



2025

ANNUAL REPORT

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A WORD FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Each year gives us an opportunity to look back at what The Children's House Child Advocacy Center has accomplished and, just as importantly, to look ahead at how we can continue building an organization our community can depend on.

As a Board of Directors, we have the privilege and responsibility of helping steward an organization entrusted with an incredibly important mission. We take that responsibility seriously. It means ensuring The Children's House has the leadership, resources, partnerships, and financial foundation necessary to continue serving children and families throughout Bradford and Sullivan counties.

This past year demonstrated what can be accomplished when a community invests in a shared mission. From individuals who made their first donation to longtime supporters, local businesses, foundations, volunteers, and our multidisciplinary partners, the strength of The Children's House continues to come from the people who choose to invest in its success.

We are proud of the progress made this year and of the dedicated staff who turn that community support into meaningful services every day. We also recognize that sustaining this work requires us to continue looking forward, strengthening our resources, expanding awareness, and preparing for the evolving needs of the children and families we serve.

The Board remains committed to thoughtful leadership and responsible stewardship so that The Children's House is not only here for children today, but remains a strong resource for our community well into the future.

Thank you for your trust, your generosity, and your continued commitment to The Children's House. We are proud of what we have built together and look forward to what we will accomplish next.

William Clark

WILLIAM CLARK
BOARD PRESIDENT



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***Rotated Off in 2025*

A WORD FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on another year at The Children's House Child Advocacy Center, I am reminded that our story has never been about one person or one year. It is about a community coming together around a shared responsibility: ensuring that children who have experienced abuse have a safe place to be heard, supported, and begin to heal.

Throughout this annual report, you will see numbers that tell part of our story: children served, forensic interviews conducted, families supported, therapy provided, professionals trained, and community members reached. But behind every number is a child, a family, and a team of professionals working together to provide a coordinated, child-focused response.

None of this work happens alone. Our staff, multidisciplinary team partners, Board, donors, volunteers, businesses, foundations, and community supporters each play an important role in ensuring these services remain available to children and families in Bradford and Sullivan counties.

This year also marks a transition for The Children's House as I conclude my time as Executive Director. I am incredibly proud of the progress we have made together: strengthening our organization, expanding resources and services, building community partnerships, and creating a stronger foundation for the future.

While my role is changing, my work with The Children's House is not ending. I am grateful for the opportunity to continue supporting the Center through development and communications, helping strengthen the relationships, resources, and community awareness that make this work possible.

Leadership changes and organizations grow, but the heart of The Children's House remains the same: children deserve to be heard, families deserve support, and every child deserves the opportunity to move forward toward safety and healing.

Thank you for believing in this mission, supporting our work, and continuing to stand with the children and families we serve.

With gratitude,

Brittney L. Mink

BRITTNEY L. MINK, DCFI
OUTGOING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



OUR STORY

From a community need to a coordinated response for children.



Where We Began

The Children's House began in 1986 as the Bradford County Child Sexual Assault Task Force, created to improve the community's response to child abuse. In 1991, The Children's House opened as a dedicated, child-friendly space where children could be heard and supported.

Over the years, the Center expanded its services and reach, including serving children and families in Sullivan County. In 2015, The Children's House became an accredited Children's Advocacy Center through the National Children's Alliance.

Today, nearly four decades after its beginning, The Children's House continues to bring professionals together to provide a coordinated, child-centered response to abuse while supporting children and families throughout Bradford and Sullivan counties.

A Better Way to Respond

When there are concerns of child abuse, families can suddenly find themselves navigating law enforcement, child welfare, medical providers, prosecutors, mental health professionals and other systems.

The Children's House brings those professionals together through a coordinated Multidisciplinary Investigative Team response. Instead of asking a child and family to navigate multiple agencies on their own, services are coordinated around them in a child-friendly, trauma-informed environment.

Through forensic interviews, family advocacy, medical services, mental health support and multidisciplinary collaboration, the goal is simple: fewer doors, fewer retellings and more support for healing.

Without CHCAC



With CHCAC





OUR VISION

Every child in our community will have access to a supportive, trained and coordinated multidisciplinary response to child sexual abuse, serious physical abuse, and witness to traumatic crime allegations.

OUR MISSION

To reduce trauma to children who have experienced abuse and their families by providing a safe and supportive environment through a collaboration of community agencies.

OUR VALUES

DIGNITY

Each child and their caregiver have the right to be treated with human dignity and respect without discrimination or bias.

INTEGRITY

We promote the highest level of care and performance and ethical operations of our employees, volunteers and partner agencies.

COLLABORATION

We value the diversity and strengths of a coordinated and community efforts throughout child abuse investigations.

SERVICE REPORT

Collaborative Services

456 CASES REVIEWED

Working with a team of professionals when an allegation of child abuse is made. This collaborative approach to the investigation makes the process as streamlined as possible.



Forensic Interviews

107 INTERVIEWS

Forensic interviewers provide objective, developmentally appropriate, culturally sensitive forensic interviews about abuse allegations that are legally defensible.



Medical Evaluations

102 EXAMS

Specially-trained medical providers perform comprehensive forensic medical examinations and crisis interventions to survivors of sexual assault.



Family Advocacy

903 CONTACTS

Family advocates provide on-site advocacy to families of abuse victims including education, emotional support referrals, and follow-up. Advocates ensure that families are linked to appropriate comprehensive services.



Mental Health

728 SESSIONS

Therapists provide on-site and off-site trauma-focused, evidence-based mental health to child victims to help restore a child's feeling of safety and begin the healing process.



159
KIDS

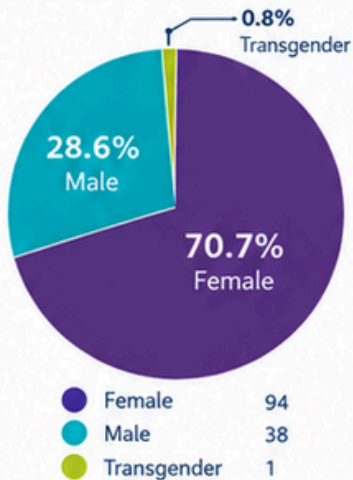
SERVED
THROUGH

2,296
SERVICES

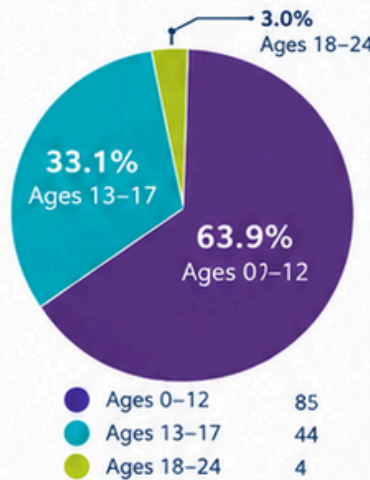
WHO WE SERVED

Demographics of 133 new victims served in 2025.

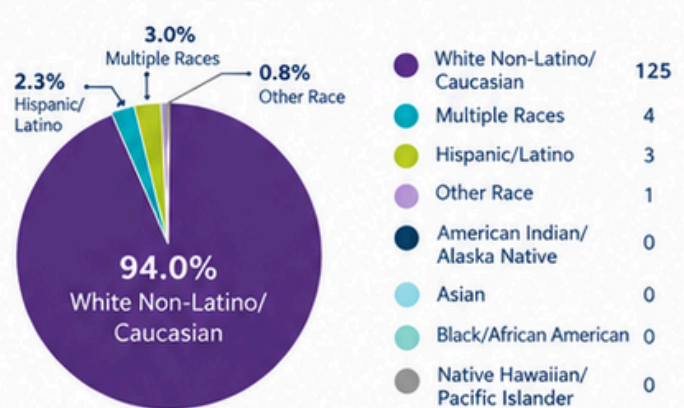
GENDER



AGE



RACE/ETHNICITY



TYPES OF ALLEGATIONS

Total victimizations in 2025 (children may have more than one).



116
victims presented with more than one form of victimization in 2025.

Every Number Represents a Child
REAL PEOPLE. REAL IMPACT.



SAFER CHILDREN

Children have a safe place to be heard, believed, and supported.



STRONGER FAMILIES

Families receive guidance, resources, and a team that stands with them.



STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Through partnership and collaboration, we help create safer, healthier communities for all children.



BRIGHTER FUTURES

With the right support today, children have a brighter tomorrow.



Supporting a Community Partner

The Children's House staff volunteered with CHOP, a valued community resource to which we regularly refer families experiencing food insecurity. Spending time supporting their work gave our team an opportunity to give back to an organization that helps meet the needs of many families in our community.

Strong partnerships help ensure families receive support beyond the services available within our walls.

Dancing for a Good Cause

The Children's House took the stage for a good cause when Brittney participated in Dancing with the Stars of Bradford County, benefiting the Bradford County Regional Arts Council.

Paired with Kurt Priester of Kurt's Making Whoopie, the duo brought Hairspray to the dance floor with a performance of "You Can't Stop the Beat." Brittney transformed into Tracy Turnblad while Kurt embraced the larger-than-life role of Edna Turnblad.

Beyond the costumes and choreography, the evening was another opportunity for The Children's House to show up in support of a fellow community organization and celebrate the arts in Bradford County.



Nationally Accredited. Locally Committed.

The Children's House successfully completed re-accreditation through the National Children's Alliance (NCA), reaffirming our commitment to providing high-quality, coordinated services for children and families impacted by abuse.

NCA accreditation recognizes Children's Advocacy Centers that meet national standards for multidisciplinary, child-focused response, including forensic interviews, victim advocacy, mental health, medical services, case review and organizational practices.

Re-accreditation reflects the dedication of our staff, Board of Directors and multidisciplinary team partners to ensuring children in Bradford and Sullivan counties receive services that meet nationally recognized standards of care.



**Backed by
National Children's Alliance®**

ACCREDITED CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER



Recognized with the CBCC Helping Hand Award

The Children's House was honored to receive the Helping Hand Award from the Central Bradford County Chamber of Commerce, recognizing our commitment to serving children and families and making a positive impact throughout our community.

This recognition belongs not only to our staff, but also to our Board of Directors, multidisciplinary team partners, volunteers, donors and community supporters who make our work possible every day.



Women's Energy Network Supports CHCAC

The Women's Energy Network selected The Children's House as the charitable recipient of its annual clay shoot, raising \$4,000 to support our mission. We are grateful for their generosity and commitment to helping children and families throughout Bradford and Sullivan counties.



Forensic Interview Room Gets a Facelift

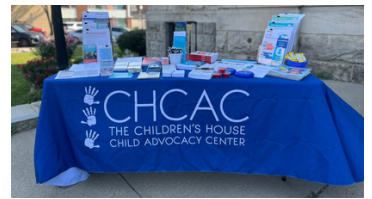
With support from United Way, the Sheldon Foundation and the National Children's Alliance, we were able to refresh our forensic interview room and invest in new recording equipment. These improvements help maintain a welcoming, child-focused environment while ensuring our team has the reliable technology needed to conduct and document forensic interviews.

Red Sand Project

In recognition of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, The Children's House partnered with the Abuse & Rape Crisis Center to bring the Red Sand Project to our community, raising awareness of human trafficking and those who too often fall through the cracks.

Community leaders joined us for a proclamation and awareness event, including Rep. Tina Pickett, Rep. Clint Owlett, and the Bradford County Commissioners, who shared remarks recognizing the importance of prevention, awareness, and a coordinated community response.

Red sand was placed in sidewalk cracks as a visible reminder of individuals who are vulnerable to exploitation and trafficking. Through partnerships like this, we continue working to educate our community, strengthen prevention efforts, and ensure children and families know they are not alone.





Athens Students Give Back

The Athens Area High School Marketing Class selected The Children’s House as the charitable recipient of its annual Alumni Basketball Game, raising more than \$3,000 for our mission.

Sara represented CHCAC at the informational table, while Brittney joined the alumni team on the court and later spoke with students about nonprofit marketing.

We are grateful to these students for turning their hard work and school spirit into support for the children and families we serve.



GOLF FORE KIDS



17 TEAMS

\$8,146.79 *Net Proceeds*

Golfers, sponsors, volunteers and community partners came together for another successful Golf FOrE Kids Tournament, raising critical funds to support children and families served by The Children's House.



GRATITUDE GALA

226 PARTICIPANTS

\$32,514.88 *Net Proceeds*

An evening centered on gratitude, community and the children we serve. Guests came together to celebrate those making a difference while raising critical funds for children and families served by The Children's House



Keynote Speaker: 'Rapping Dad', Derek Clark



Doreen Secor given the Helping Hand Award



Sara Michaels named the House Hero Award



Teashia Calkins, Bradford County Victim Services, named Champion For Children Award



TRAUMA INFORMED PARENTING CLASSES

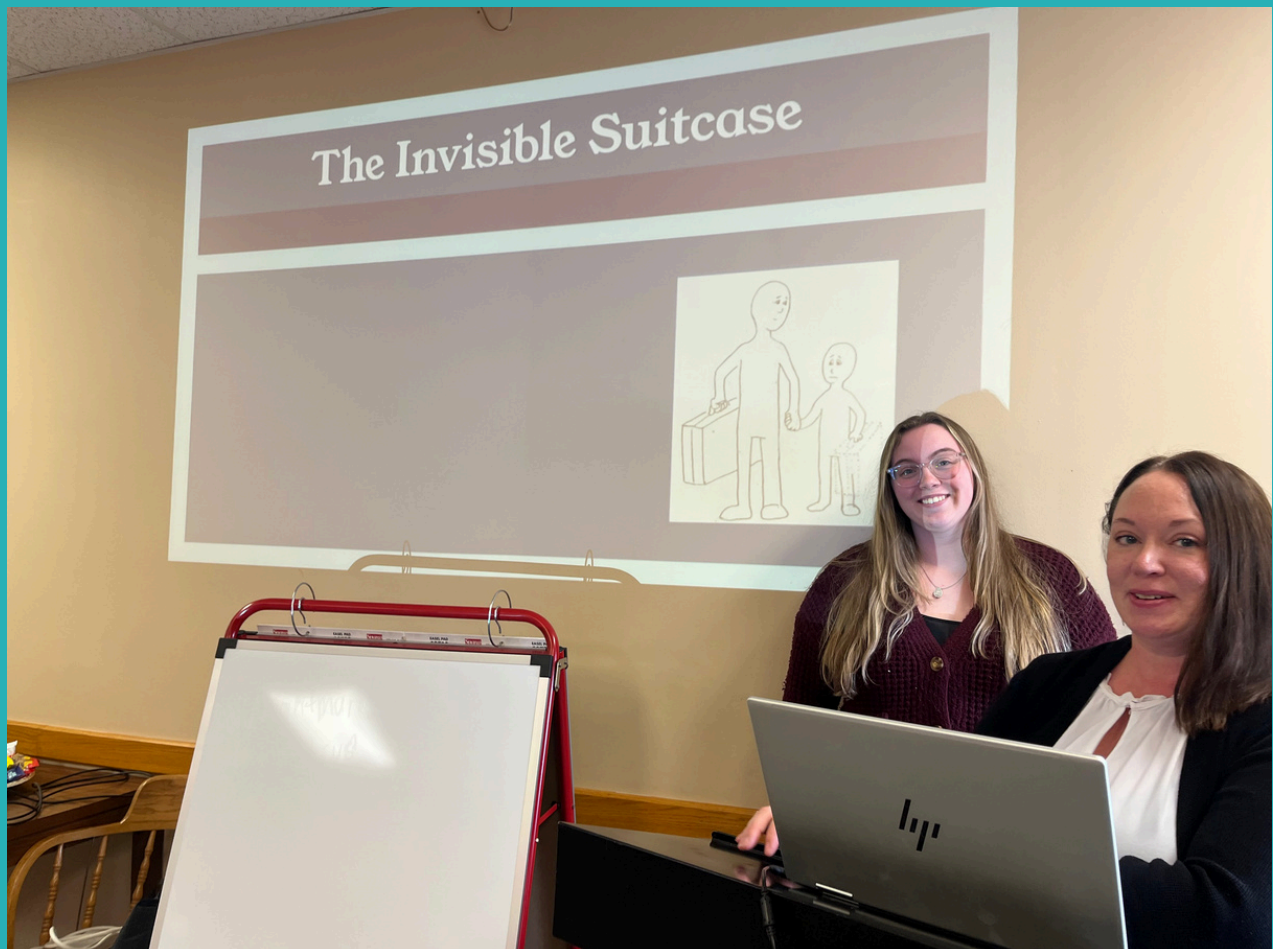
With support from the Robert J. Sullivan Grant, The Children's House offered its full Trauma-Informed Parenting curriculum at no cost to participants. Sara and Ally completed the full training curriculum equipping participant caregivers the practical tools for understanding and responding to the effects of trauma.

Follow-up feedback showed meaningful impact. All respondents reported improved interactions with their children, with several reporting significant improvement. Participants described using strategies learned in the class, including positive reinforcement, grounding and coping techniques, taking breaks during difficult moments, and shifting from asking "What's wrong with you?" to "What happened to you?"

Participants overwhelmingly rated the training as valuable or extremely valuable, and many expressed interest in continued or refresher support.

"I constantly remind myself that there are reasons behind the behaviors. This helps me to be a better parent to my child."

Participant Feedback



A Sweet Surprise for Our Team

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Chapel brought a little holiday cheer to The Children's House team by delivering stockings filled with goodies for our staff. We are grateful for this thoughtful gesture and for the community partners who remember and support the professionals behind our mission.



FCCB Gives Back

FCCB generously donated \$400 to The Children's House, providing additional support for our work with children and families throughout Bradford and Sullivan Counties. We are grateful for FCCB's investment in our mission and the children we serve.

Tioga Downs Awards \$15,000 Grant

On Giving Tuesday, Tioga Downs awarded The Children's House a \$15,000 grant in support of our mission. This generous investment helps ensure children and families in Bradford and Sullivan counties continue to have access to the specialized services and support they need.



Christmas 4 Kids



Through our annual Christmas 4 Kids program, 15 children were sponsored during the holiday season, helping ensure children and families served by The Children's House experienced a little extra joy and support during the holiday season.

We are grateful to the community partners and individuals who made this program possible, including C21, CEC, C&N Bank locations in Wysox, Towanda and Sayre, North Orwell Church, Rome Presbyterian Church, Miranda Musick and Joan O'Connor.

Their generosity helped make the holidays brighter for the children we serve.



Dandy Canes Support CHCAC
Through Dandy's annual candy cane campaign, the Wysox Dandy raised \$1,181 to benefit The Children's House. We are grateful to Dandy and the customers who contributed, helping support services for children and families throughout our community.





Investing in Our Team

Continued learning helps ensure The Children's House remains responsive to the evolving needs of the children, families and professionals we serve. Throughout the year, staff participated in specialized training and professional development opportunities across leadership, forensic interviewing and crimes against children. Brittney attended the National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference, Sara attended the Crimes Against Kids Conference, and Joanne completed Forensic Interviewing of Children for CSEC training.

These opportunities allow our team to bring new knowledge, emerging best practices and specialized skills back to our Center and multidisciplinary team, strengthening our response to child abuse throughout Bradford and Sullivan counties.

OUTREACH & EDUCATION

Prevention Starts With Education

Protecting children begins long before they enter our doors. Throughout the year, The Children's House Child Advocacy Center worked across Bradford and Sullivan counties to increase awareness, strengthen prevention, and equip children and adults with tools to help keep kids safe.

204+

People Reached Through Education & Presentations

Through programs including MBF Child Safety Matters, NetSmartz, KidSmartz, Recognizing & Responding to Child Abuse, and Darkness to Light, CHCAC provided prevention education to children, first responders, schools, faith communities, and community organizations.

236K+

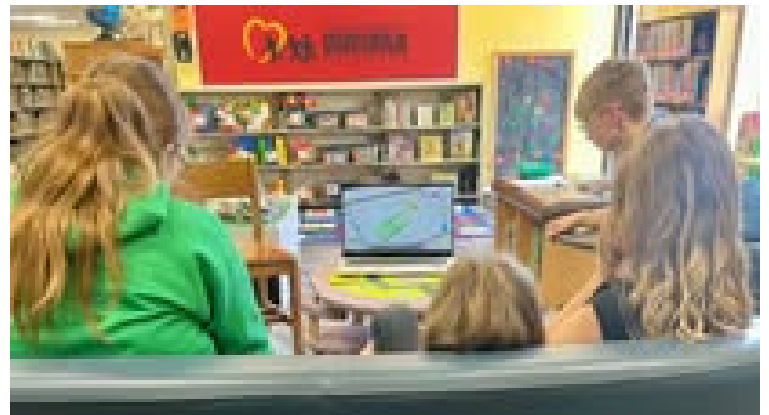
Social Media Impressions

Across Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn, CHCAC expanded the reach of prevention education, resources, services, and community awareness messages throughout the year.

In Our Community

CHCAC connected with children, families, and community partners through outreach events, presentations, awareness activities, and community collaborations throughout Bradford and Sullivan counties.

Through education, outreach, partnerships, and digital engagement, CHCAC continues working to build a community that recognizes abuse, responds appropriately, and knows where to turn for help.



CAMP CONNECTION



The Children's House hosted Camp Connection, an in-person summer camp that provided four children with a safe, supportive environment to connect, have fun, and simply enjoy being kids. The small-group setting allowed for meaningful connection and individualized attention through activities focused on creativity, confidence, healthy coping, and resilience. Camp Connection offered something simple but important: a space for children to build positive memories, form connections, and experience a summer camp created with their needs in mind.

DINE TO DONATE

Throughout April, local restaurants came together for Cooking for Kids, raising \$5,183 to support The Children's House and the children and families we serve throughout Bradford and Sullivan counties.



\$5,183
Raised

Thank you to our participating restaurants:

Tanner's • Bluestone Brewery • Flying Taco • Bishop's •
Community Cup • OIP Wysox • Oliver's • Johnny D's • Jones Diner
• The Blackburn • Staggering Unicorn • The Grille • Central on 6

From individuals giving their time to groups coming together for service projects, our volunteers help us accomplish more while allowing resources to remain focused on serving children and families.

We are grateful for every person and organization that chose to roll up their sleeves and give back to The Children's House.

Financial Report

SUPPORT & REVENUE

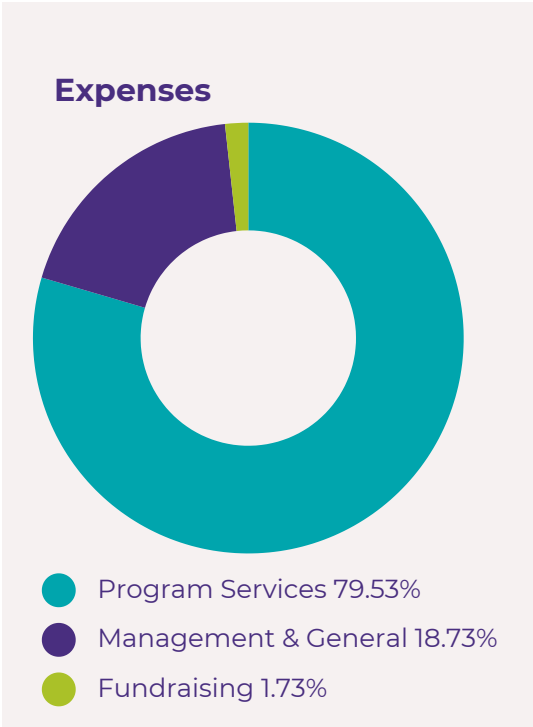
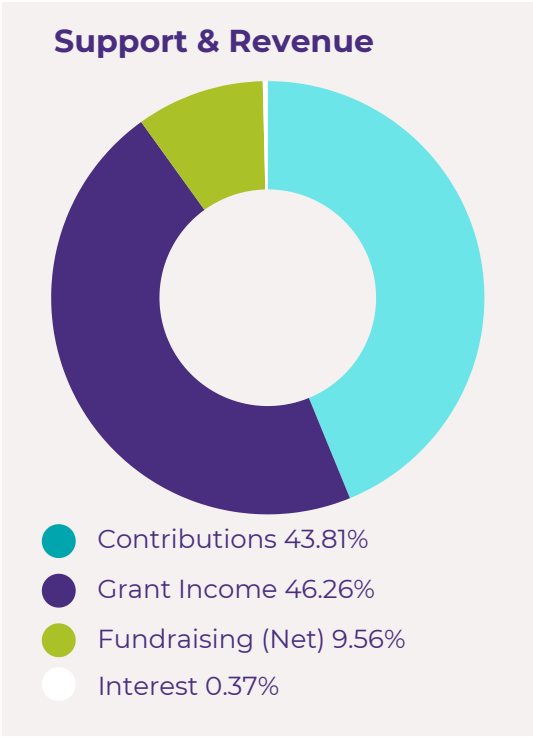
Contributions.....	\$217,054
Grant Income.....	\$229,183
Fundraising (Net of Direct Expenses)	\$47,383
Interest Income.....	\$1,842
Total Support & Revenue.....	\$477,161

EXPENSES

Program Services.....	\$345,075
Management & General.....	\$81,266
Fundraising.....	\$7,517
Total Expenses.....	\$410,416

NET ASSETS

Net Assets	
<i>Without Donor Restrictions.....</i>	<i>\$411,910</i>
<i>With Donor Restrictions.....</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
Total Net Assets.....	\$441,910



DONORS



Grants



Government Funding



General Donation

\$50,000 and Above

Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

National Children's Alliance

\$25,000 to \$49,999

United Way of Bradford County

\$10,000 to \$24,999

Bradford County

Donald Guthrie Community Foundation

Kenneth & Caroline Taylor Family Foundation

Tioga Downs Regional Foundation

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Bishop Brothers Construction & Co.

Bradford County

Bradford County

Century 21 Jackson Real Estate

DeCristio Inc

Sullivan County

\$1,000 to \$4,999

Athens Area High School Student Body

Athens Area School District

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Tammy Ciavardini

Charities Aid Foundation – Cargill Employees

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\$1,000 to \$4,999

Mary Eaton

DuPont

Endless Mountain Pride

Expand

Griffin Dawsey Depaola & Jones

Carrie Henry

Johnny D's

Keck's Food Service

Shelby McCutcheon

Northeast Bradford School District

Laura Osterman

Oliver's Pub & Grill

PennCAC

Sheryl Potocek

Nicole Raupers

Reagan Steele Jewelers

Randy & Nancy Williams Foundation

Sayre Area School District

Doreen Secor

Shooter's Gauntlet

Standing Stone UMC

Towanda Area School District

Towanda Rod and Gun Club

Walmart

Welles Farm

Richard Wilson

Women's Energy Network

Wyalusing Area School District

DONORS

Up to \$999



Grants



Government Funding



General Donation

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Steven Allabaugh
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Bill Clark
Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative
Janelle Collum
Jordan Collum
Community Cup
Ondie & Wayne Cummisky
Dandy Mini Marts – Dandy Canes
Donation
Elm Interiors
Maureen Evanski
First Citizens Community Bank

The Flying Taco
Terence Foley
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Gobble Steve & Patricia
Jason Gowin
Greater Valley Assembly of God
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Kevin Hadlock
Tammy Hart
Diana Haverly
Dianna Havens – Chicken & Bix
Hulslander's
Tane Hunsinger
Tricia Huston
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Johnson Quarries Inc
Terri Johnson
Jones Diner Custom Catering
Andrew & Vanessa Kabes
Valley Kiwanis
Jessica Leavenworth
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Sayre American Legion
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John Secor
Shaner Kenneth & Marguerite
Shedden's
Solid Ground Services
Sons of American Legion 534
Wyalusing
Lindsey Spencer
St. Peter & Paul Church
Staggering Unicorn
Greg & Laura Steele
Jeffrey & Sharon Stimpson
Dan Storrs
Danielle Streeter
Sara Sztenderowicz
Tanners
Teashia Calkins
The Blackburn 1897
Towanda Lions Club
Troy Holy Trinity Church
Tuscarora Wayne Mutual Foundation
United Way of GR
Lilas VanDuzer
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Terri Johnson

Bradford/Sullivan Outstanding Young Women

Laura & Tony Morelli



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who supported The Children's House Child Advocacy Center this year. While many of our generous donors are recognized above, we also thank those who chose to remain anonymous, those who contributed through community giving opportunities, and the many individuals and businesses who provided in-kind goods and services. Every contribution—whether financial, in-kind, or through another act of generosity—strengthens our mission and helps us continue providing hope, healing, and support to children and families in our community.



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