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Especializando en el Tratamiento de Niños Abusados

2017 Annual Newsletter



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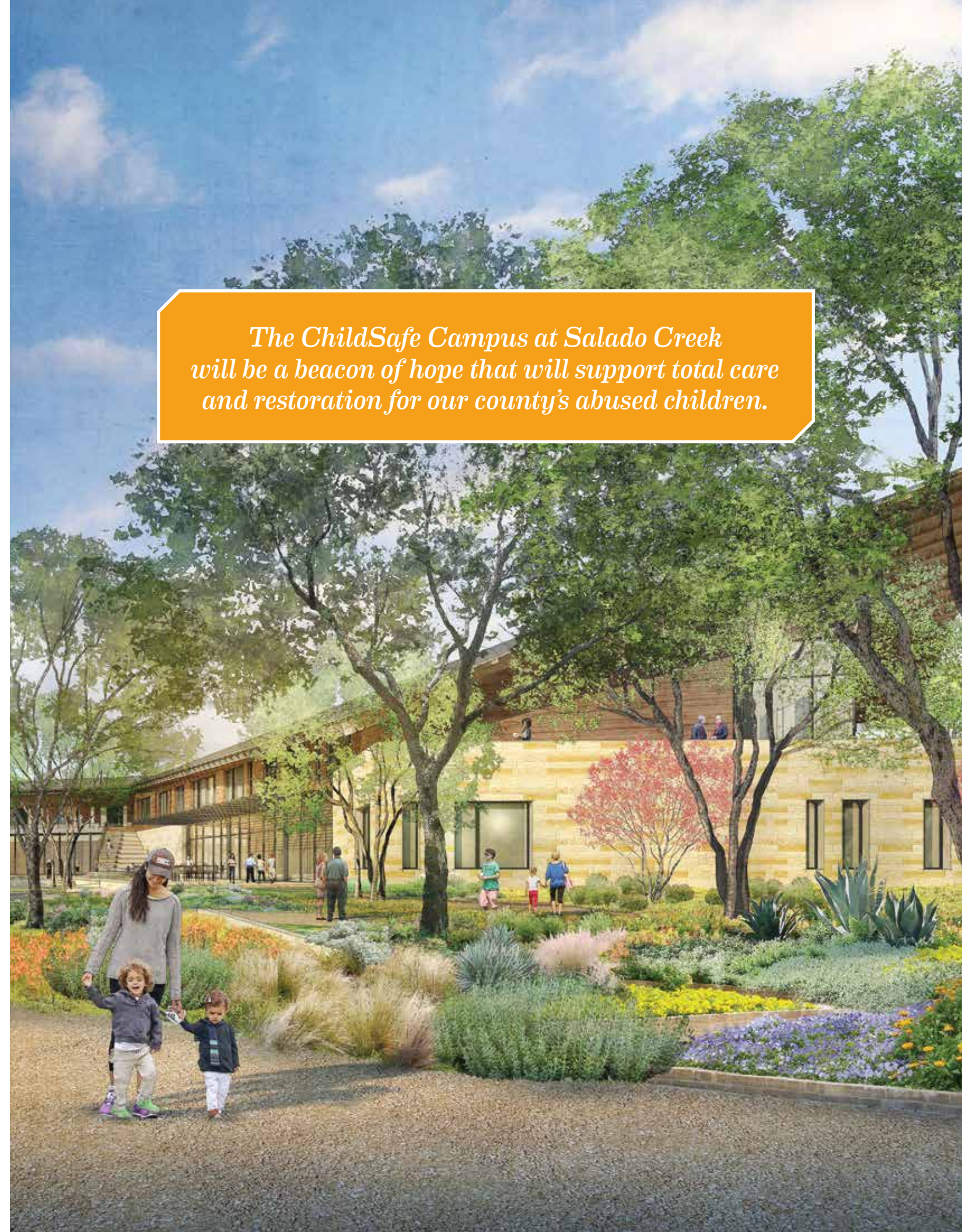
Dreaming Big



Each year I share with you the continued growth we experience in the number of children and their non-offending family members we serve, the number of individuals we train in the community, and the growth of our staff that has been necessary to keep up with the demand for services. Just as we strategically evaluated the need for the growth in our services for the last three years, we have been methodically evaluating the need for and acquisition of land and the type of facility we want to best serve the children and their families, our staff, our multi-disciplinary partners, and the community. As we set out on this bold new journey, we began to identify and choose a team who could embrace ChildSafe's mission and understand the special structure and surrounding grounds that will be required for us to serve those in need, help keep our staff and our partners' staffs healthy, be a special place for the community, and create a beacon of hope for all who come through our doors.

As I have learned over the years, if you are patient, have and believe in an important mission, you will find the right people to help you accomplish your task and expand your mission... and we did. In April 2015, we signed the contract for 36 acres of land on the Eastside of San Antonio at IH-10 and East Houston Street. Twenty-six of those acres are in the flood plain; and, we have forged a public private partnership with the City of San Antonio to gift 21 of these acres to the city to use as park land. In the fall of 2015, Overland Partners was selected as our architects, and, shortly thereafter we selected Guido Construction as our contractor and Rialto Studios as our landscape architects. Together, Overland, the Guidos, and Rialto, along with our ChildSafe team, created a project mission and guiding principles to help our team move forward in the design and planning for our new facility and outdoor space.

Cover: Entry garden to the Harvey E. Najim Children and Family Center
Above: Entry foyer waiting area
Right: Southern outdoor courtyard, education center, and gardens



The ChildSafe Campus at Salado Creek will be a beacon of hope that will support total care and restoration for our county's abused children.



Key staff members and board members from ChildSafe participated in multiple dialogs and design charrettes with Overland Partners, Guido Construction, and Rialto Studios to clearly define our project goals, clarify the various clients we serve, our staff's and partners' needs, identify what qualities, characteristics, emotions, and values the campus should convey, and dream big about all the possibilities and potential for what a transformative center could be.

Through collaborative discussions between the ChildSafe team, Overland Partners, and Guido Construction, a clear project mission emerged:

The ChildSafe facility will be a beacon of hope that will support total care and restoration for our county's abused children.

As did our six guiding principles:

- 1. Safe** – Above all, the campus must be a place of mental, emotional, and physical refuge.
- 2. Restorative** – It will provide a welcoming, caring, warm, and peaceful atmosphere that fosters resolution, healing, and support for clients and staff alike.
- 3. Transformative** – It will be a transformative space for the clients we serve and stand as a physical presence to increase awareness of child abuse and thus transform the community as well.
- 4. Connected to Nature** – Interior spaces will be infused with daylight in order to harness the healing powers of nature. Outdoor areas will be park-like with ample vegetation and green spaces for everything from quiet meditation to play.
- 5. Sustainable** – The building will be operationally and environmentally sustainable.
- 6. Symbolic** – The building will serve as a beacon in the community and a physical symbol of ChildSafe's mission; it will convey ideas of strength and hope, and that every individual matters.

Through this process, it became very clear to me and ChildSafe's team that Overland Partners and Guido Construction truly believed, understood, and connected with our mission.



Above: Design charrette with Overland Partners and ChildSafe advocates
Left: Exterior courtyard



From the beginning of this process, we have worked closely with our multi-disciplinary partners who will be co-locating with us in our new facility to plan and design their spaces to meet their unique needs. Our new facility will house 18 to 20 law enforcement officers, both San Antonio Police Department and Bexar County Sheriff's Office, 34 to 40 Child Protective Services staff, 14 to 18 Bexar County Juvenile Probation staff, and one to two Bexar County District Attorney staff.

Fast forward to April 2017, we are now well on our way in the design process and master planning of the beautiful, wooded 15 acres where our new 70,000 square foot home will be on the Eastside of San Antonio. Our new home will be adjacent to Martin Luther King (MLK) Park and the Salado Creek Linear Park. We hope to complete the deeding of the 21 acres to the City of San Antonio this spring. The 21 acres will become part of the existing MLK Park. We are working closely with the City and City Parks Department on this partnership. We hope to have trails leading from our property through the new MLK extension all the way down to the Salado Creek Trail by the time we move into the Harvey E. Najim Children and Family Center. This will connect the families we serve, our staff, and our partners with one of the many beautiful creeks in San Antonio and Bexar County, creating a place of healing and restoration for all of our clients.

We are very excited to be on the Eastside and we are working with members of the community, Commissioner Calvert, and Councilman Warrick to engage the entire Eastside community. We want our new home to be a place of gathering and solace for everyone. There are many initiatives we are working on related to our new space and home. If you are interested in being a part of our bold new journey with your financial or in-kind support or if you just want to learn more, please contact me.

Kim Abernethy, *President/CEO*

For more information and frequent updates about the project, please visit our website and click on "Build With Us," or contact KimA@ChildSafe-SA.org or 210.675.9000.

Above: Entrance to the Healing Garden

Right: View of the courtyard from the central family waiting area

A Community Asset



Remember the excitement and fun of a school field trip? The drive, the fellowship, and the exploration of a new place combined to make the entire experience a memorable one. Not unlike the field trips of our youth, I joined several ChildSafe board members to research and visit other Children's Advocacy Centers in Texas.

Two years ago, our team identified building a new center as a top organizational goal during an off-site strategic planning session. Why? ChildSafe has been outgrowing its current campus for some time. Staff and multi-disciplinary partners have been displaced to different locations, not only at the main campus, but throughout the city, in order to do their work. Our employee growth has been a direct reflection of the need for services in our community. With employees and partners at different sites, it severely limits the ability of team members to collaborate and communicate, both of which are so integral to the job they do.

So in early 2015, Building Committee team members—me, Kim Abernethy, Ray Battaglia and Doug Cross—visited CACs in Houston, Austin, Dallas, and Plano to see how their centers functioned, learned best and not so best practices, consulted their staff, and generally did our due diligence on how best to approach our new center. Along with making new friends with our colleagues across the state, we returned to San Antonio with copious notes, photos, observations, and new-found excitement to build the best children's advocacy center in the country.

We are working with very talented partners to design a center that will accommodate and facilitate individual interviews, therapy sessions, team-building exercises, partnerships, group projects, training, and, just as importantly, be a community asset. The campus will be restorative and uplifting for victims, families, and the professionals who help and support them.

In the almost two years since our first "field trip," we hired the Facility Programming and Consulting team to help identify the requirements needed to meet the organization's growth, and found the right location thanks to Building Committee team member Ed Cross—a 36-acre site near IH-10 and East Houston Street, on which we will close this April or May. Our team grew stronger with the addition of Overland Partners, our architectural firm, and Guido Construction Company, our general contractor.

As the Chair of the Building Committee, I am blessed to team with a group of thoughtful, genuine, talented, and committed members of our community who care deeply about the children of Bexar County. Together we are creating a vision for a new campus that goes hand-in-hand with our mission to restore dignity, hope, and trust to children traumatized by abuse and neglect.

Marc Nourani, *Building Committee Chair*

ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Service Statistics for the period of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

ChildSafe provided trauma focused service to 3,408 children and their non-offending family members

SERVICES STATISTICS

ChildSafe served 3,408 children and their non-offending family members*

1,230 forensic interviews were conducted (6% increase from 2015)

1,273 primary and secondary victims served for the first time (16% increase from 2015)

3,804 counseling sessions (37% increase from 2015) provided to 400 clients

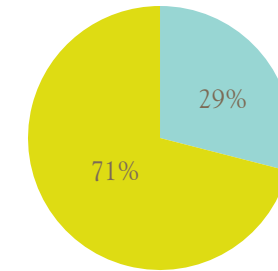
Education, Prevention, and Professional Trainings

14,765 individuals trained

- A World for Children (Child Placing Agency)
- Alamo Colleges
- Austin Regional Juvenile Probation Dept. C
- Bexar County District Attorney's Office
- Bikers Against Child Abuse
- Boys & Girls Club
- Café College
- Child Protective Services, Caseworkers & Foster Parents
- Child Protective Services, Special Investigators
- Communities in Schools
- EL Paso Regional Juvenile Probation Dept. Conference
- Family Services Association
- Fort Sam Houston Youth Center Staff
- Fort Worth Zoo
- Guardians of the Children
- Joint Base San Antonio
- Judge Advocates General, Joint Base/San Antonio
- Las Palmas Library/City of San Antonio
- Laurel Ridge Treatment Center
- Methodist Healthcare Ministries
- Office of the Attorney General (Texas)
- Our Lady of the Lake University
- Rackspace
- Region 20 Education Center
- San Antonio Food Bank
- Spurs Youth Sports Organization
- St. Mary's University
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- Voices for Children
- Wayland Baptist University

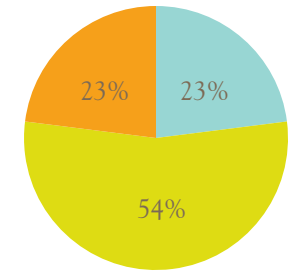
Child Demographics – Gender

- Male
- Female



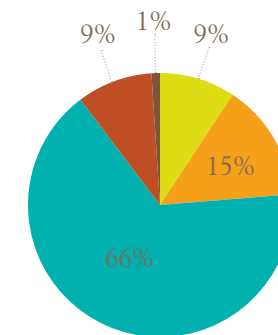
Child Demographics – Age

- 0-5
- 6-12
- 13-17



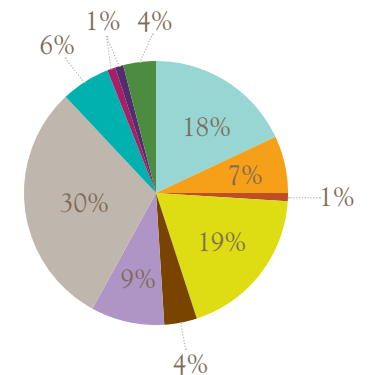
Child Demographics – Ethnicity

- Black
- Caucasian
- Hispanic
- Multi-racial
- Other



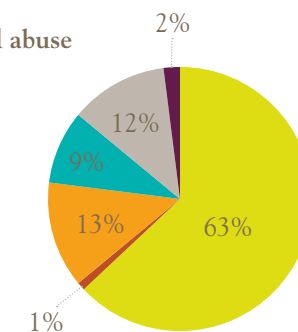
Perpetrator's Relationship to the Child

- Biological father
- Biological mother
- Female sibling
- Known, non-relative
- Male sibling
- Mother's paramour
- Other relationship
- Stepfather
- Stepmother
- Stranger
- Undisclosed



Primary Allegations of Abuse

- Sexual abuse
- Neglect
- Physical abuse
- Witness to abuse
- At risk
- Sexual and physical abuse



ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Financials for the period of July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Support and Revenue

United Way	\$177,019
University Health System	174,397
Government contracts – federal	424,784
Government contracts – state	320,983
City of San Antonio	96,475
Contributions and grants:	
Foundations	\$1,020,455
Corporations and businesses	105,196
Individuals	49,041
Other	204,789
Special events, net expenses	27,201
Program revenue	16,692
Investment earnings, net	3,198
Other revenues	12,607
In-kind support	102,000
Total Support and Revenues	\$2,672,805

Expenses

Program services	\$2,213,566
Supporting services	194,077
Fundraising	227,209
Total Expenses	\$1,701,022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents, unrestricted	\$353,349
Cash and cash equivalents	235,097
Capital Campaign	117,608
Investments, at fair value, Board designated	376,561
Accounts receivable, net	133,134
Pledges receivable, net	62,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	29,143
Total current assets	1,306,892
Noncurrent Assets	
Pledges receivable, long term	38,000
Property and equipment, net	1,204,679
Deposit, land acquisition	25,000
Other noncurrent assets	7,661
Total noncurrent assets	1,275,340
Total Assets	\$2,582,232

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$121,845
Accrued expenses	34,274
Total current liabilities	156,119
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted:	
Available for operations	392,168
Board designated	611,658
Invested in property and equipment	1,204,679
Temporarily restricted	217,608
Total net assets	2,426,113
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$2,582,232



When I arrived at ChildSafe in June of 2012, I became the 21st employee — we now have 44. ChildSafe staff has more than doubled in four years in direct response to the needs of our community.

My task throughout this ongoing growth is to locate workable office space for each staff member in such a way that the needs of the clients are met without compromising the high quality of care delivered by ChildSafe staff. This obviously requires working closely with managers and the CEO.

Join me for a meandering journey to see what is at the rainbow's end. To do this, you need to picture our current campus: approximately 13,000 sq. ft. which includes our main building and two portable buildings known as Cottage 1 and Cottage 2.

Stage 1: Move all staff and partners who work with clients to the Main Building to encourage collaboration and better continuity of services for our clients. Administration moved to the Cottages.

Stage 2: There are three forensic interviewers and only two interview suites. ChildSafe remodels to create a forensic interview area with three interview suites and three offices.

Stage 3: ChildSafe's efforts to educate the community on recognizing and reporting child abuse encouraged children to make outcries of abuse in numbers never before seen. We need more counselors and have no room for them! The education team vacates the premises since their work is primarily within the community. ChildSafe leases space to accommodate the education team. The counseling staff expands.

Stage 4: The number of children and families we serve continues to rise. ChildSafe needs more family support specialists and more counselors. ChildSafe hires more of both but has run out of office space — again. We lease more space and move the entire counseling staff to another facility.

Stage 5: The staff is splintered in three locations. In two more moves we end up with education and counseling in the same suite with space for a bit of growth that will no doubt occur within the next two years.

The Rainbow's End: ChildSafe staff must continually keep focused on the rainbow's end as the lack of space and separation creates unique challenges. The sense of unity among our staff continually dashes the threat that these multiple locations try to pose to our amazing team. The now 44 staff members maintain focus on providing unparalleled care to Bexar County's children and to the promise that 2018 will bring: ChildSafe's Salado Creek Campus, where not only all ChildSafe staff will be reunited, but we will be joined by so many more of our Multi-disciplinary Team Partners (San Antonio Police Department, Bexar County Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Juvenile Probation Offices, and Child Protective Services) and have the opportunity to serve our community in a state of the art facility.

Sue Ellen Ruggles, Director of Operations

Our Healing Garden will be a respite for reflection and meditation

Meet Our Education Team



I am excited to be the new Director of Education at ChildSafe. Although I may be new to Childsafe, I am not new to the areas of human services or education. I have extensive experience in counseling, both with adults and children. Additionally, I have spent time working with school districts to implement systems and strategies regarding Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports. Through my endeavors, I have had the opportunity to create many instructional programs to assist in building proficiency and awareness in identified fields.

As I begin filling my new shoes, I am grateful for the many jobs and opportunities I have had throughout the years and truly feel they have prepared me for my new position with ChildSafe. I plan on using every part of what I have learned to assist my amazing education team in designing programs that will communicate our mission and purpose as a Children's Advocacy Center effectively to individuals across Bexar County and beyond.

In addition to a new Director, the education team added two new team members in 2016. In light of these changes, I thought this would be a good opportunity to introduce the entire education team. Our veteran on the team, Gladys Ojeda, has been with ChildSafe since 2013. After demonstrating her remarkable passion and talent for educating individuals in the areas of child abuse prevention and awareness, she was promoted to Education & Training Team Leader. During 2016, Gladys single-handedly provided 233 face-to-face trainings to over 6,103 individuals on Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse, Modeling Boundaries, and Internet Safety for Parents and Children. Gladys has also translated all of our trainings into Spanish ensuring that the services we offer are culturally diverse and target the predominant populations in our area.

Gladys was joined by Nicole Calvillo in March of 2016. As the Education Coordinator, she is responsible for the online training program with numerous school districts in San Antonio and the surrounding areas. Prior to coming to ChildSafe, Nicole worked for twelve years with various nonprofits in positions focused around after school programs, childcare facilities, and service-learning programs. After graduating from the University

of Texas A&M San Antonio in its first official graduating class, Nicole dedicated the next six years to child welfare, working in foster care and adoptions with The Children's Shelter and Boys Town Texas. As a recruiter/trainer and home study writer, Nicole taught families about the foster care system and trauma as well as assessed their homes to determine their fitness to be appropriate foster or adoptive parents. Along with spearheading our online training program, Nicole also conducts face-to-face trainings and is very proud to be part of ChildSafe. Nicole is passionate about advocating for children's safety and well-being and considers herself to be mission-driven.

The education team was joined in July 2016 by Jerry Mauricio. Originally from Eagle Pass, Texas, Jerry moved to San Antonio to attend the University of the Incarnate Word. After graduation, Jerry worked for SAISD as a parent family liaison where he collaborated with school and district staff in developing and implementing a parent and community involvement program. He later worked for Healthy Futures of Texas as a parent and community program specialist/health educator where Jerry implemented evidence-based curriculum for parents to build stronger families and worked with at risk youth providing sexual health curriculum. He also worked with and supervised community health workers. Currently, Jerry works as ChildSafe's Education & Prevention Specialist implementing evidence-based curriculum on child sexual abuse prevention primarily with the military community.

Having a complete team has greatly enhanced the amount of outreach that ChildSafe can provide. By the end of 2016, the education team was able to reach a total of 14,263 individuals through our in-person trainings, online education, and awareness events. As we move forward into 2017, I am excited about the impact this competent and capable team will make on our community through awareness and training programs on recognizing and preventing child abuse and neglect.

The education department at ChildSafe has many exciting plans for 2017; I look forward to sharing those with you throughout the year. And, I am eager to work with all of you since it will take the whole community to stop child abuse.

Kayla Bailey, Director of Education

For information on training for yourself, your company, or your organization, please visit our website and click on "Learn & Empower" or contact me at KaylaB@ChildSafe-SA.org or 210.208.5759.

Our education team from left to right: Kayla Bailey, Gladys Ojeda, Jerry Mauricio, and Nicole Calvillo

ChildSafe Honored With National Recognition



Our FEAT Program was awarded the 2016 Heart of Adventure Therapy Award by the Association for Experiential Education's Therapeutic Adventure Professional Group!

The purpose of the award is to honor an individual, organization, or program that provides exemplary adventure therapy services while exhibiting the mission and vision of the Association for Experiential Education and employing the Therapeutic Adventure Professional Group's Best Practices. FEAT was recognized for having proven outcomes, incorporating core components of trauma intervention, demonstrating a commitment to evidence-based practice, and offering services to an underserved client population in the field of adventure therapy.

*Top: Our FEAT team from left to right: Carla Fikes, Fred Borroel, and Joni Cooper, licensed professional counselors
Bottom: Families celebrating completion of the FEAT program with a camping trip at South Llano River State Park*

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Slow, Steady Growth



The number of children seeking ChildSafe services continues to grow — as it has done every year for the past six years that I have served as the Director of Programs and now the Chief Program Officer. This growth is carefully monitored to provide the most effective trauma-focused services for the children we serve while ensuring that our staff is supported with all they need to be effective. ChildSafe also strives to be effective stewards of the financial gifts which fund our programs by diligently focusing our budgeted dollars into where it is needed most — program infrastructure.

We build our program budget and infrastructure by looking at program performance. This is done by balancing output with outcomes. Simply stated, output is the total number of children and families served and the number of services provided by each program. Outcome is the impact these services are having on families. We track the outputs and outcomes in our database; and, if there is a dip in the outcome with an increase in the numbers served we know we need to discuss the possible addition of staff. Another key element in determining staff expansion is the impact providing trauma specific services has on our staff. We do this in an effort to support our staff with the secondary trauma they may be experiencing from hearing the traumatic stories of child abuse. All of this analysis guides us as we build a budget and program that is efficient and effective for both the children and the staff that cares for them.

This fiscal year we implemented a new program — the Multi-disciplinary Team Enhancement Program (MEP). The MEP process was born out of growing concern that the overall health of joint investigations had begun to deteriorate over the years. More than twenty-five years ago, the children’s advocacy center (CAC) model was created as a multi-disciplinary approach for child abuse cases in an effort to enhance collaboration and information sharing and ultimately ensure safety, justice, and healing for child abuse victims. Through discussions with representatives from the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas, members like ChildSafe, the Department of Family and Protective Services, the umbrella organization for Child Protective Services (CPS), about how to ensure the most efficient and productive joint investigative approach, the solution arose to allow the CACs access to the DFPS state-wide intake system (SWI).

Prior to this decision, CACs assisted with cases only when referrals were made by CPS or law enforcement. With access to the state-wide intake system, CACs can assist in identifying cases fitting specific criteria the MDT includes in our working protocols as needing joint investigation. Of the 71 CACs across the state, 68 are participating in the MEP process. Pilot CACs saw a 30% increase in the number of forensic interviews referred to the CAC and a 50% increase in children requesting counseling services during the first year (2015) of the pilot projects. In November of this year, ChildSafe began receiving and inputting state-wide intake reports into our client database. ChildSafe has logged 6,927 state-wide intake referrals into our system as of the end of February. Our goal over the next few months is to monitor the number of intakes coming into the system monthly and to meet with our MDT partners to discuss how not only ChildSafe but the entire team will accommodate the resulting increase in the number of cases. We expect to see a 30% increase in forensic interviewing and 50% increase in counseling on top of our current growth over the next two years.

We will continue to utilize our approach of slow and steady growth rather than a reactive approach. Our community can continue to count on ChildSafe to provide the best services possible and to continue to be a leader when it comes to the treatment of children traumatized by abuse and neglect. We are excited for the coming years not just in anticipation of our much needed new building, but more so for the anticipation of serving more new children and families through our programs.

Randy McGibeny, MA, LPC, Chief Program Officer

Flexible, Predictable, and Stable

2016 was an exciting year at ChildSafe, including the development department. It was a year of strategizing, investing, expanding, and building infrastructure for the future. We worked on developing systems and processes to meet the rising demands of a mature nonprofit and focused on building a competent and efficient fundraising team. We actively engaged in aligning and expanding relationships with funders to establish a foundation for the future.

In addition to launching our Capital Campaign for the new building, we experienced a growth in donor numbers, corporate and business support, individual support, and an increased engagement of local civic organizations. Many individuals and generous local businesses held third-party events for us and raised the much-needed funds in support of our programs.

In 2016, we received a generous 1:1 surprise \$100,000 match grant gift from the Wade Richmond Foundation. This gift was the catalyst behind our \$1 Million fundraising campaign — “No Excuse. Stop Child Abuse. Give Today!” — held in April during National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Through our first peer-to-peer individual and team fundraising, offline events, and conventional fundraising efforts, we were able to engage 495 unique individuals (25% of them new), 7 foundations, 28 corporations/businesses, and 8 civic organizations. Together we raised \$642,338 within 30 days!!!

As we prepare for our second year of the \$1 Million campaign in April 2017, we not only look forward to an increased community engagement, but also to multiple generous foundations, businesses, and corporations to enhance the efforts with their matching gifts and targeted employee giving. We look forward to hearing how you can help!

As we look back from the vantage of our 25th birthday, more than 60,000 individuals began the road to recovery from the devastating effects of childhood trauma, developed healthy coping skills, learned to break the cycle of abuse, and grown to become contributing members of our community through ChildSafe programs.

Nevertheless, we also know that alongside our accomplishments is an array of competing pressures like exponential increase in demand for our services and restricted access to operational funding. To offset these growing pains, cover associated direct and indirect costs of funded projects and day-to-day operations, we need flexible, predictable, and stable annual operational funding.

It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

— Frederick Douglass

Since its founding, ChildSafe’s work has been driven by the generous support from individuals, foundations, corporations, and others who share its vision of a world where no child is ever victimized; where every boy and girl in the county grows up protected, nurtured, cherished, and empowered; and where adults know how to recognize the potential for abuse and take action. These generous donors, like you, have strengthened ChildSafe’s capacity and contributed to the sustainability of our work.

Our growth as an organization indicates a dire need for change in our community and ChildSafe is on the frontlines of combating this ongoing torment for many children.

Our legacy is marked by continuity in vision, values, and goals. However, continuity and expansion of our operations is only possible through commitment of “flexible, predictable, and stable” support of our annual funds. I thank you for making 2016 a remarkable year for ChildSafe and look forward to your continued support and increased engagement with our mission.

Maliha Imami, Chief Development Officer



\$1M = 2,000 KIDS
END CHILD ABUSE

NO EXCUSE. STOP CHILD ABUSE. GIVE TODAY!

Last year was the first year of our community challenge to raise \$1Million during April, the National Child Abuse Prevention Month. You made the campaign a success by helping raise \$642,338 through 538 unique gifts.

This April, you and hundreds of other committed supporters have the opportunity to take a stand for the abused and neglected children of our community and meet or break last year's extraordinary goal. Only as a community can we stop child abuse.

Engage your family and friends through our peer-to-peer and 'text-to-give' fundraising platforms; host a fundraising event; create a profit-sharing day at your business for the campaign; offer a challenge match grant to show your corporate and business support: and/or, create a unique effort of your own!

We thank the Carl C. Anderson, Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation and The Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation who have already issued Match Grant Challenges. Your gift given between April 1–30 will be matched 1:1 to the limit of these challenges. Act fast and make your gift count twice!

Together we can break the cycle of abuse and neglect. Yes, we can!

TEXT-TO-GIVE

Text SAKIDS to 50155

For more information or to make a donation, contact
Malihal@ChildSafe-SA.org or visit www.ChildSafe-SA.org

It Takes a Community



“As an intern at ChildSafe, I was able to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be part of a team that provides the highest quality of care to survivors of child abuse and neglect. I enjoyed interacting with families and being able to witness client progress. My experience with ChildSafe helped solidify my desire to become a Licensed Professional Counselor.”

—Selena Suttner, ChildSafe Intern

ChildSafe had an outstanding year thanks to our dedicated volunteers and interns! Our volunteers have demonstrated their devotion and commitment to ChildSafe's mission. Although coming to ChildSafe is an effect of a difficult time in a child's life, their hope and confidence are restored with the support of individuals throughout our community. Whether contributing their unique talents, skills, and knowledge to help provide personalized attention to children and their families, or supporting ChildSafe initiatives, volunteers make a difference in the lives of those served by ChildSafe. We truly appreciate their continued support and dedication throughout the year!

In addition to our incredible volunteers, ChildSafe hosted eight enthusiastic interns this past year. In the coming year, we look forward to expanding our internship program, providing hands-on experience for the next generation of health and social service professionals. Thank you to the following interns for helping provide an array of services at ChildSafe:

- ♥ Sara Arocha, *University of Texas at San Antonio*
- ♥ Gabriela Brooks, *Syracuse University*
- ♥ Jennifer Garcia-Valdez, *University of Texas at San Antonio*
- ♥ Jessica Gonzalez, *University of Texas at San Antonio*
- ♥ Erik Mata, *University of Texas at San Antonio*
- ♥ Shamaya Mohammed, *St. Mary's University*
- ♥ Autumn Rodriguez, *University of Texas at Austin*
- ♥ Selena Suttner, *Trinity University*

We are also overwhelmed with gratitude for the volunteers who helped distribute over 45,500 Cardboard Kids at four local malls as part of our annual awareness campaign, and to our volunteers

and generous donors who provided school supplies and holiday gifts to over 550 children. A special thank you to Valero for the generous donation of nearly 9,000 backpacks to ChildSafe and the children of San Antonio!

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Together as a community, we all play a vital role in protecting our children. With help from both current and future volunteers, we will continue to champion the cause of child abuse prevention. Thank you to our volunteers for all your help and support throughout the past year!

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Above: Volunteers Leslie Wood and Christa Cooper from Humana

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*Left: ChildSafe board members and guests celebrate the \$1M campaign kick-off event at the Palladium. From left: Kevin Mullins, Rachel Battaglia, Ray Battaglia, Martin Parrish, and Paul Greer
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