THERE IS ENOUGH ABOUT CHILD ABUSE THAT HURTS. HELP US SUPPORT A CHILD FRIENDLY LEGAL PROCESS

The Children’s Advocacy Center Foundation, a non-profit charity, raises funds to support the programs of the Children’s Justice Center due to traditional limited government funding. Our mission is to inspire people to contribute to the cause of providing support services offered through the Children’s Justice Center for children who are victims or witnesses of crime or abuse.
The Children's Justice Center (CJC), created in 1992 under the direction of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court, provides programs to help child victims of sexual and physical abuse and children who have witnessed crimes. Programs provided are:

1. **The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC):**
   Children are interviewed by CAC professional forensic interviewers with knowledge of child development, in an age appropriate "child-friendly" room. The CAC conducts over 600 one on one investigative interviews and depositions each year. Further, the CAC provides the facilities and technology for law enforcement and investigative professionals to participate in the interview via closed circuit television and through wireless audio equipment. The interview is captured on videotape, thus reducing the number of times the children must relive their horrify experiences.

2. **The Supervised Visitation Program:**
   A safe environment for children in the care of the Department of Children and Families or other guardians to maintain contact with their non-custodial parents amidst allegations that the children's safety would otherwise be jeopardized. Judges order these visitations in criminal, domestic violence, family law and dependency cases. Over three thousand visits occur each year. The CJC provides the visitation facilities, scheduling, supervision, toys and videotaping of the visits.

3. **The Outreach Program:**
   Providing up to date training on "How to Talk to Children" for law enforcement's first responders at the scene of the investigation and promotes child abuse awareness and prevention in community forums.

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The Children's Advocacy Center Foundation supports all of the CJC programs. Funds raised by the Children's Advocacy Center Foundation:

- Allow the professionals at the CJC to attend advanced educational classes in child abuse investigative techniques, forensic interviewing techniques, child development, and crisis intervention skills for children suffering from sexual and physical abuse trauma.
- Pay for child abuse professional organizations' dues for the CJC staff.
- Enable the CJC to create a child friendly atmosphere with vividly painted walls, enchanting décor and a variety of toys appropriate for babies through the teen ages.
- Provide a new stuffed animal to each child to keep following the forensic interviews.
- Provide for snacks, candy and other ancillary items for the thousands of children the CJC serves.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS**

The number of children using the services of the CJC continues to grow at an extraordinary rate. The Children's Advocacy Center Foundation continues its commitment to help these child victims. You can help too!

Please join our mission in helping children of sexual and physical abuse by:

- Serving on a committee as a Trustee
- Joining the Board of Directors
- Making a charitable tax-free donation
- Learning more about the Foundation and tour the CJC

Your contribution is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible.