

# 2019/2020 REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

MACOMB COUNTY

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER, INC.

Dear Friends,

Almost 25 years ago, a group of parents, business owners, community leaders and elected officials identified the need for a multidisciplinary hub in Macomb County, where professionals involved in the investigation, prosecution, and treatment of cases of child sexual abuse could work collaboratively with one common goal – providing protection and justice to child victims of abuse. They envisioned a child-friendly place where child victims and their families would feel safe and supported and believed. That place was Care House.

Since our opening in 1996, Care House has coordinated over 8,500 forensic interviews for suspected child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse or witness to a violent act. As the only agency in Macomb County providing a comprehensive response to these sensitive cases, Care House has also provided support services to more than 11,500 families, [all at no cost to the families we serve.](#)

On the eve of our 25th anniversary year, we often marvel on how far we have come. Our growth demonstrates the capability and commitment of our team, the leadership of our Board of Directors and the generous support of the community which has been instrumental for us to answer an increasing demand for our services. This growth includes increasing from 57 forensic interviews in 1996 to 757 in 2019, and from operating with only a small staff in our Mount Clemens office to expanding our services to a satellite center in Warren with a professional staff of 13. We also take great pride in the development of our robust internship component, which offers specialized hands-on training for dozens of social work, criminal justice and counseling students each year to competently and sensitively support and advocate for child victims.

2020 has been a very challenging year for Care House and the families we serve. Our services were determined to be “essential” by the state of Michigan and doors remained open for children and families, even during state Stay-at-Home orders. Unfortunately, two of our annual fundraising events were canceled this year, but the need for our services continues to grow. We have seen a greater need for support from families impacted by the pandemic, and we anticipate a surge in requests for forensic interviews for months after the pandemic has subsided.

We invite our community to move forward with us to continue and expand critical intervention, treatment, and prevention services. The actions we take today will have an impact on the lives of generations to come. With your support, vulnerable children in our community will have the opportunity for a brighter future. Thank you for your interest in the work we do to provide help, hope and healing to child victims of abuse. We are forever humbled and grateful for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

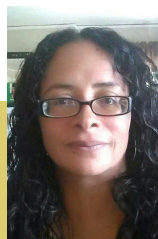
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Frank Accavitti, President  
Care House Board of Directors



*Dorie Vazquez-Nolan*

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Executive Director



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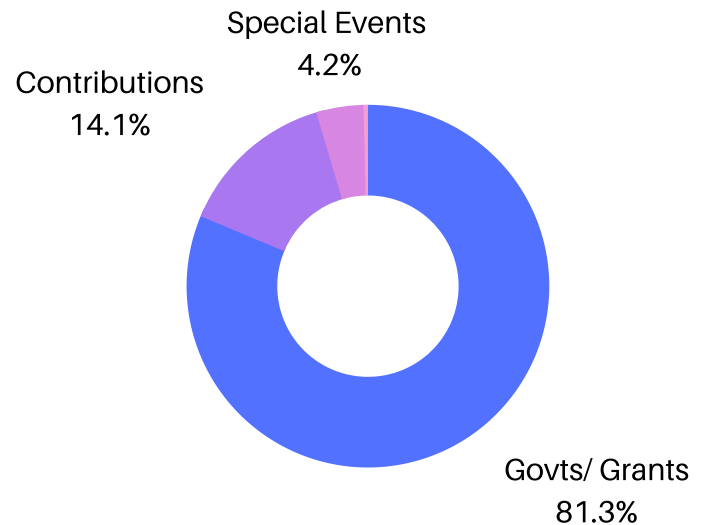
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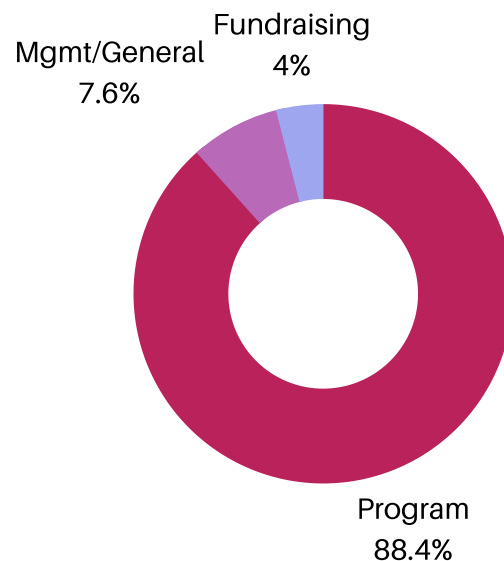
## INCOME 2019-2020

Government/Grants	\$1,055,036
Contributions	\$182,822
Special Events (net)	\$55,060
Other	\$4,177



## EXPENSES 2019-2020

Program	\$1,041,505
Mgmt/General	\$89,971
Fundraising	\$51,023

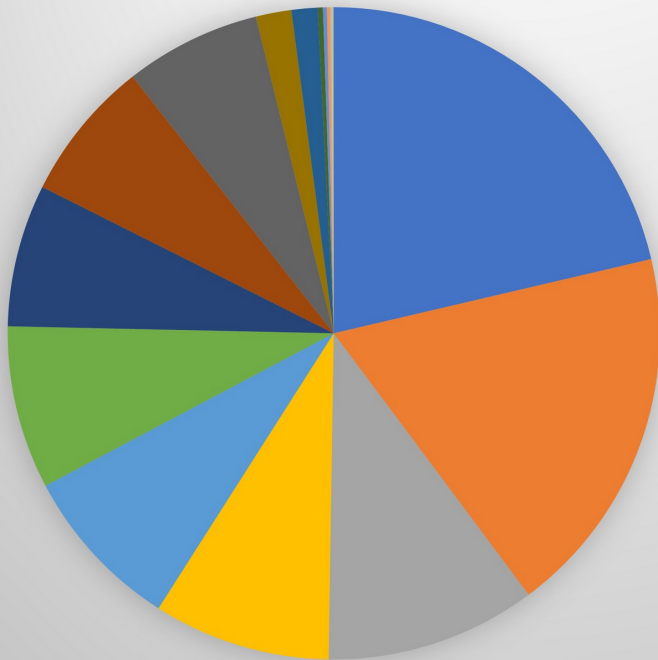


*As I look for ways to support the community with my time and resources, I need to know that the organization is meaningful and uses my time and donation wisely. With Care House, I know that my support is appreciated and that my donations are used to help kids in need. As the mother of a child who suffered serious abuse, I know how important Care House is for our community and I am proud to serve on the Board.*

*-Erica Hammel, Child Advocate and Care House Board Member*



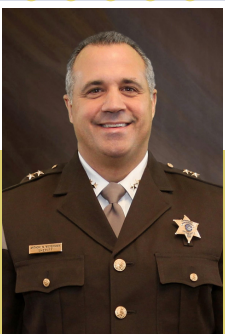
## 2019-2020 Child & Family Services Provided



- Follow-up Calls (1663)
- Surveys Distributed (1438)
- Therapy Sessions (814)
- Forensic Interviews (684)
- Pre-Interview Family Calls (641)
- Post-Interview Crisis Counseling (630)
- Educational Information (550)
- Counseling Referrals for Child (547)
- Counseling Referrals for Parent/Caregiver (525)
- Non-Scheduled Call with Family (137)
- Caregiver was Informed/Understands Rights as a Crime Victim (101)
- Holiday Giving (20)
- Transportation Provided to/from Interview (15)
- Interpreter Provided (11)
- Child Safety Assessments (7)
- Emergency Financial Assistance (4)
- Referrals for Housing/Shelter/Safehouse (4)



When a child enters our forensic interview room to share their story with one of our highly trained forensic interviewers, the closed door prompts this sign in our reception area to flash blue. This light alerts our staff and any visitors that a forensic interview is in progress, but more importantly, it signifies that this child is beginning their journey to healing and justice. Over 750 children in our community begin their journey here at Care House every year.



**Working with child victims of sexual abuse is one of the toughest jobs imaginable, but the staff at Care House do a great job working with our detectives and all other law enforcement jurisdictions in the county to coordinate a sensitive, child-focused and professional approach to working with families in the most difficult situations. Care House provides an invaluable service to our community by providing a safe place for children to talk about anything that may have happened to them. It gives me great satisfaction to be a part of making things better for kids, through my support for Care House. We owe it to the children in our community to do our part to help make Macomb County a safe environment for them to grow and thrive.**  
-Anthony Wickersham, Macomb County Sheriff







*When we learned about the abuse our son had endured, our family was shattered. We will be forever grateful for Care House and the work you do. Thank you for the safe place you create for our children.*

*-Parent satisfaction survey response*



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*Give the Gift of Healing....*

**Help us shine a light on the dark secret of childhood abuse.** Your support provides for child forensic interviews, trauma-focused therapy sessions, crisis counseling, support groups, child safety assessments, family advocacy, access to forensic medical exams, case management and assistance accessing other needed community resources. All services are provided at no cost to the children and families we serve.

Visit our website at [www.mccarehouse.org](http://www.mccarehouse.org) to learn more about Care House and how YOU can play a role in providing help, hope and healing to child victims of abuse. Want to make a donation now? Use your phone or tablet to scan the QR Code on the corner of this page to go to our secure Donation Page!

Everything we do is only possible because of the generous support of our community. On behalf of more than 11,500 children and families we have served, we extend our deepest gratitude to you. Best wishes for a safe and wonderful holiday and a new year filled with happiness and peace.

**"Care House is proud to be a service partner of VOCA, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services"**



*Giving to Care House is a direct reflection of my priorities and values. I believe in Care House and being involved as a volunteer and a donor brings me great satisfaction. I feel like I truly have an impact in the lives of children and their future.*

*-Sandy Kush, Care House Volunteer and Donor*

