

Safe Harbor Children's
Advocacy Center

2018 Annual Report

*Providing a lifeline to
victims of child abuse
and neglect.*

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HALEY'S STORY

Haley was 8 years old when she walked into Safe Harbor with her mom. Holding on tightly to her mom's hand, she was frightened, nervous, and anxious. When she was greeted by the warm, friendly smile of our interviewer, Haley loosened her grip.

Haley followed our interviewer into a room where they talked about school and how she loves being a big sister to her younger brother Liam. When she began to talk about Liam's dad, her step father, she was hesitant. She took a deep breath and began to bravely share how her step father would sexually abuse her when her mother wasn't home. Soon after her forensic interview, Haley met with our therapist. Haley loved coming in every week for counseling with her and after several sessions she was able to develop healthy coping mechanisms for coping with the trauma she experienced. From her initial disclosure, to her last day of counseling, Safe Harbor was there to provide Haley with the hope, help, and healing she needed most.

Everyday children in our community suffer unbearable physical, mental, and sexual abuse. Over 300 children just like Haley come to Safe Harbor each year due to sexual and severe physical abuse. We offer them a safe harbor to heal from their abuse, because all children deserve the opportunity to have a happy, healthy childhood.

Since 1983, Safe Harbor has been providing child abuse prevention services.

WHO WE ARE

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center is a nationally accredited, nonprofit organization that provides hope and healing to child victims of abuse and neglect in both Allegan and Barry Counties. Through teaching and training, coordinating funds and services, providing protection, offering medical care and counseling, investigating and prosecuting those responsible, and by offering children a safe harbor in which to heal, children find the hope, help and healing they deserve at Safe Harbor CAC.

WHAT WE DO

The children who are seen at Safe Harbor take part in a coordinated child abuse investigation where professionals from law enforcement, Child Protective Services, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, medical and mental health professionals at Safe Harbor, and the community, all come together to help victims. Our centralized, welcoming environment allows us to provide hope and healing to children and their families through forensic interviews, counseling, medical examinations, victim advocacy, prevention education, and court advocacy. From a child's initial disclosure to their last day of counseling, Safe Harbor guides them through their entire journey of healing.

Mission

Providing a lifeline to victims of child abuse and neglect.

Vision

A community where children are safe from abuse and neglect, where citizens are educated about and dedicated to protecting children.

Values

- Children have the right to be heard, nurtured, protected, and supported
- Education is essential to prevent abuse and neglect.
- Child abuse affects the entire community and thus requires the entire community to eradicate it.
- Dedicated employees and volunteers are valued and are the key to our success.

OUR IMPACT

361

Children shared their stories.

Sharing their stories of suspected abuse with our forensic interviewer is their first step in finding the hope and healing they deserve.

20

Children were connected with a volunteer.

Our CASA program allowed these child victims to have a voice in family court through one of our Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).

47

Children received a medical body safety check.

A child abuse pediatrician from DeVos Children's Hospital's Child Protection Team conducts medical exams in Allegan.

63

Children received counseling.

Our children's therapist worked with each of these children individually to help them through their healing journey.

159

Adults were trained.

Our Prevention Program conducted 8 Mandated Reporter Trainings to teach adults how to better protect children.

5,033

Children were educated.

Our Prevention Educator provided children in schools with the information needed to help them protect themselves from abuse and neglect through our body safety program.



Because no child should have to pay for the abuse they have suffered, all of these services are provided free of charge to child victims and their families.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Revenues	Totals
Donations/Fundraising Events	111,353
United Way	34,761
Grants Revenue	371,157
Service Contracts and Fees	649
Miscellaneous	9,364
Interest Income	5,439
Net Gain (Loss) on Assets at Allegan County Community Foundation	(773)
Total Revenues	\$531,950
Expenses	
Program Services	419,048
Management and General	28,828
Fundraising	44,434
Total Expenses	\$492,310
Change in Net Assets	39,640
Net Assets - December 31, 2017	686,741
Net Assets - December 31, 2018	726,381

PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

Thanks to the following, the children in our community are able to find the hope, help, and healing they deserve.



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