our doors. That's why we are moving to a larger facility and why we are seeking your help with a one-time gift to our Capital Campaign.

One out of four girls and one out of six boys will suffer the horror of child sexual abuse before their 18th birthdays, often preyed upon by a family member or trusted family friend. The Children's Advocacy Center provides therapy, crisis counseling, medical exams and forensic interviews at no cost to child victims or their families. Hope and healing are available to all.

We cannot change what has happened to a child, but we can change what happens next. With your financial support, we can and will do more. Thank you for your consideration and support for our Capital Campaign.

Sincerely,

Paige Scoggin Rea
Chair, Capital Campaign

our STORY

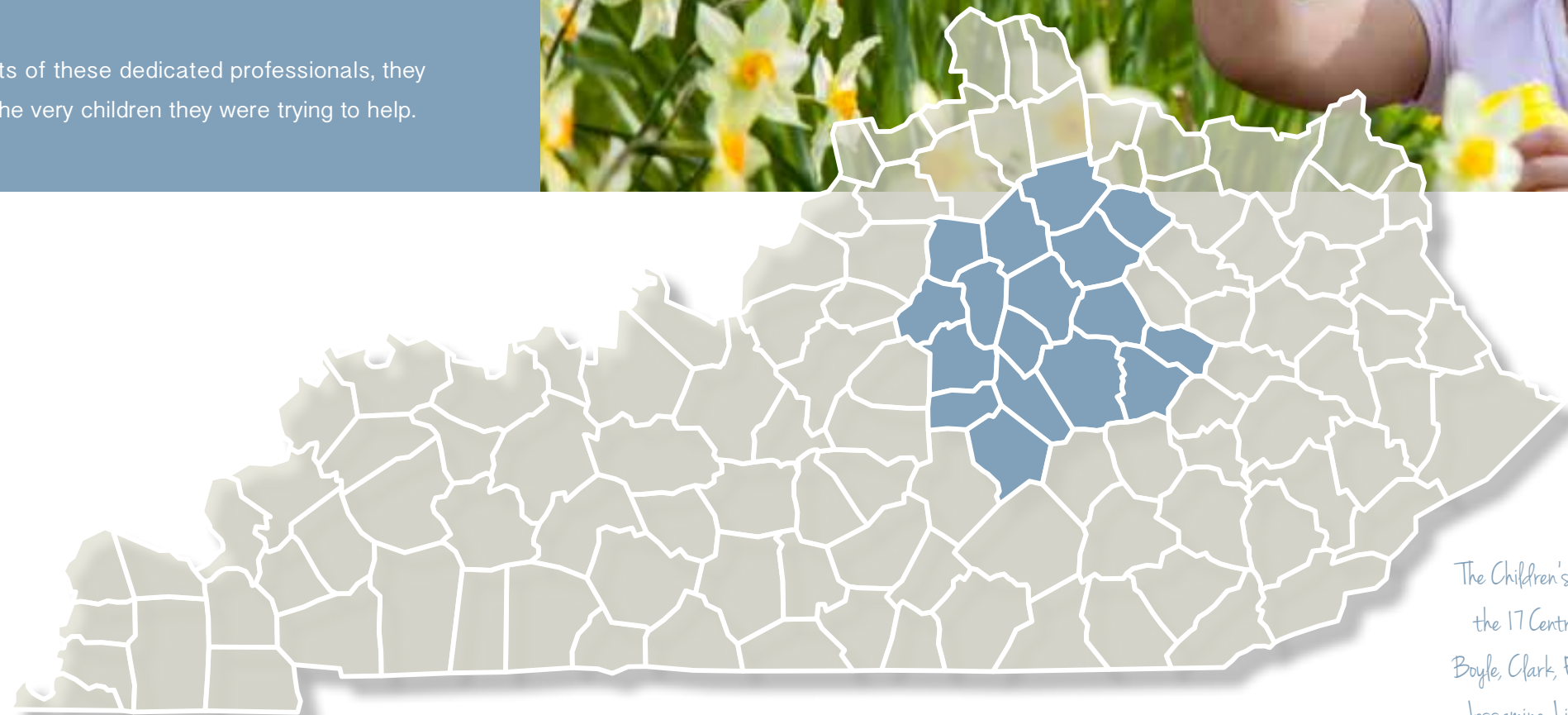
For a child who has been sexually abused, nothing is more terrifying than the thought of telling someone what has happened to them. Because most children know their abuser, they understand that their disclosure will forever alter life as they know it.

The criminal justice system — originally designed for adult defendants, not child victims — made it even more difficult for children to talk about their abuse. Children with the courage to tell what had happened to them were forced to undergo repeated questioning about the most traumatic event in their lives. They were interviewed and examined numerous times by police, medical providers, and social workers.

Despite the best efforts of these dedicated professionals, they were re-traumatizing the very children they were trying to help.

The Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass was established to coordinate the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of child sexual abuse cases across 17 Central Kentucky counties. Modeled on the simple but powerful concept of coordination between professionals involved in the system, the Center preserves the dignity of child victims, maintains their trust, and ensures their best interests remain at the heart of every criminal investigation.

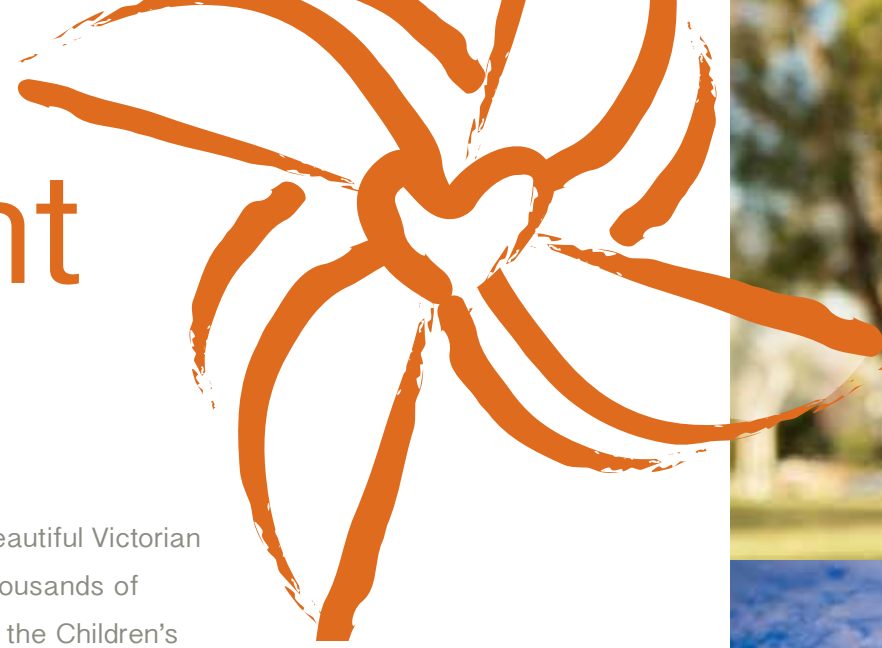
Each year, nearly 600 children come to the Children's Advocacy Center to receive forensic interviews, comprehensive medical examinations, counseling and advocacy support. All services are provided in a nurturing, friendly and safe environment at no cost to a child's family.



The Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass serves the 17 Central Kentucky counties: Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford counties.



our current HOME



In 1994, we opened our doors at 183 Walton Avenue, a beautiful Victorian home just east of downtown Lexington. Since that time, thousands of children have found safety and security within the walls of the Children's Advocacy Center. Some discovered a place where it was finally safe to tell their story. Other children remember this house as the place where they learned to trust again and started to heal.

We outgrew our little house on Walton Avenue years ago and can no longer accommodate the growing demand for services.

- With only one interview room and waiting area on site, we are forced to limit the number of children we see each day.
- The interview room is not soundproof and children are often interrupted by the conversations of others waiting for services or street noise from Walton Avenue.
- There is limited space for parents to consult privately with Center staff and receive the care, support and attention they need.
- The Center's observation room – used by law enforcement and social workers to monitor forensic interviews – also serves as our conference room.
- When a meeting of any kind is held on site, forensic interviews cannot be conducted.



In 2011, we provided services
to a record 586 children
and 781 caregivers. Our
current facility can no longer
accommodate the increasing
number of children who
need our services.



our VISION

We believe that all child victims of sexual abuse in Central Kentucky deserve access to the caring and compassionate services provided at the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass. A new facility is essential to facilitate the collaborative work of our partners and provide hope and healing to every child victim.

Children

who visit our Center should experience a nurturing, safe and child-friendly environment; a place where they can ask questions, explore complex emotions and feel supported as they begin the process of healing.

Our Staff

members require quiet, private office space they can be proud of; a welcoming, comfortable Center designed to accommodate multiple children and caregivers simultaneously.



Caregivers

need a comfortable, private space where it's safe to ask questions without fear of judgment; a place where they can strengthen their support system and gather the skills needed to begin moving forward.

Our Community

is worthy of a nationally recognized model for the development of Children's Advocacy Center services; a leading resource for the prevention, identification and treatment of child sexual abuse.

our FUTURE HOME

158 – 162 North Ashland Avenue



- 8,043 sq. ft. more than doubles the size of the existing Center and provides room to grow and expand services
- Centrally located near the heart of downtown, Mentelle Park is an established, quiet, and safe neighborhood that is easily accessible for families and our community partners
- Three separate parent waiting areas will provide privacy and comfort for children and families visiting the Center
- Dedicated space for individual, group and family counseling, as well as weekly parent and child support groups
- A private, client intake room will provide a safe place for parents to ask questions and express concerns about the investigation
- Multiple soundproof, Forensic Interview rooms and adjoining observation rooms for investigators will allow for simultaneous interviews, reducing wait time for children and their families
- On-site, child-friendly Medical Clinic will provide compassionate care to those in need of specialized medical attention
- State-of-the-art Learning Center will provide space for training professionals and community members about child sexual abuse
- Private playground for children visiting the Center
- Administrative workspace separate from client activity
- Ample parking for parents, law enforcement, social workers and staff
- Large file room with workspace and abundant storage space

giving OPPORTUNITIES

The Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass was established by a small group of concerned citizens who believed that those with the smallest voice still deserved to be heard. They gave generously of their time and financial resources. Their efforts transformed a broken system and thousands of children realized a brighter future because they cared enough to make a difference.

*Please help us write the next chapter
in Our Moving Story*

A financial contribution to the Capital Campaign is the most direct way to make an investment in the lives of the children we serve and secure the future of the Children's Advocacy Center. Your tax-deductible donation will help children throughout Central Kentucky start on a safe path to recovery and healing.



giving OPPORTUNITIES

Our new home provides many opportunities to honor an individual, continue a family's legacy of compassion, or promote a corporate partnership with our organization.

Naming Rights

Building - 158 N. Ashland Ave.	\$100,000
Building - 162 N. Ashland Ave.	\$100,000
The Medical Clinic	\$ 25,000
The Learning Center	
Community Education/Conference Room	\$ 25,000
The Healing Place	
Individual/Group Therapy Rooms	\$ 25,000
Children's Playground/Serenity Garden	\$ 20,000
Children's Playroom	\$ 15,000
Family Waiting Areas (x3)	\$ 15,000 ea

Donor Recognition

All gifts over \$1,000 will be acknowledged permanently on the Friends of the Center appreciation wall prominently displayed in the breezeway between 158 - 162 North Ashland Avenue (unless anonymity is preferred).

The Children's Advocacy Center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization governed by a 24 member Board of Directors. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.



Ways to Give

Please consider making a financial contribution or pledging your support for the Children's Advocacy Center's Capital Campaign.

CASH OR CHECK is the simplest way to contribute and donors may easily claim their charitable income tax deduction. You may elect to make a large monetary donation at one time or pledge smaller amounts over two or three years.

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ONLINE GIVING is a convenient and safe way to make a donation instantly. Visit www.kykids.org to make your gift online.

MATCHING GIFTS ensure your donation goes twice as far. Check with your employer to see if they are willing to match your gift to the Children's Advocacy Center of the Bluegrass.

CHALLENGE GIFTS are a great way to encourage giving among your friends and neighbors. Challenge others to match what you've given, or pledge to match the contributions of others dollar for dollar.

STOCKS, BONDS OR OTHER SECURITIES can be transferred as gifts and offer a number of tax advantages including a reduction of capital gains taxes as permitted.

BEQUESTS AND LIVING TRUSTS are charitable gifts of cash, securities, or real property to be made upon the donor's death through provisions in their will or living trust.

IN-KIND GIFTS of new and used equipment and other property are accepted by the Children's Advocacy Center. If we can use the donated item, you're entitled to a charitable deduction equal to the fair market value of the asset.

For more information about making the greatest impact on our Capital Campaign, please contact Andrew Oliver, Executive Director at (859) 514-1566.



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