



kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students.

to keep herself safe.

It was at that moment, Emma realized the importance of telling a trusted adult about her secret. After the show, Emma lingered behind the other students and asked her counselor if she could talk to her. The counselor took Emma to her office, and there Emma began to disclose for the first time the nightmare she had been living in her home. She explained that for the past year, her father had been sneaking into her room at night and touching her. Emma had always been a daddy's girl and loved the special attention he showed her, but this felt wrong to her. Her father told her if she ever revealed their little secret, she would be taken away and would never see him again. The counselor told Emma that everything was going to be okay and assured her this was the type of secret kids needed to tell. After Emma returned to class, the counselor, knowing she was a mandated reporter, made a report to the child abuse hotline.

4,724

There were 4,724 reports of abuse or neglect made in Collin County this past year.

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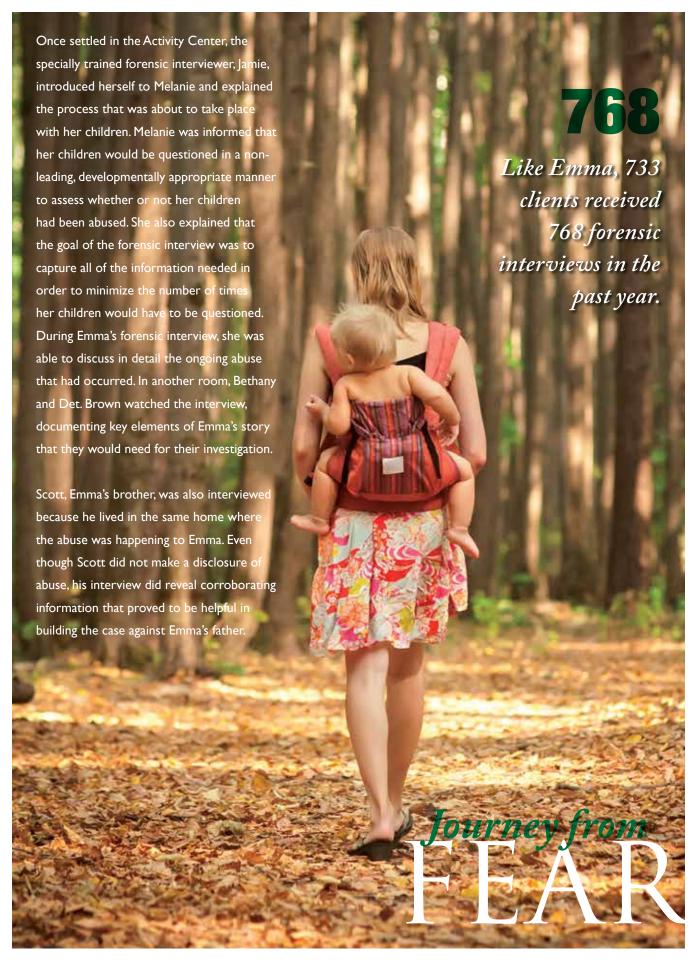
# Journey from ABUSE

The case was assigned to be investigated by Bethany Jones, a CPS investigator at the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County. After reviewing the case, and realizing the alleged perpetrator lived in the home and Emma was still at risk for further abuse, she knew she had to respond immediately. Bethany walked down the hall to Det. Brown, the law enforcement officer also assigned to the case, to develop a plan of how they would coordinate their response.

After visiting the school, Emma and her mother, Melanie, came to the Center with Bethany for a forensic interview. Upon arrival, Bethany escorted them to the Center's child-friendly Activity Center to wait while the rest of the investigative team gathered to view the forensic interview.

1,700

Volunteers spent 1,700 hours in the Activity Center, face to face, with children just like Emma, helping to calm their nerves and fears.



# SILENCE.

7,519

Our Community
Resource Department
provided 2,313
clients a total of 7,519
community resources.

13,509

1,090 clients received 13,509 therapy services, just like Emma's family.

Following the forensic interview, Bethany and Det. Brown brought Melanie into an adult interview room to discuss the allegations against her husband. Clearly distraught, Melanie broke down into tears. Melanie couldn't believe these things could take place in her own home while she laid peacefully dreaming, thinking her children were safe in their beds. Melanie realized the life she knew was over. Not only had the person she loved and trusted betrayed her, but she didn't know how she was going to support her family, now that their sole provider was no longer going to be a part of their lives. Bethany told her about the support services offered by the Center and the staff made referrals for the Center's Community Resource Department, as well as the Therapy Department. The Therapy Department would be able to help Melanie, Emma and Scott deal with the trauma of the abuse and how their lives had been turned upside down. At no cost to them, they were able to attend weekly therapy sessions and take advantage of our specialized services such as art, music and play therapy. Melanie also participated in a support group designed for moms dealing with her same issues. The Community Resource Department would be able to provide financial assistance and help Melanie in her efforts to find employment.

Det. Brown told Melanie that she would need to take Emma for a medical evaluation at the REACH Clinic Children's Medical Center Legacy. This evaluation would determine whether or not a sexual assault exam would be needed to look for trauma, whether there was any medical evidence that could be collected, and allow for Melanie and Emma's peace of mind that her body was going to be okay.

Specially trained medical professionals reported performing 111 medical evaluations.

The comprehensive team at the CAC conducted 272 case staffings this year.

After the forensic interview, a multidisciplinary team staffing was called to discuss everyone's role in Emma's case, and what additional services this family would need. A decision was made to offer Client Care services to Melanie, in an effort to provide her with additional support, advocacy and information about the process she was now facing. The Client Care Caseworker assigned to Melanie's case would be a consistent point of contact for her, and her family, throughout the entirety of their case.

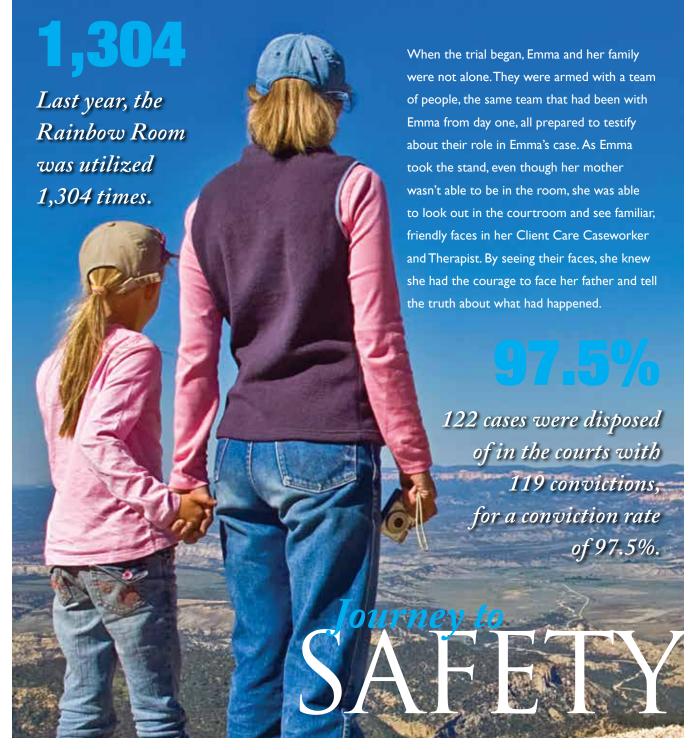


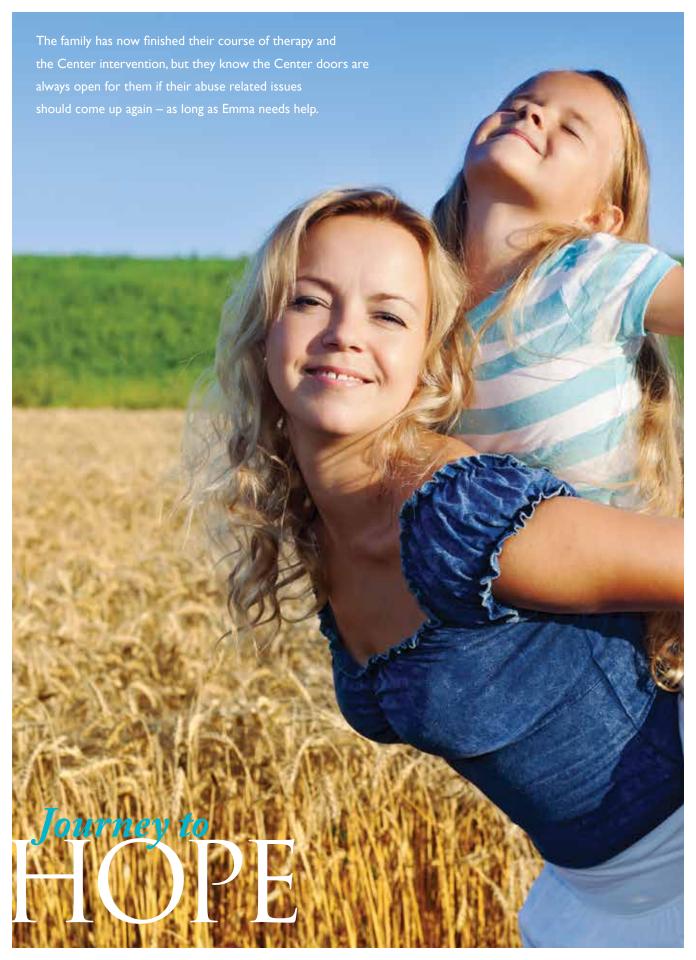
Emma's family was one of the 61 clients to receive services from the new Client Care Program.

HEALTH



As the trial approached, Emma and Melanie had prepared with the District Attorney's office and felt confident about their day in court. Only one concern still loomed in Melanie's mind. Despite the fact that she was able to gain employment and keep the family afloat, she didn't have the expendable income to purchase appropriate clothes for Emma to wear in court. The District Attorney was aware that the Center has an onsite emergency resource room, The Rainbow Room, that provides immediate access to critical items, such as clothing, shoes and toiletries for families involved with the Center or partner agencies. A call was made to the Community Resource Department to see if they could assist by providing Emma with a new dress and shoes from the Rainbow Room. Emma looked beautiful when her day in court finally arrived.







# SUPPORT



Honorary Chair

# FUNDRAISING EFFORTS 2012 GALA

In honor of the Center's 20th Anniversary, the 12th Annual Gala, themed A Moment in Time, was held at the Dallas Hilton Anatole on March 31, 2012. Featuring the Grammy Award winning Doobie Brothers, this black-tie event was the Center's largest benefit of the year.





### **2011 TEDDY BEAR RIDE**

Over 750 bikers, with teddy bears tied to their bikes, took to the streets of Collin County on the morning of November 6, 2011, to show their support in the fight against child abuse. The bears collected find a home with children who courageously come to the Center to tell their story.

# OUTREACH PROJECTS HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAY PROJECT

Each Holiday season the Center sponsors a Holiday Project for children in care. This project is our way of helping to ensure families with limited means can still have a happy holiday.

Last year, through the help of the community, we served over 230 children through our Adopt-A-Child Program, 17 families through the Adopt-A-Family Program, and over 850 children through the Toy Store!

#### **BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR**

Every August, the Center helps children have the appropriate tools and supplies needed to succeed in the upcoming academic year. The goal of the event is to provide them with basic tools for a successful start to the new school year. In addition to receiving school supplies, the Fair involves a fun filled day including games, prizes, music, face painting, manicures, haircuts, refreshments and more.

Over 600 children participated in this event.



600

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#### **FACT BOX:**

- · Less than 15% of funding comes from government sources
- 78% of all funds are spent on program services
- The Center has received a 4 star rating on Charity Navigator for two consecutive years
- All services are offered FREE of charge, as long as the child needs help

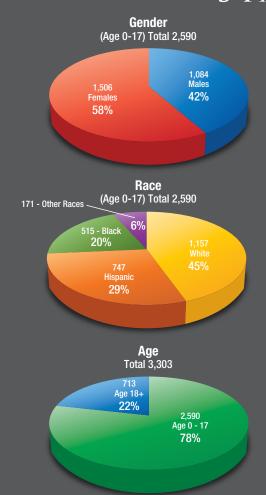
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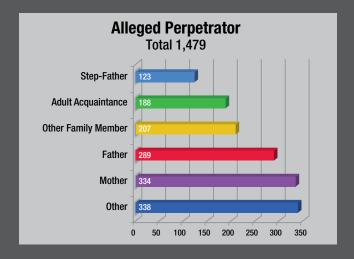
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Support & Revenue	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<ul> <li>Contributions</li> </ul>	\$ 1,327,657	\$ 194,992	\$ 1,522,649
<ul> <li>National &amp; Texas Children's</li> </ul>		- 30	
Advocacy Centers	149,830	28,126	177,956
Governmental Awards	240,531	25,232	265,763
<ul> <li>Donated Goods &amp; Services</li> </ul>	565,520		565,520
Special Events			
(net of expenses of \$580,062)	626,906		626,906
Rental Income	462,870		462,870
Interest Income	11,345		11,345
Other	74,644	_	74,644
Total	3,459,303	248,350	3,707,653
Net assets released from restrictions	96,032	(96,032)	
Total Support & Revenue	3,555,335	152,318	3,707,653
Expenses			
Program Services	2,599,580		2,599,580
Support Services:		1	
- Management & General	227,439	THE REAL PROPERTY.	227,439
- Fund Raising	461,833	_	461,833
Total Expenses	3,288,852	_	3,288,852
Change in Net Assets	266,483	152,318	418,801
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	7,669,167	96,032	7,765,199
Net Assets, End of Year	\$7,935,650	\$ 248,350	\$ 8,184,000

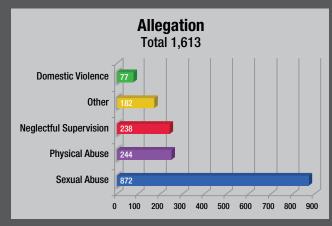


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