Dear Friends,

I was recently reminded of how far we’ve come as an organization, and as a community, by a simple comment on our organization’s Facebook page. It wasn’t what was said but who said it that took me back through the years. The name was Jennifer Wohlers Velasco...

Jennifer was just four years old when her younger brother Christopher was tragically killed in 1990 at the hands of their stepfather. Christopher’s death led to much-needed reform in the way child abuse cases were handled in Travis County and continues to provide inspiration for me and the entire Child Protection Team. Whenever a particularly difficult case comes through our doors, I often think of Christopher and how his sad reality paved the way for so many other children to get the help they need.

Since the first child walked through our doors in 1992, our commitment to protecting this community’s youngest abuse victims has been unwavering. Over the years, we have grown and our services have expanded to include intervention and education, something you’ll see reflected in this annual report. More and more, after their initial forensic interview, children are returning to the Center for support services such as therapy while their protective parents or caregivers are returning for therapy, parenting classes and parent coaching. Moreover, the Center has become the expert source for information on child abuse and neglect, making us the go-to for community organizations, professionals and parents who seek education on identification, reporting and prevention. After all, in the fight against child abuse, knowledge is one of our best weapons.

It’s a rare day that I don’t think about Christopher. I know that Christopher’s memory lives on because of the sustaining support of our community, donors, volunteers, agency partners and staff. As the old adage goes, “it takes a village,” and for that, we are thankful.

Michael Torres, Executive Director

The Center for Child Protection spent $3,742,798 toward total operations, and held $7,701,219 in net assets at the end of 2013. The generosity and support of our donors is essential to the safety of children in Travis County. We could not respond to the level of need without this community’s commitment. To see a complete list of our donors who contributed $500 and above in 2013, please visit centerforchildprotection.org/about-us/financial-information.
**OVERVIEW OF SERVICES**

1,835 CHILDREN & 1,266 ADULTS RECEIVED

10,335 SERVICES

Community members earned training certificates through education services

3,379

Community members reached through education services

5,334

**AT THE POINT OF INTERVIEW**

836 children received forensic interviews to begin the investigation process

90% of children referred to the Center knew the person who harmed them

69% of children visited the Center for suspected sexual abuse

14% of children visited the Center for suspected physical abuse

14% of children that visited the Center were witnesses to violent crimes

**PROFILE OF CHILDREN SERVED**

- 69% FEMALE
- 31% MALE

Hispanic: 53%
Caucasian: 16%
African American: 15%
Biracial: 8%
Asian/Other: 8%

Ages: 39% ages 6-12, 40% ages 1-5, 21% ages 13+

**OUR IMPACT**

- Total Volunteers: 328
- Total Volunteer Hours: 11,493
- Direct Hours with Children: 6,032
- Value of Volunteer Service: $254K

**OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS**

- Hispanic
- Caucasian
- African American
- Biracial
- Asian/Other

- Ages: 39% ages 6-12, 40% ages 1-5, 21% ages 13+