Bridgehaven
Children's Advocacy Center

ANNUAL REPORT
FY2023-2024

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PAULA TORRES

Dear Friends and Supporters,

At Bridgehaven Children's Advocacy Center, we are constantly inspired by the resilience and courage of the children and families we serve. This year, our theme, **"Hope in our HeARTS, where the art of giving meets the heart of healing,"** beautifully represents the powerful combination of compassion, dedication, and community support that fuels our mission.

Throughout this year, Bridgehaven has grown stronger in its capacity to protect and uplift those facing unimaginable challenges. Each program, each outreach effort, and each service we provide reflects our collective commitment to a greater purpose—one sustained by the unwavering support of donors, volunteers, and partners like you. Together, we build a foundation of safety, comfort, and hope for every child who walks through our doors.

We've expanded our reach and resources, providing vital services and innovative support that empower children and their families on their path to healing. Whether through room makeovers that transform living spaces into safe havens, or advocacy and intervention programs that bring essential support to families in crisis, our work remains focused on restoring dignity and hope.

The art of giving, embodied by our dedicated community, enables Bridgehaven to continue this essential work. Your support is the color and warmth that turns our mission from vision into reality, reaching children in the most meaningful ways and helping them reclaim their stories and futures. As you read through this annual report, we hope you see yourself in each success and every milestone.

Together, we are creating a masterpiece of healing, where every child can find comfort, strength, and, above all, hope.

With heartfelt gratitude and determination,

Paula Torres

PAULA TORRES
Executive Director

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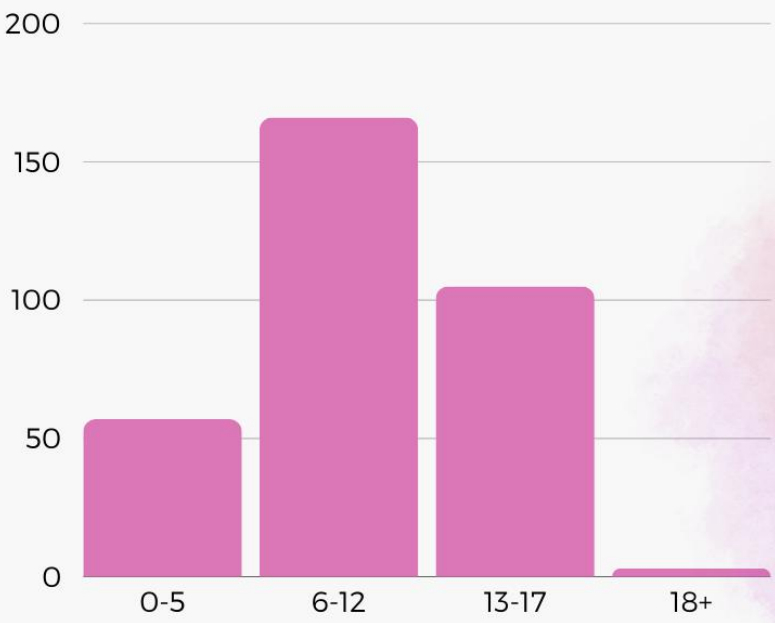
FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

Forensic interviews are conducted by our highly-trained professionals in order to allow a child to tell their story in their own words. Interviews are recorded to preserve the child's story and to minimize potential revictimization that could occur by repeated disclosures of abuse.

331	TOTAL
100	CHAMBERS COUNTY
189	LIBERTY COUNTY
42	COURTESY

INTERVIEWS BY AGE



FEMALE	189
MALE	142

FAMILY ADVOCACY

352
Rainbow Room Items

102
Referrals

1122
Follow Ups

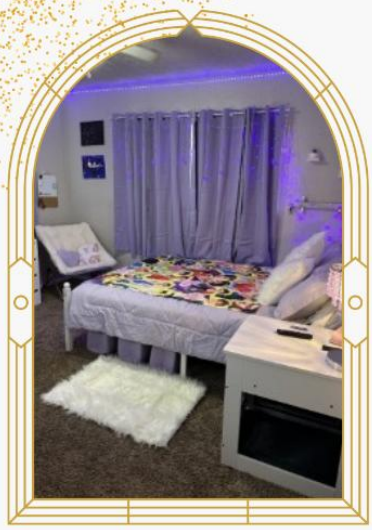
4
Room Makeovers

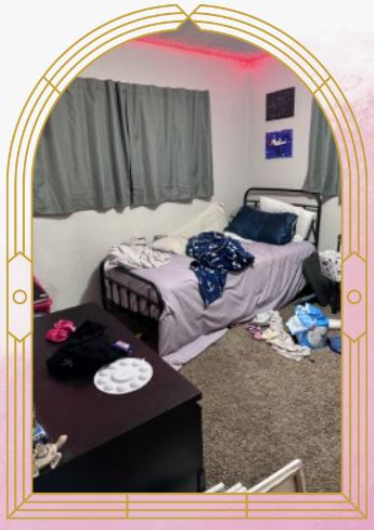
Our advocates are the guiding light to family members that may have been affected by a child's victimization. Family Advocates may provide clothing, tangible resources, and more to families in times of need.

Advocates may also be a support to our clients that require medical services. The presence and strength of an advocate can provide a sense of security for children in times of crisis. Family Advocates are also responsible for our Room Makevoer Program

ROOM MAKEOVER

A Safe Space





Bridgehaven has the unique opportunity to remodel areas in clients' homes where abuse took place, creating a safe and comforting environment. We do this with the hope that they again will feel a sense of security and joy.

This is made possible by funders like you!

MENTAL HEALTH

141
Individuals

1735
Sessions

After initial services have occurred, children and family members may continue the healing process through mental health services. Partnering with Universal Agape Love, Bridgehaven CAC offers free therapy sessions in-person and virtually to offer flexible therapy services.

MEDICAL EXAMS

Thanks to our partnership with Texas Forensic Nurse Examiners and CHRISTUS Hospital St. Elizabeth, we are able to provide free services with providers who are part of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examination Program. These exams are comprehensive, head-to-toe examinations of children who are victims of alleged physical and sexual abuse, physical neglect, and more

59
Children

MULTIDISCIPLINARY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

1,313
Liberty County Intakes Reviewed

517
Chambers County Intakes Reviewed

99
Interviews Due to Follow-Ups

5
Days from first contact to Forensic Interview

As the heart of the CAC model, MEP ensures collaboration and coordination between agencies to ensure the best interests of the children and families we serve.

Our Multidisciplinary Enhancement Program (MEP) is constantly growing and adapting to the needs of the partner agencies we work with.

PARTNER APPRECIATION

BARBERS HILL I.S.D. POLICE DEPARTMENT
BAYTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHAMBERS COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
CHAMBERS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
CHAMBERS COUNTY SHERRIFF'S OFFICE
CHRISTUS HOSPITAL ST. ELIZABETH
CLEVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT
CLEVELAND I.S.D. POLICE DEPARTMENT
DAISETTA POLICE DEPARTMENT
DAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
DFPS (DEPT. OF FAMILY & PROTECTIVE SERVICES)
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS (FBI)
HARRIS COUNTY PCT. 3
LIBERTY COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
LIBERTY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
LIBERTY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
LIBERTY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONT BELVIEU POLICE DEPARTMENT
UNIVERSAL AGAPE LOVE
TXFNE (TEXAS FORENSIC NURSE EXAMINERS)

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

2
Orientations

893
Hours

147
Volunteers

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

2,917
Adults
Served

1,320
Children
Served

219
New
Social Media
Followers

Involving the community in the work we do is something that is necessary in order to grow and strengthen our mission of providing hope and healing to the children and families we serve. Whether that is volunteering time and resources or learning about the work we do, any and all forms of involvement are welcome.

FINANCIALS

SOURCE OF FUNDING	AMOUNT
GRANT INCOME	**$ 958,554.81**
VOCA HHSC OVAG CITY OF MONT BELVIEU UNITED WAY OF GREATER BAYTOWN & CHAMBERS COUNTY	
DONATIONS	**$ 73,159.04**
GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY	
FUNDRAISERS	**$ 193,559.43**
MACHO BINGO ‘23 SANTA BINGO ‘23 FUN RUN ‘24 WEAR BLUE DAY ‘24 KENTUCKY DERBY ‘24 PURSE BINGO ‘24	
GRAND TOTAL	**$ 1,225,273.28**

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DONOR APPRECIATION

$10,000
Anonymous

$5,000 - $9,999
Houston Avocado
Jennifer Seals
Ann Rogers
Bear Plumbing
H-E-B
David Milam Jr.
Cowboy's Ready Mix

$2,000 - $4,999
Shamrock Vacuum Services, Inc.
TCB Elite Fleet, Llc
Heath Massengale
Busch, Sandhop & Baker, LLC
Targa Resources
Gary Nelson
Gaines Reality Group
Susan Daniels
Braxtin Briggles
Kevin & Paige Speer

The important work we do is only possible thanks to our community sharing their time, resources, and their compassion for the children of Liberty and Chambers counties.

From the bottom of our hearts, **thank you** for your commitment to providing hope and healing for the children who have experienced physical, sexual, and emotional abuse.

Our mission is further made possible by our dedicated and highly-trained staff, all of whom share the same compassion for the children and families we serve.

Thank you for treating the clients with the highest level of care, respect, and expertise.

Friends of Bridgehaven who have given at other levels and have chosen to remain anonymous

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