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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

I had the honor of serving as Chairman of the Board for DCAC in 2015. After 10 years on the board, I have seen this organization move into a new beautiful building and double their capacity. But this organization is far more than a building—it’s a place with a huge heart. Board members get an insider’s view into the workings of an agency that serves such an important role in the community—providing justice and restoring hope. The crime of child abuse most often happens in the shadows of secrecy, but the work to solve the problem of abuse is also not in the spotlight. The professionals who serve these kids are an incredible team whose daily work is to go above and beyond. So this glimpse behind the curtain is, for many board members, a glimpse into the best and worst of humankind.

Serving on the Board of Directors has illuminated a truth for me: Too many kids in Dallas County are living with abuse—physical and sexual abuse perpetrated on a trusting child by a trusted caregiver. The numbers who have known the crime of abuse are staggering. And yet, we have worried that even with such a large volume, some kids were falling through the cracks. So, in 2015, we laid the groundwork to launch our Multi-Disciplinary Team Enhancement Program, which will allow us, for the first time, to review child abuse cases as soon as law enforcement and CPS know about them. By acting as another set of eyes on cases at the onset of an outcry, and by proactively coordinating the law enforcement and CPS response, we will ensure that no child falls through the cracks.

This year, we have also made huge improvements in our response to promote healing for the family. By adding nearly a dozen new staff members, we have been able to double our Family Advocate program and we have enhanced the sophistication of our response by training all of our mental health practitioners in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, an evidence-based practice nationally recognized as the leading response for children who have trauma symptoms. We are the first responder as the crisis of an outcry of abuse begins to unfold, but our work is designed to improve long-term outcomes for children and families as they battle what can be the lifelong impact of child abuse.

DCAC holds a special place in my heart and the heart of our family. I am honored to have served this organization this year—this organization that serves so many in such a profound way. I am grateful to those of you who have joined me in this effort to make sure that no child falls through the cracks in Dallas County. To the staff, the partners, the volunteers and the donors: We must continue to create safety where once there was secrecy. We must continue to illuminate the truth.

THREE YOKEMTSEK
2015 Chairman of the Board
“The staff is very welcoming and informative. I have learned about my daughter’s progress, what I can do differently to help her, and I always feel that what she is learning is immediately beneficial. I am extremely thankful for the warmth extended to us during this difficult time and the amazing results that will continue for years to come.”

**CLIENT CAREGIVER**

**2015 STATISTICS**

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*Includes Multi-Session Forensic Interviews
Our typical child is a 9-year-old little girl who was sexually abused by her father or grandfather.

More than 95% of the time, children are abused by someone they know and trust.
A United Approach

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM

DCAC coordinates a multi-disciplinary team (MDT) approach in response to allegations of severe child abuse in Dallas County. This results in more successful investigation and prosecution outcomes, and minimizes the impact of a stressful investigation on child victims and their families.

The MDT consists of a team of coordinators, forensic interviewers, mental health therapists, family advocate case managers and a research team, as well as the following partners:

- 27 Dallas County Law Enforcement Agencies
- Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (including Child Protective Services, Child Care Licensing and Adult Protective Services)
- Dallas County District Attorney’s Office
- Dallas County Southwestern Institute for Forensic Sciences
- Children’s Health
- The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Department of Pediatrics

This year, DCAC laid the groundwork for a revolutionary new intake program that allows us, for the first time ever, to review child abuse cases as soon as law enforcement and the Department of Family and Protective Services receive reports. Accordingly, we can now actively identify children who meet our case criteria, rather than awaiting partner referrals, and aid in ensuring no child falls through the cracks.

2015 STATISTICS:

325
Active MDT members that participated in case coordination, orientation and additional training opportunities

736
In-depth case discussions

6,745
Reports of abuse and neglect reviewed through a new enhancement program from September through December
**Hearing Their Story**

**FORENSIC SERVICES**

The DCAC Forensic Interview Team assists Dallas County law enforcement and Child Protective Services investigators by conducting specialized and unique investigative interviews of children. The goal of a forensic interview is to gather pertinent information from children in a neutral, nonleading, developmentally sensitive and legally defensible manner.

**2015 STATISTICS:**

- 2,117 Forensic interviews
  - 1,376 female
  - 741 male

**Rebuilding Families**

**FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

The Family Advocacy team is committed to helping each family navigate the complex systems that a family enters when a child makes an outcry of abuse. As each case goes through the investigation, prosecution and healing process, the team is there to help the family understand the process, learn about their rights and successfully access resources that will help their family during crisis.

**2015 STATISTICS:**

- 1,983 Received victims’ rights information and case management
- 1,284 Served through Holiday of Hope
- 764 Received backpacks with new school supplies and uniforms

**Hope & Healing**

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

DCAC is committed to providing a safe place for children to begin the healing process after they have experienced abuse. Master’s level therapists, clinical social workers and clinical psychologists provide long-term, trauma-informed therapy to children of every age.

DCAC’s therapists are trained in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT), a conjoint child and parent psychotherapy approach for children and adolescents who are experiencing emotional and behavioral difficulties related to traumatic life events.

**2015 STATISTICS:**

- 1,234 Total therapy clients
- 13,198 Client hours in therapy
Enlisting Allies

Volunteer Program
The Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center has flexible and meaningful opportunities for those interested in volunteering their time and unique talents.

2015 Statistics:

503 Volunteers
18,381 Total volunteer hours

- 241 direct service
- 262 indirect service

Improving Care and Outcomes

Research Institute
DCAC’s Research Institute analyzes client trends, client outcomes, program effectiveness and the long-term impact of our work on the lives of the children we serve, so that we can continue to innovate and ensure effectiveness in our programming. This year, from conducting a system-wide baseline analysis, we have learned that:

- 42% of our children experience post-traumatic stress symptoms, as indicated in parent reports.
- 44% of the children we serve have contemplated suicide recently.
- 40% of parents believe the abuse has ruined their child’s life.

2015 Statistics:
Routine follow-ups were implemented at
3-Month & 6-Month intervals as well as at discharge.

Furthering the Conversation

Education
DCAC’s education program teaches parents, community members and professionals working with children how to recognize and report child abuse. The education team also provides training to professionals fighting crimes against children.

2015 Statistics:

29,075 People educated in 2015
17,294 Face-to-face
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27th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference

Internationally recognized, the Crimes Against Children Conference is the premier conference of its kind providing practical and interactive instruction to those fighting crimes against children and helping children heal.

**2015 Statistics:**

- 3,905 attendees from every state in the U.S. and 29 countries
- 89 computer labs
- 333 workshops and case studies
- 98% of attendees agree or strongly agree that the conference was relevant to their professional needs

“I believe the child victim is alive today because of the training that you and your conference provided. I believe she is alive because I was afforded the opportunity to attend your conference and received much needed training.”

**Law Enforcement Officer**
Special Events

**APPETITE for ADVOCACY**

The 8th annual Appetite for Advocacy luncheon featured keynote speaker Kevin Mulcahy, an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Detroit and survivor of sexual abuse at the hands of his childhood soccer coach. His powerful words reminded nearly 1,000 attendees that we all have the privilege and opportunity to stand up for children all year long.

**AIM for ADVOCACY**

Aim for Advocacy is designed to engage sporting and outdoor enthusiasts in DCAC’s work. More than 200 individuals attended the 3rd annual event at the Dallas Gun Club, which included participation in a 13-station clay shooting competition as well as lunch, a live auction and a raffle.

**TOTAL NET REVENUE FROM SPECIAL EVENTS:**

$711,500

**ART for ADVOCACY**

The 9th annual Art for Advocacy featured more than 100 local and regional artists in a colorful chic setting. The art auction brought more than 800 art enthusiasts, young professionals and supporters to the Fashion Industry Gallery to raise critical funds for our direct services.
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#### Statement of Financial Position

**Assets**
- Cash and cash equivalents: $1,644,822
- Short-term investments: $416,414
- Receivables, net: $972,206
- Prepaid expenses and other assets: $176,890
- Land, building and equipment, net: $9,758,989
- Construction in progress: $288,050
- Long-term investments: $781,836

**Liabilities**
- Accounts payable and accrued expenses: $414,156
- Deferred revenue: $40,015

**Net Assets**
- Unrestricted net assets: $11,879,652
- Temporarily restricted net assets: $1,705,382

**Total Assets** $14,039,205

**Total Liabilities** $14,039,205

#### Statement of Activities

**Public Support and Other Revenues**
- Contributions: $1,078,489 (14%)
- Special events, net: $711,500 (9%)
- Public funding: $1,397,715 (19%)
- Education revenue: $2,531,132 (34%)
- Investment revenue: $11,034 (0%)
- Other revenue: $188,973 (3%)
- Net assets released from restrictions: $1,607,828 (21%)

**Total Public Support and Revenue** $7,526,671 (100%)

**Expenditures by Program**
- Therapy and children’s advocacy: $4,178,410 (54%)
- Education: $2,035,476 (26%)
- Total program services: $6,213,886 (79%)
- Fundraising: $472,091 (6%)
- Management and general: $293,767 (3%)
- Depreciation: $935,009 (12%)
- Total supporting services: $1,690,847 (21%)

**Total Expenditures** $7,904,733 (100%)

**Change in Net Assets**
- Net assets at beginning of year: $14,294,409
- Net assets at end of year: $13,585,034

### Foundation Financials

#### Statement of Financial Position

**Assets**
- Cash and cash equivalents: $175,408
- Due from (to) the Foundation: $5,445,165

**Liabilities**
- Accounts payable and accrued expenses: $9,132
- Total return and services agreement payable: $0

**Net Assets**
- Unrestricted net assets: $5,611,441
- Net assets at end of year: $5,611,441

**Total Assets** $5,620,573

**Total Liabilities** $5,620,573

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** $5,620,573

#### Statement of Activities

**Public Support and Other Revenues**
- Investment loss: ($47,400) (100%)

**Total Public Support and Investment Loss** ($47,400) (100%)

**Expenditures by Program**
- Fundraising: $0 (0%)
- Management and general: $63,050 (100%)

**Total Administrative Expense** $63,050 (100%)

**Total Expenditures** $63,050 (100%)

**Change in Net Assets**
- Net assets at beginning of year: $5,721,891
- Net assets at end of year: $5,611,441

**Change in Temporarily Restricted (Board Designated) Net Assets**
- Contributions: $0
- Net assets released from restrictions: $0

**Change in Net Assets** ($110,450)

**Net Assets at End of Year** $5,611,441
OUR CORE VALUES

The children come first in all that we do.
We operate as a seamless team.
Each of us acts with a servant’s heart.