



Dearest Friends and Supporters,

As you all know, the work we do here at Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County is crucial to many children and families in our community. As the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to spread throughout Collin County, we remain mission-focused and will continue to offer services to those affected by child abuse. The health and safety of our community is of utmost importance to us and we wanted to share some of the actions we have taken to help protect our employees, MDT partners, and children and families who visit the Center.

- We are closely monitoring the recommendations of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as local, state, and federal health officials.
- As an agency, we have followed and implemented the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for cleaning and sanitizing by increasing our sanitation practices throughout the Center.
- We have suspended the attendance of volunteer groups, and group therapy sessions as to mitigate risk.
- Critical staff members remain on-site and are able and ready to respond with our partners, to children and families in need. All staff and partners who are able to work off-site are working from home.
- Our Center's leadership team has taken steps to ensure agency readiness for potential short and long-term implications as a result of this epidemic.
- Additionally, following the latest restrictions and guidelines on social distancing, and for the safety of the entire community, we have made the difficult, but necessary decision to cancel **Gala 2020, "A Kaleidoscope of Color"** which was to be held on **April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Star in Frisco**. We are working diligently on plans to make this a *virtual* event. The funds raised at our annual Gala are critical to our mission of providing safety, healing, and justice to those impacted by child abuse in our community. It is due in part to this annual event, and donors like you that we are able to offer services to 100 percent of those who need them. Please stay tuned for more information as we make plans for **Gala 2020, "A Kaleidoscope of Color"** to become an online event.

We understand that this global pandemic is an unprecedented situation, and many are struggling. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County remains committed to providing services in a safe and secure environment. Please know that our supporters, staff, partners, volunteers, and our clients are always at the heart of our decisions and we are managing this situation with them and our entire community in mind.

Sincerely,

Lynne McLean, CEO  
Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County