



**Annual Report 2022**

Children’s Advocacy Center for North Texas and our partners are the front-line responders to reports of child abuse in Denton County and Wise County. We are the only non-profit organization that uses a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach to provide education, healing, and justice to children, families, and our community.

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Dear Friends,

The transformative healing that severely abused children receive at Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas would not be possible without your support and investment. This team of forensic interviewers, family advocates, case reviewers, therapists, law enforcement officers, DFPS investigators, medical staff, juvenile detention officers, and district attorney staff provided our 6 essential services in 2022 more than ever before.

Every day, the staff and partners of the Advocacy Center put children first. In their own words, these victims are able to tell their story of what happened to them in a safe, neutral environment. This moment of truth has an effect not just on their family, but on their future.

Here at the Advocacy Center, this moment means a child's life and potential can be restored. It means family advocates and clinical therapists can provide the necessary intervention to mitigate the worst impacts of abuse on a child.

This report tells the story of Children's Advocacy Center for North Texas in one year's time, but the impact on victims, their families, and our community continues for years to come.

Sincerely,



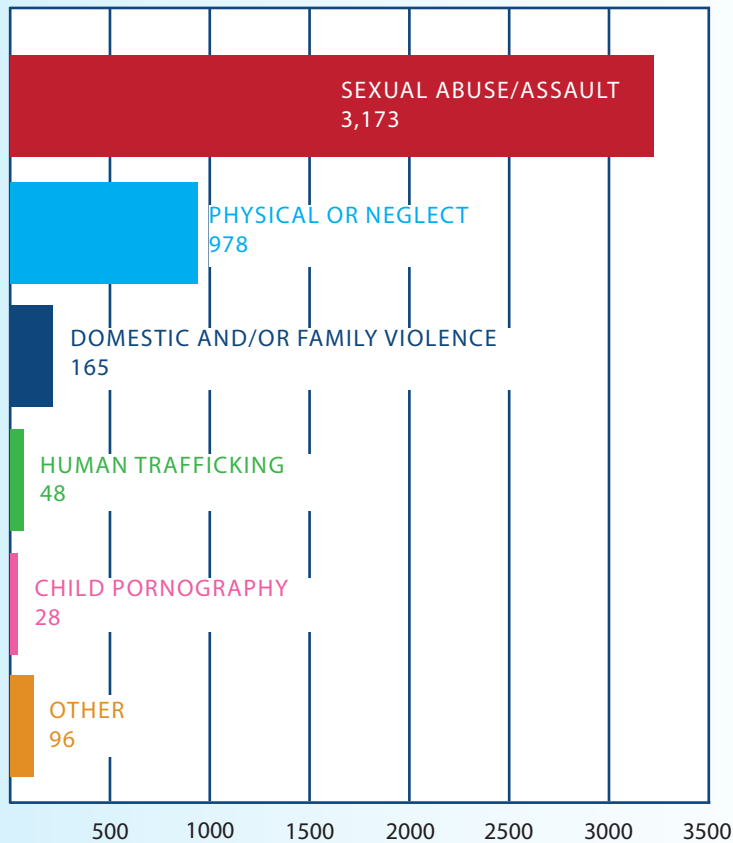
**Kristen Howell**  
Chief Executive Officer



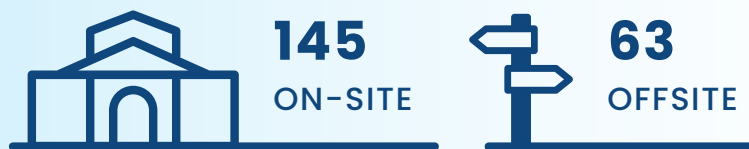
**Melanie Vest**  
Chair, Board of Directors

# 2022 by the Numbers

## Types of Victimization (VOCA)



## Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Exams

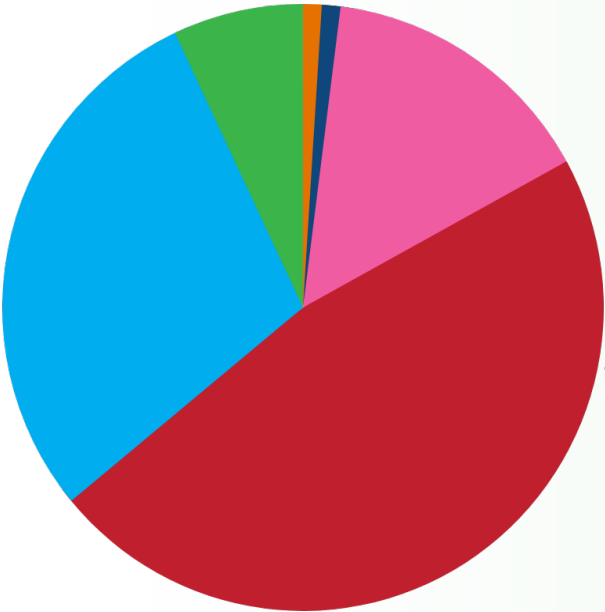
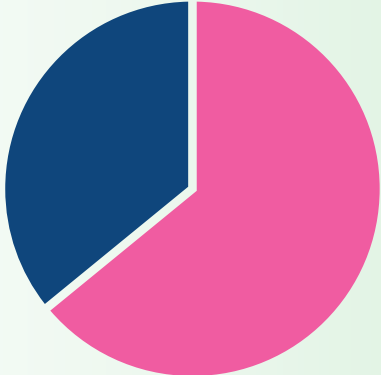


## CHILDREN SERVED BY JURISDICTION (2022)

CITY/COUNTY	CHILDREN
Argyle	20
Aubrey	93
Bartonville	2
Boyd	7
Bridgeport	17
Carrollton	212
Celina	2
Coppell	16
Corinth	42
Cross Roads	4
Decatur	42
Denton (City)	407
Denton County	248
Flower Mound	50
Frisco	79
Highland Village	27
Jacksboro	8
Jack County	7
Justin	19
Krum	19
Lake Dallas	35
Lewisville	354
Little Elm	115
Northlake	11
Oak Point	2
Pilot Point	24
Ponder	12
Providence Village	20
Rhome	6
Roanoke	13
Sanger	50
Southlake	5
The Colony	118
Trophy Club	8
Wise County	288
Other	307
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,729</b>

# Client Demographics

Female — 68%  
Male — 32%



<span style="color: orange;">●</span> American Indian	1%
<span style="color: darkblue;">●</span> Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
<span style="color: pink;">●</span> African American/Black	15%
<span style="color: darkred;">●</span> White	47%
<span style="color: lightblue;">●</span> Hispanic	29%
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Unknown/Other/Multi-racial	7%

**4,011**  
TOTAL CLIENTS

**3**  
FACILITIES

**5,639**  
VOLUNTEER HOURS

**10**  
AVERAGE AGE



“There are a lot of cases in my career that we could not have solved or had a just ending to without the Center.”

Tracy Murphree  
DENTON COUNTY SHERIFF

## Partner Relations

When someone reports an outcry of child abuse, the report first goes through the local police department or child protective services. The Advocacy Center team works together to prepare for a visit with the child and their family and coordinates an investigation into the outcry.

A large part of what makes Children’s Advocacy Center for North Texas successful in providing hope and healing to victims of child abuse is our coordinated investigations between the Advocacy

Center staff and team members. The investigation team, consisting of law enforcement, Department of Family and Protective Services, forensic interviewers, family advocates, and nurses work hand-in-hand with the District Attorney’s Office to ensure that perpetrators are brought to justice. The District Attorney’s Crimes Against Children division maintains above a 90 percent conviction rate thanks to collaboration across agencies.

We are rooted in the belief that a coordinated, collaborative, and multidisciplinary response to child maltreatment allegations delivers the best possible outcomes for the alleged child victims and their protective family members as well as for the cases themselves.

## Forensic Interviews

A forensic interview is a legally-sound, neutral, child-friendly conversation between a trained interviewer and a child. Forensic interviews are often the foundation for various functions of the Advocacy Center and the Multi-Disciplinary Team, including the investigation and prosecution of child abuse.

The forensic interview is typically the first time a child comes to the Advocacy Center, and where healing can begin.

One of the two primary goals of the agency is to minimize the trauma that children and families can experience as they go through the criminal justice process and facilitate healing for them. The other is to facilitate an approach that results in a collaborative investigation and a stronger case.

**8,894**

REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE WERE MADE IN DENTON AND WISE COUNTIES IN 2022

**66**

AGENCIES ARE FORMALLY PARTNERED WITH THE CENTER

**425**

CASE REVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM



**1,263**

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED

## Family Advocacy

The Family Advocate Team is committed to guiding and educating families through each step of the investigation, prosecution, and healing process.

This team provides crisis intervention, information about the investigative process and what clients can expect at the Advocacy Center, referrals for social services, and support.



**31,193**

FAMILY ADVOCACY SERVICES PROVIDED TO FAMILIES



**360**

KIDS PARTICIPATED IN THE 2022 BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE



**552**

KIDS RECEIVED GIFTS FROM THE FAMILY ASSISTANCE HOLIDAY DRIVE

## Our Partner Agencies

Argyle Police Department • Argyle ISD Police Department • Aubrey Police Department • Aubrey ISD Police Department • Bartonville Police Department • Boyd Police Department • Bridgeport Police Department • Carrollton Police Department • Celina Police Department • Coppell Police Department • Corinth Police Department • Cross Roads Police Department • Dallas Police Department • Decatur Police Department • Denton County Sheriff's Office • Denton Police Department • Double Oak Police Department • Elm Ridge Police Department • Flower Mound Police Department • Fort Worth Police Department • Frisco Police Department • Hickory Creek Police Department • Highland Village Police Department • Homeland Security Investigations • Jack County Sheriff's Office • Jacksboro Police Department • Justin Police Department • Krugerville Police Department • Krum Police Department • Krum ISD Police Department • Lake Dallas Police Department • Lewisville Police Department • Little Elm Police Department • Northlake Police Department • Oak Point Department of Public Safety • Pilot Point Police Department • Pilot Point ISD Police Department • Plano Police Department • Ponder Police Department • Prosper Police Department • Rhome Police Department • Roanoke Police Department • Runaway Bay Police Department • Sanger Police Department • Southlake Department of Public Safety • Texas Rangers • Texas Woman's University Department of Public Safety • The Colony Police Department • Trophy Club Police Department • University of North Texas Police Department • Wise County Sheriff's Office • Department of Family and Protective Services • Denton County District Attorney • Denton County Juvenile Probation • Jack County Attorney (Juvenile) • Wise & Jack County Juvenile Probation • Wise & Jack County District Attorney • Children's Health Clinical Operations • Cook Children's Medical Center • Texas Health Resources

## Mental Health Services

Therapy is a critical intervention to mitigate the adverse effects of child abuse. Our therapy programs can facilitate healing for child victims as well as their families. Therapy combats feelings like shame and guilt, and reduces depression, anxiety, intrusive thoughts, sleep disturbances, anger, detachment, and more. It builds safe boundaries and positive support systems.

Through weekly sessions and evidence-based initiatives, therapists build a healthy relationship with children and families. They work with the child to overcome the shame associated with abuse, strengthen coping skills, develop boundaries, and build healthy relationships. All services are offered in both English and Spanish at no charge.



**8,179**

THERAPY SESSIONS

**167**

GROUP SESSIONS

conducted with victims  
and their families at no  
cost in 2022

Without effective therapeutic intervention, many traumatized children will suffer ongoing or long-term adverse social, emotional, developmental, and health outcomes that may impact them throughout their lifetimes. Evidenced-based treatments can reduce the impact of trauma and the risk of future abuse.

## Education

Education empowers our community to protect children from abuse and stop it when it occurs. For every adult trained, 10 kids are safer.

We are proud to offer learning sessions for community members interested in becoming better, more informed advocates. Through our learning sessions, we're able to share expert tips, training and more resources that effectively empowers our advocates.

In 2020, education offered virtual trainings to students and professionals. Parent Cafés, a new program, provided support for families in Lewisville and Bridgeport.



**1,884**

ADULTS

**8,757**

KIDS

received education and training about the  
signs and symptoms of abuse, body safety,  
and Internet safety in 2022





## 2022–2023 Children’s Advocacy Center Board of Directors

Generously donating their time, talent, and treasure:

### OUR LEADERSHIP

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### JOINING US IN 2023

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**Vincent Hughes**  
Director of Real Estate and Facilities, HealthTrackRX

## Statement of Financial Position

### ASSETS

Current assets	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	2,372,826
Certificates of deposit	149,464
Government grants receivable	401,764
Grants receivable	160,659
Unconditional promises to give	110,841
Prepaid expenses	115,155
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>3,310,709</b>

Noncurrent assets	\$
Right-of-use asset - operating lease, net	2,447,514
Property and equipment, net	7,990,250
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>13,748,473</b>

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities	\$
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	193,138
Right-of-use liability - operating lease, current	107,014
Current maturities of long-term debt	8,392
Deferred revenue	2,560
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>311,104</b>
Right-of-use liability - operating lease, net	2,472,647
Long-term debt, net	400,714
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,184,465</b>

Net assets	\$
Without donor restrictions	
Undesignated	9,595,543
Board designated reserve	500,000
<b>Total without donor restrictions</b>	<b>10,095,543</b>
With donor restrictions	468,465
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>10,564,008</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>13,748,473</b>

## Statement of Activities

Support and revenue	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Contributions	1,598,633	430,536	2,029,169
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	226,265	–	226,265
Government grants	3,259,929	32,760	3,292,689
Special events (net of direct costs of \$362,806)	840,089	–	840,089
Net assets released from restrictions	584,052	(584,052)	–
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>6,508,968</b>	<b>(120,756)</b>	<b>6,388,212</b>

Expenses	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Program services	5,562,957	–	5,562,957
Management and general	649,971	–	649,971
Fundraising	584,600	–	584,600
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>6,797,528</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>6,797,528</b>
Change in net assets from operations	(288,560)	(120,756)	(409,316)

Non-operating activity	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	(100,188)	–	(100,188)
Investment Income	21,024	–	21,024
Other Income	151,775	–	151,775
<b>Total non-operating activity</b>	<b>72,611</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>72,611</b>
Decrease in net assets	(215,949)	(120,756)	(336,705)
Net assets, beginning of year	10,311,492	589,221	10,900,713
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 10,095,543</b>	<b>\$ 468,465</b>	<b>\$ 10,564,008</b>

## 2022 News

### OVER THE EDGE: BE BRAVE HONORED THE BRAVERY OF CHILD ABUSE VICTIMS

Over the Edge: Be Brave presented by HealthTrackRx on June 11, 2022 was a huge success thanks to all of our participants, donors, spectators, and sponsors. Our community said loud and clear: we will do anything for kids to be safe and receive the healing they need. That includes rappelling down 7 stories at the Denton Fire Training Tower! More than 30 rappellers raised funds for child abuse victims in order to go over the edge.

### WE OPENED OUR BRIDGEPORT OFFICE – SEPTEMBER 2022

This third office of Children’s Advocacy Center for North Texas serves our Wise and Jack County clients closer to home.

## Foundations & Grantors

Bonded Together, Inc  
Byrne Family Foundation  
Carl C Anderson, Sr., and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation  
Celanese Foundation  
Charity Supply  
The Civic League Foundation  
Cross Timbers Rotary  
DATCU  
Denton Benefit League  
Dugas Family Foundation  
Enterprise Holdings  
First State Bank  
Flow Hospital Foundation  
H-E-B Grocery Company  
The Henry Foundation  
In-N-Out Burger Foundation  
James A “Buddy” Davidson Foundation

The Meadows Foundation  
Metrocrest Hospital Authority  
The Moody Foundation  
Oakmont Women’s Club  
The Priddy Foundation  
QuikTrip Corporation  
Readerlink Cares  
Speedway Children’s Charities  
Texas Health Community Impact  
Texas Women’s Foundation/Orchid Giving Circle  
United Way of Denton County  
United Way of Metropolitan Dallas  
United Way of Wise County  
Walmart  
Wise County Child Welfare Board  
W. W. Caruth Foundation/Communities Foundation of Texas

**We Thank You for Your Support!**



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