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MACOMB COUNTY CARE HOUSE

SERVING MACOMB COUNTY FAMILIES SINCE 1996



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Dear Friends:

As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded of the profound impact that the support of our community has had on our agency and the children we serve. Together, we have made significant strides in serving child victims of abuse, and it is with pride that we share our achievements, challenges, and vision for the future.

With your support, Care House provided over 5,800 instances of critical services to suspected child victims of sexual and/or physical abuse and their nonoffending caregivers over the past year, including forensic interviews, crisis counseling, trauma-focused therapy, child safety assessments, trauma screenings, interpreter services, transportation assistance, ongoing case management, family resource center services, and child abuse prevention, positive parenting and child development education. These services were provided at no cost to the families we serve.

Each number represents a story and a young life, impacted by trauma but also filled with hope and resilience. With our dedicated staff, our multidisciplinary team of professionals and YOUR support, we have created a safe haven where healing begins.

In 2023, we launched our Family Resource Center, which offers a supportive hub for families to support each other, to access services and gain information on positive parenting, child development and other helpful information to help their family thrive. We also began presenting our ROAR educational program in elementary schools, reaching over 1,000 Pre-K – 2nd grade students in the 2023-2024 school year. These initiatives not only address the immediate needs of families, but also promote awareness about the prevention of child abuse. We are committed to educating our community about possible signs of abuse, how to report suspicions of child abuse and the importance of early intervention.

However, our journey is not without challenges. The demand for our services continues to grow, and we strive to meet the needs of every child and family who walks through our doors. Grant funding has been reduced greatly over the past two years, leaving us struggling to maintain the same level of services.

As we look ahead, we are excited to share our plans for the upcoming year. We aim to strengthen and expand our efforts and services, ensuring that we remain at the forefront of advocacy for child victims.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication to this critical cause. We invite you to read through our Community Report to see the difference we are making together. Together, we can create a brighter, safer future for the children in our lives and our community.

With gratitude,

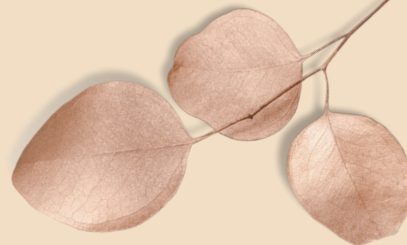
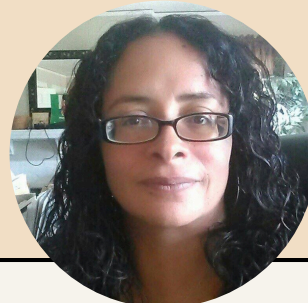
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Frank Accavitti, President
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WHAT IS CARE HOUSE?

Care House is the Macomb County Child Advocacy Center (also known as a CAC). We are an accredited member of the National Children's Alliance. We are one of about 35 CAC's in Michigan and one of over 950 CAC's nationwide.

Since opening our doors in 1996, we have conducted over 11,500 investigative child forensic interviews and provided services to over 13, 500 families. In the summer of 2018, we opened a satellite center in Warren to bring critical services, including forensic interviews, therapy and support groups directly to children and families in the southern part of our county. This expansion has also freed up space in the schedule of our main Mount Clemens location so that services can be delivered faster to children in the communities for whom that location is more convenient. We are now able to conduct forensic interviews simultaneously from two locations, and more efficiently provide vital support services to more clients, many of whom previously lacked reliable transportation to travel to Mount Clemens from our southern communities for weekly therapeutic services.

CARE HOUSE HELPS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HEAL

Care House helps child victims and their families heal by providing a child-friendly place for services, including forensic interviews, crisis counseling, trauma-informed therapy, child safety and trauma assessments and family advocacy, all at NO COST to the families we serve. Child abuse is devastating. With the right kind of help, children and their families can heal and move on with their lives.

Care House serves as the Designated Local Council for Children Trust MI (formerly the Michigan Children's Trust Fund); offering child abuse prevention information, education and training in the community. By educating parents, caregivers and other adults, we can empower them to protect children, teach them how to recognize possible child abuse and inform them where to find help.



THE FORENSIC INTERVIEW

Care House works closely with every law enforcement agency in Macomb County (as well as the FBI, Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement), child protective services and the prosecutor's office as part of our multidisciplinary team (MDT) to reduce trauma for child victims of abuse by coordinating forensic interviews.

A highly trained forensic interviewer listens as the child talks about anything that may be troubling them. Members of the MDT observe the interview in a different part of the building via closed circuit television. This eliminates the need for the child to repeat his or her story and relive the trauma of the abuse over and over again.



FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Our new Family Resource Center (FRC) is a welcoming hub of support, services and opportunities for families in our community. Guided by a Parent Advisory Committee, the Care House Family Resource Center supports families in designing programming and services tailored to meet the needs of all families within our community. Care House focuses on positive ways to engage families by emphasizing their strengths, as well as working to identify areas where they can use support.

The Care House FRC utilizes an approach that is multi-generational, strengths-based and family-centered and:

- Reflects and is responsive to community needs and interests
- Provides support at no cost for participants
- Builds communities of peer support for families to develop and social connections that reduce isolation and stress



The Care House FRC has the following goals:

- To support families to be strong, resilient, healthy and successful
- To contribute to building a strong and healthy community
- To reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect by building the research-based Strengthening Families Protective Factors

Care House FRC activities and services include:

- Family Pantries
- Parenting Support activities such as Parent Cafes
- Ongoing case management
- Assistance with accessing other needed community resources
- Child Development Activities
- Parent Leadership Development

For more information on our [Family Resource Center](#), please contact Marshanta Easley at MarshantaE@mccarehouse.org



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Care House is the Designated Local Council for Children Trust MI (formerly the Michigan Children's Trust Fund), offering child abuse prevention, education, and training in the community. Prevention services are designed to help parents, other caregivers, and communities protect children and strengthen families. We believe that investing in prevention is an important investment in our future.

Care House participates in community presentations and information fairs to share information on child abuse prevention, positive parenting, internet safety, mandated reporting and other relevant information to parents, professionals who work with children and the community at large.



Care House also provides the ROAR child-based body safety education program for children ages 4-8. The interactive lesson is free and designed to be taught in a classroom or group setting.

Children are also provided with materials to share with their parents to reinforce learning and continue the ROAR conversation at home.

For more information on our [Child Abuse Prevention Services](#), please contact Erica McLaughlin at EricaM@mccarehouse.org

OUR FUNDRAISERS



Christmas for Kids

A benefit gala for Care House, providing hope, help and healing to child victims of sexual and physical abuse in Macomb County. Christmas for Kids includes a premium open bar, deluxe carving, pasta and salad stations, fantasy dessert room, complimentary valet parking, and dazzling raffle and live auction packages.

Our 28th Annual **Christmas for Kids** event will be held on **Thursday, November 20, 2025** at **Cherry Creek Golf Club** in Shelby Township.



FRANK MARELLA MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC



Our annual summer golf outing is dedicated to the memory of Frank Marella, longtime Care House board president, who passed away in 2021. It is only fitting that we recognize his dedicated years of service with renaming our outing in his honor.

Our outing Includes green fees (18 holes) with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, premium open bar, dinner following golf, team prizes, 50/50 and fun raffle tables.

Our 21st Annual Frank Marella Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at Greystone Golf Club in Washington Township.



For more information about our Fundraising Events, please contact Cara Ciraulo at CaraC@mccarehouse.org or Catalina Garvey at CatalinaG@mccarehouse.org



VOLUNTEER & LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Due to our limited funding resources and the minimal staff we have, we rely on our volunteers to help us with a variety of tasks and projects at Care House. Due to the sensitive nature of our services, volunteer interactions with the children that come to Care House are limited. However, there are several other ways our volunteers help us in providing support for children and families.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

This volunteer is responsible for assisting with preparation of fundraising events by attending fundraising committee meetings, obtaining donations for the events, assembling mailings and telephoning/emailing prospective donors/sponsors. They may also participate in the events by setting up for the event, including live auction/raffle package tables, or helping with registration or activities at the event.

GENERAL

This volunteer is responsible for special projects including holiday decorating, exterior and/or interior painting, and other general agency organizational projects. They may also facilitate or assist in donation drives, or work at an information table at community events.

BOARD MEMBER

Board members serve as ambassadors and faithfully support the mission and work of Care House. They provide leadership and fiscal oversight, support fundraising efforts and are active participants at regular Care House Board meetings. While day-to-day operations are led by the agency's chief executive officer (CEO), the Board-CEO relationship is a partnership, and the appropriate involvement of the Board is both critical and valued.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Care House believes that the lived experiences of parents and families is valuable to guiding our services, and can be a great resource for other families and to our community. We welcome Macomb County parents to assist us in:

- shaping programming
- providing input and guidance for staff and families.
- advancing equity and inclusion
- increasing outreach and engagement to families
- developing methods to gather feedback and assess program effectiveness

*For more information on [Volunteer Opportunities](#),
please contact Cara Ciraulo at CaraC@mccarehouse.org*

CARE HOUSE IS A NON- PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

Our public funding includes:

Grants from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Children Trust Michigan (CTM), Community Development Block Grants and Macomb County.

These grants primarily fund specific programs and services offered at Care House. Very little of this funding can be used for general operating expenses.

Care House also relies on donations by:

- Individuals, corporations, and memorials
- Public and private foundations
- Annual fundraising events including our annual Golf Outing and our signature gala, Christmas for Kids

Our website has valuable resources and additional information about Care House. Stay connected with Care House by following our Facebook page!



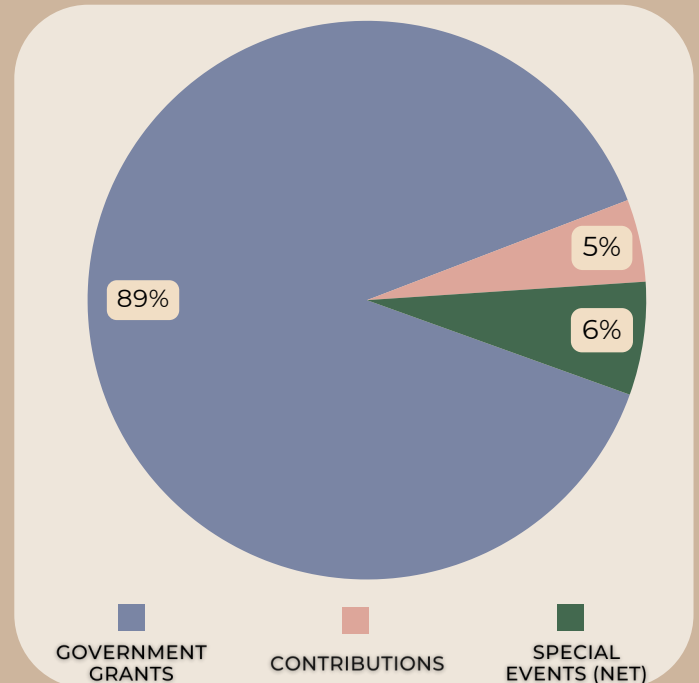
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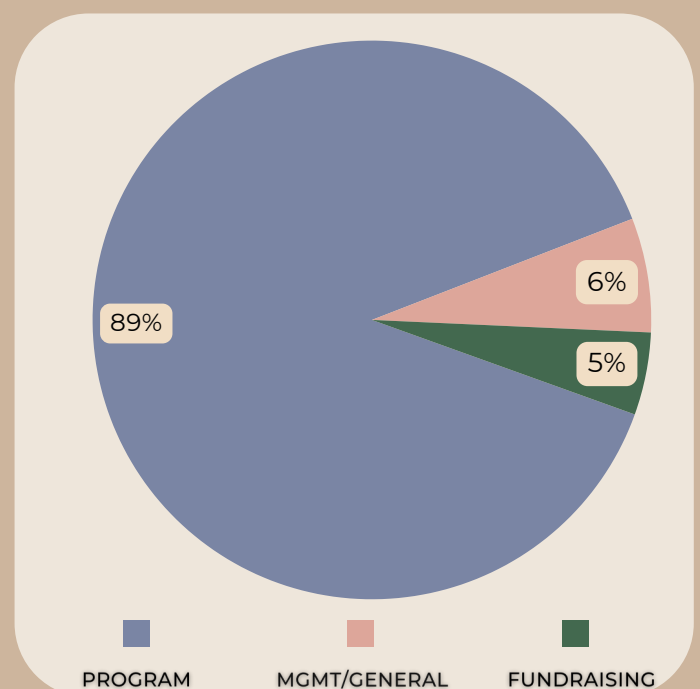
INCOME 2023-2024

Government/Grants	\$1,331,217
Contributions	\$71,686
Special Events (net)	\$98,332

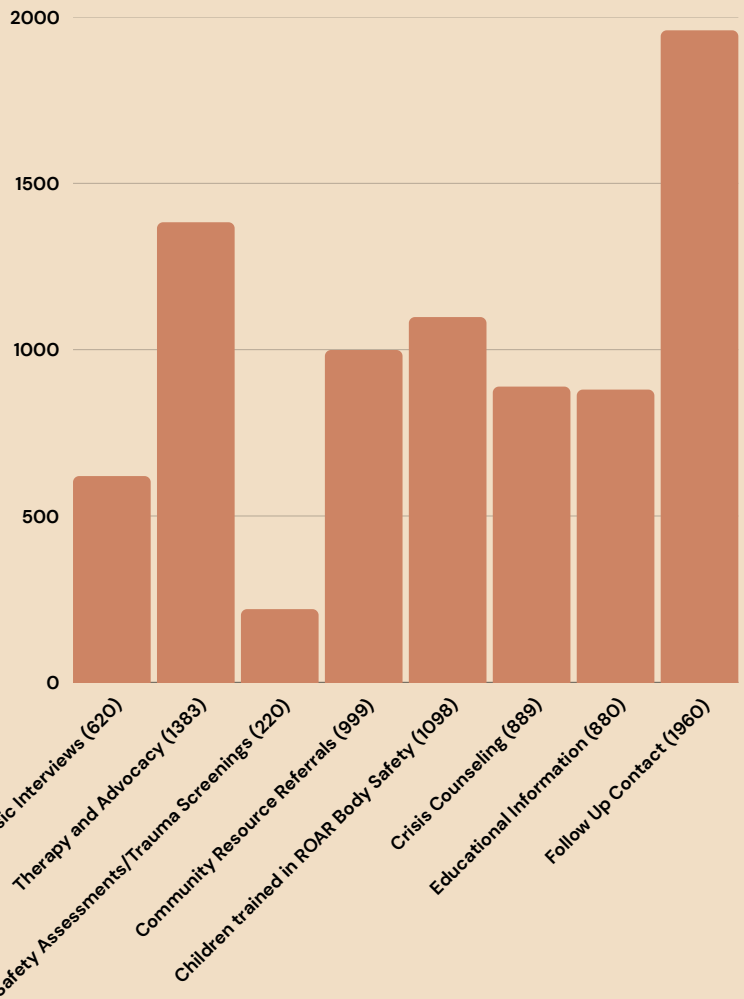


EXPENSES 2023-2024

Program	\$1,275,200
Mgmt/General	\$95,174
Fundraising	\$68,765

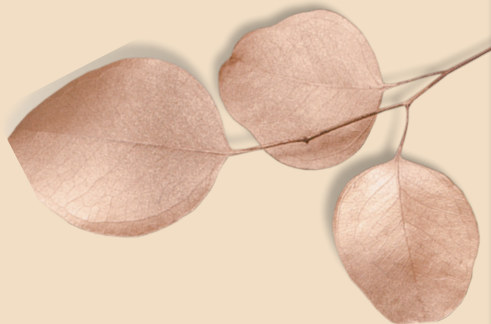


2024 CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES PROVIDED



what is our mission?

Our mission is to prevent and reduce the incidence and trauma of child sexual and physical abuse in Macomb County through collaborative, multidisciplinary, and effective family-centered activities.





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is our business



At Care House we are committed to providing **HOPE** and **HEALING** to child victims of sexual and physical abuse.



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