



20 Annual 22 Report





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ORGANIZATION UPDATE

2022 proved to be an exciting year for the Friends of the Salt Lake County Children's Justice Center Program! In our mission to help child victims and their families transform trauma into resilience, we engaged in new fundraising and awareness initiatives, developed new community partnerships, and supported the Children's Justice Center Program in new and bigger ways than ever before!

This year, the Friends hosted our first ever charitable gala which was held at the Loveland Living Planet Aquarium and was attended by nearly 150 guests! We heard touching stories from people who have been personally impacted by this work and our guests all connected over the shared love for the work the Children's Justice Center Program does. In total, we raised over \$30,000 through sponsorships, ticket sales, silent auction sales, and donations to support the program! We look forward to even more impact in 2023.

Additionally, the Friends stepped up to fill a critical gap in funding for Camp Hope, a wilderness camp that helps child victims of crime break the cycle of abuse through resiliency, leadership, and peer connection. The Salt Lake County Children's Justice Center Program needed \$60,000 to fully fund the camp for the summer of 2023 which the Friends nonprofit was able to fill!

Our year-end campaign was a great success! The Children's Justice Center Program experienced federal funding cuts for two positions that provide direct services. The Friends chose to focus our fundraising efforts on filling this gap for 2023, and through the generosity of our supporters, we raised over \$30,000 to fill the funding cut!

Finally, the Friends nonprofit received incredible support from individuals and partners in our community. Notably, Riverton High School students supported the Friends through their annual Silver Rush event, through which students ask for donations and do odd jobs for neighbors to raise funds for a charitable organization of their choice. In 2022, they chose to support the Children's Justice Center Program and raised \$260,000 in just 3 weeks! In addition, they provided more than 3 truckloads of in-kind donations from students and community members that fulfill a number of needs from the Children's Justice Center Program's needs list. We are incredibly grateful for their support.

We continue to be encouraged by the generosity of our community and the desire to be a part of this important mission to help child victims and their families transform trauma into resilience. We look forward to another successful year and even greater impact for child victims of crime in 2023.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

The CJC is an award-winning program that provides a successful multi-disciplinary team response for 1,600 children ages 17 and under who have been victims of serious physical abuse, shaken baby, sexual abuse and exploitation, drug endangerment, domestic violence, witness to domestic violence or a violent crime, trafficking and child homicide, and more. Each year, over 3,200 children, teens, and family members walk through their doors seeking help, healing, and guidance after they have been a victim of or witnessed a serious crime.

To support this important program, in 2023, the Friends nonprofit provided the Children's Justice Center Program:

Training scholarships for 50 professionals to promote best practices in serving child victims of crime.

Furniture, artwork, and decor to promote a comfortable and healing environment for children.

Funding for two critical staff positions that provide direct care to clients.

Transportation and language services to ensure equal and equitable access service.

Comfort items such as snacks, stuffed animals, and Medical Exam Comfort Kits to help children relax during their visit.

Staff and partner appreciation and resiliency events to support those who are doing this heartbreaking work daily.

Capital improvements, like a new fence, to ensure child, family, and staff safety at the center.

\$60,000 in support of Camp Hope to fully fund the 2023 Wilderness Camp for child victims of crime.

Client booklets and informational items to help the child and their family cope with trauma and find hope and healing.

OUTCOMES

In 2022, the Salt Lake County Children's Justice Center Program served 1,600 child victims of crime and an additional 2,000 family members. In 2022, the Children's Justice Center Program achieved the following outcomes:

- 100% of children interviewed at the program received services from a skilled forensic interviewer. The program trains all detectives and caseworkers using a 3-day research-based training program designed to be sensitive to children. The program also has 3 specialized forensic interviewing staff who conducted 1,240 interviews with child victims. 167 medical examinations were conducted on site.

- \$4,833 in short-term emergency funds were distributed to help over 48 families during a crisis. Parents were grateful to have immediate assistance with meals, medicine, or clothing for children. The program serves families from all socio-economic income levels and about 29% are low income.

- Goal: 90% of parent satisfaction surveys show high parent satisfaction with Children's Justice Center Program services.

Actual:



96% Strongly Agree; The Center staff made sure I understood the reason for our visit to the center.



96% Strongly Agree; My child and I were greeted and received attention in a timely manner.



97% Strongly Agree; My questions were answered to my satisfaction.



97% Strongly Agree; The process for interviewing my child was clearly explained to me.



98% Strongly Agree; The staff was friendly and pleasant.



97% Strongly Agree; The staff provided me with resources to support my child and respond to his or her needs in the days and weeks ahead.



TESTIMONIALS

FROM PARENTS SERVED



"I appreciate the safety and concern they had for my child. They genuinely cared and made sure she was comfortable. They thoroughly walked us through each step of the process and answered every question. They made my child feel loved."



"How friendly and calming they were. My child was able to remember more due to the friendly atmosphere."



"The staff were so friendly and helped my daughter feel at ease and special during a very traumatic time in her life also the breathe like a bear book we were given was a lifesaver during her therapy."



"I just appreciate how professional they were. I thought the case would just be closed and forgotten. It was nice that they followed up later when they didn't need to. They went above and beyond."



"Thank you for making my daughter understand better what I had already told her, that it was not her fault and not everyone is a bad person."



TESTIMONIALS

FROM CHILDREN SERVED



"I liked the peaceful surroundings it was comfortable and I felt safe"



"It was nice to finally talk about what happened and fix the problem."



"It's a place where you can feel safe. I didn't feel like what I told them would be judged."



"I felt like a queen. This place is the best. I loved everything and I felt safe and I love the people too."



"The lady that gave me the stuffed animal is really amazing and made me feel comfortable."



"I liked that they listen to me and what I had to say."



"I liked how they made me feel safe and comfortable and treated me with respect as if she was my own mother. I loved her."

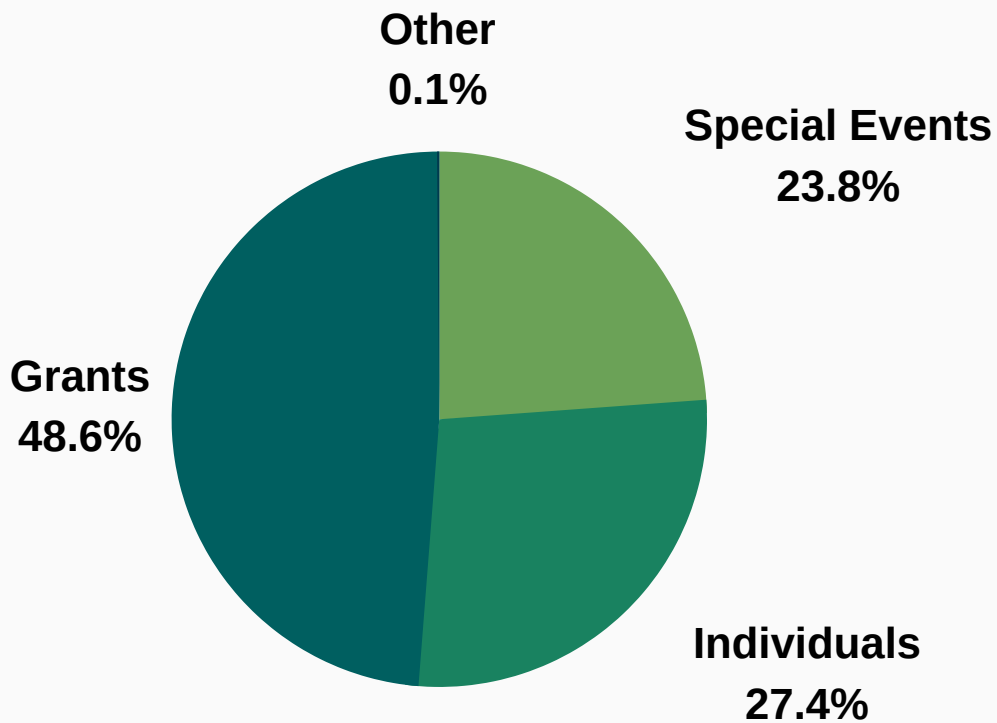


"I like how they listened and solved my problems. They were kind and considerate of my needs."

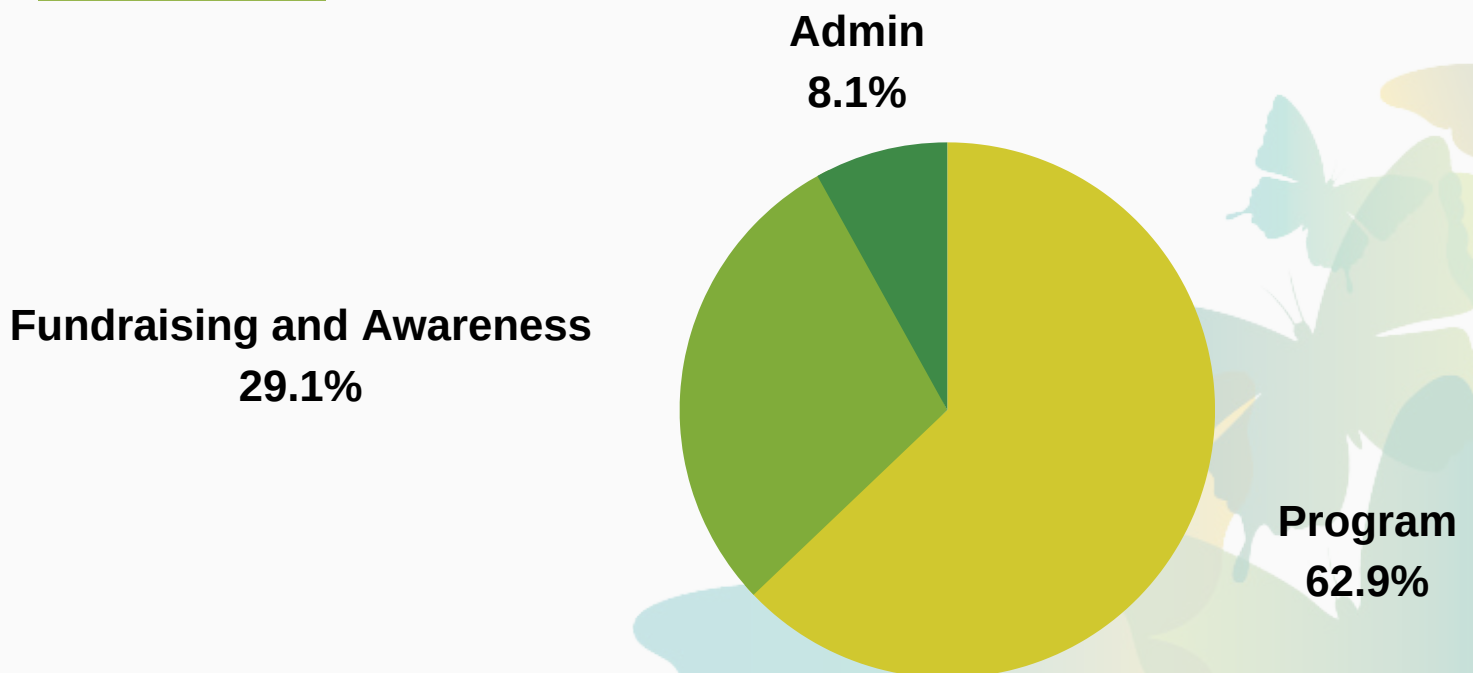


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and their families
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into resilience.

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