

GRATITUDE REPORT 2023-2024



BUTTERFLY BRIDGE
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

**Butterfly Bridge Children's Advocacy center
offers a safe, child-friendly environment to
children victimized by abuse or neglect as we
provide restoration and justice in their lives.**



CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY



DEAR FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS

As we reflect on last year at Butterfly Bridge Children's Advocacy Center, we are filled with deep gratitude for the impact you have made in the lives of the children and families we serve. Because of your generosity, compassion, and unwavering belief in our mission, 327 new children found hope and began their journey toward healing through the highly specialized services they received at Butterfly Bridge Children's Advocacy Center during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

Each child's story is unique—and while we can't share their names, we can tell you that behind every number in this report is a brave child who was met with kindness, expert care, and the promise of a new chapter in their lives. Your support ensured that no child had to walk through the trauma of abuse alone.

Within these pages, you'll see more than just statistics and financials—you'll see the results of a community that came together to stand up for its most vulnerable. Whether you gave your time, your resources, or your voice, you played a vital role in making healing possible.

Thank you for being part of our mission and our story. Together, we are building a world where every child has the chance to be safe, heard, and believed. With heartfelt gratitude,

Jana Zuelzke

Executive Director



BUTTERFLY HEALING GARDEN

The Butterfly Healing Garden will be a space where children who have experienced the trauma of sexual or physical abuse can benefit from the therapeutic elements of nature. We envision a space where there will be native plantings, plants that will attract butterflies, flowing water, a rock garden, and other elements to provide sensory stimulation, which research shows has a positive impact on healing from trauma.

Every month we receive an average of 10 new cases of sexual or physical abuse in Chilton County. When a child is referred to our Center, our focus is to hear their story, heal the pain, and halt the cycle of abuse. These children range in age from 3 to 17 years old. We also serve their non-offending parents/caregivers.

For a child who has experienced trauma, the healing journey is vital to each child living an emotionally, mentally, and physically healthy life. This is why we would like to bring the therapeutic experience of a healing garden to Butterfly Bridge Children's Advocacy Center.



Garden Room A is wrapped with evergreen hedges, a sanctuary of privacy.



Garden B is a sensory garden space filled with enticing sounds, scents and textures, designed to delight.



Garden C is home to a beautiful raised playhouse.



A rock garden and dry creek bed is the focal point of Garden Room D.



Garden Room E is a shaded, hands-on play area.



Learn More about the Healing
Garden on our website



FINANCIALS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Assets

CURRENT ASSETS

River Bank -Checking	\$ 205,492.71
Capital Campaign Checking	2,500.00
River Bank - Satellite	53,459.65
River Bank - Operating Reserve	95,027.76
Accounts Receivable	1,111.31
Grant Receivables	44,996.62
Prepaid Expenses	1,943.42

Total Current Assets

504,668.47

Property & Equipment

Furniture & Fixtures	176,484.13
Leasehold Improvements - Building	803,932.31
Leasehold Improvements - Land	88,139.33
Equipment	110,809.03
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(151,984.37)

1,027,380.43

Non Current Assets

Intangibles	15,010.00
Accumulated Amortization	(15,010.00)
Security Deposits	100.00

100.00

1,532,148.90

Liabilities & Net Assets

CURRENT LIABILITIES

United Way Withholding	\$ 334.16
State W/H Payable	1,329.24
Simple IRA- Morgan Stanley	2,606.20
941 Taxes Payable	4,196.45
Payables	5,162.29
Unearned Revenue	35,000.00
Construction Loan	0.00

Total Current Liabilities

48,628.34

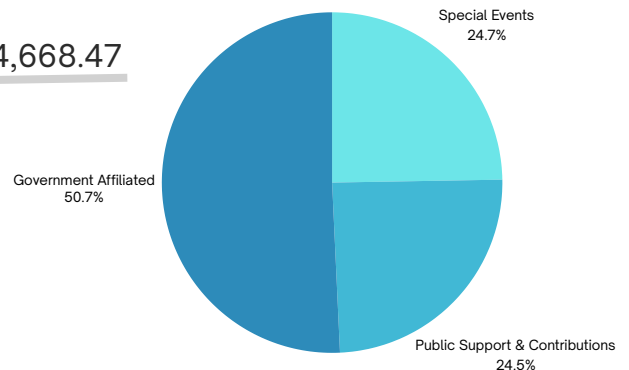
NET ASSETS

Net Assets - without donor restrictions	127,102.78
Net Assets - with donor restrictions	1,356,417.78

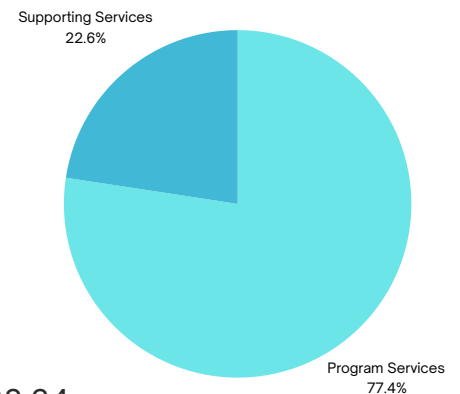
1,483,520.56

\$ 1,532,148.90

INCOME



EXPENSES



STATS

Every day, children who have experienced abuse find hope and healing at Butterfly Bridge Children's Advocacy Center. Here, they are met with compassionate professionals and dedicated community partners who walk beside them through the difficult journey of trauma and recovery.

Our center offers a safe, welcoming environment where children can share their stories and begin to reclaim their sense of safety and trust. Families, too, are supported with vital resources, guidance, and—most importantly—a place where healing truly begins.



344



1,695



2,528



36



1,092



23

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS: 344

Specially trained staff members at Butterfly Bridge CAC conduct legally justifiable fact-finding interviews with children at the request of law enforcement or the Department of Human Resources during child abuse investigations. The interviews are designed to allow a child to disclose abuse if abuse has occurred.

COUNSELING: 1,695

Evidence based, trauma informed interventions allows child victims and their non-offending family members the chance to heal from abuse. Services include: therapeutic services for child abuse victims, psychoeducational support groups for non-offending family members, and referrals to other needed community resources.

ADVOCACY: 2,528

Advocacy is designed to provide a continuum of care for children and families throughout the criminal justice process. We working closely with the local multi-disciplinary team of professionals who investigate cases. We also provide support through the process to make sure no clients' needs go unmet.

MDT MEETINGS: 36 & CASES STAFFED: 1,092

BBCAC coordinates intervention among child welfare professionals in Chilton, Autauga, and Elmore counties to ensure protection of victims and their non-offending family members. Communication across agencies strengthens criminal cases so that perpetrators can be held accountable, keeping our community safe.

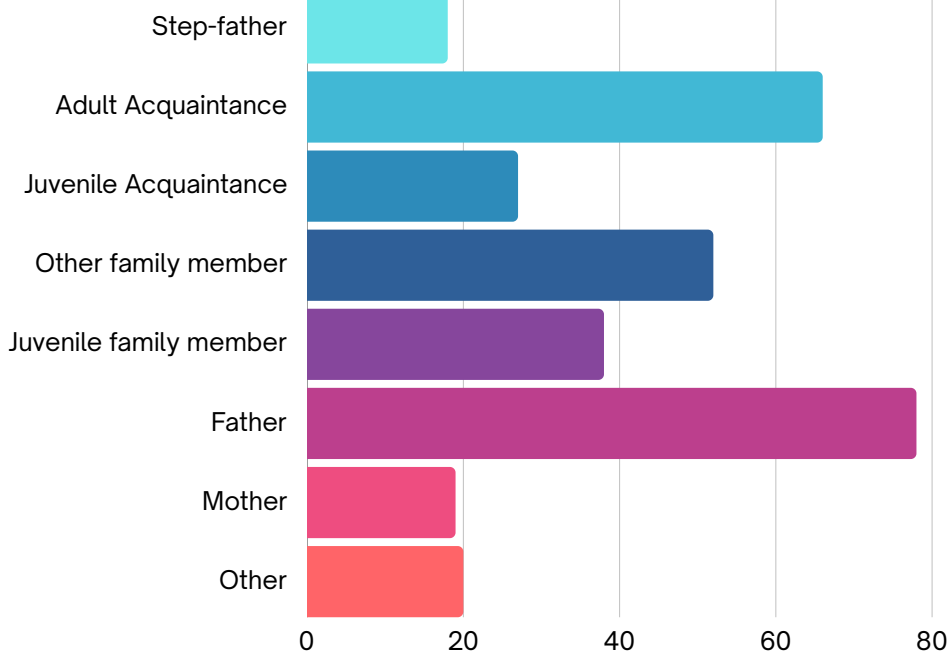
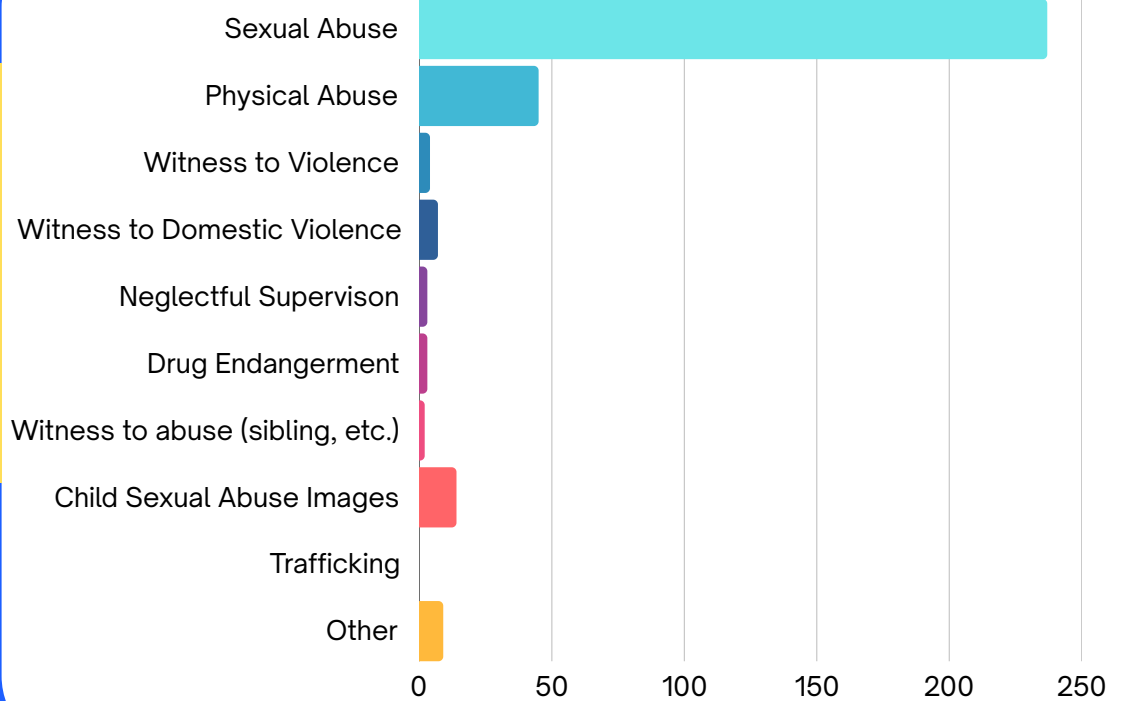
MEDICAL: 23

After a disclosure or concern of abuse, it is often helpful for a child to see a health professional. Butterfly Bridge CAC offers on-site, forensically-sound medical services by a specially-trained pediatric sexual assault nurse examiner (Pedi-SANE). This is at no cost to the family. Medical services are provided in a child-friendly exam room using state-of-the-art equipment. The medical exam is not painful or invasive.

5,695 TOTAL SERVICES



REASON FOR REFERRAL



RELATIONSHIP TO ALLEGED OFFENDER



OUTREACH & EDUCATION



Children & Teens
equipped with prevention information

2,074

Community Professionals trained

899

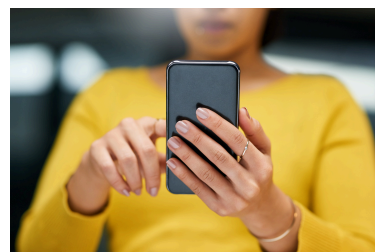


Community Members informed

2,288

Reached through Social Media & Website

385.2K



Butterfly Bridge CAC staff deliver free training and educational programs on child abuse prevention and response to both community members and professionals who work with children. These efforts help raise awareness, strengthen protective networks, and build a more informed, responsive community.



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Passion. That's the common attribute of those that work for our organization.



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Coosa Outdoor Worship Spot
Cox Chapel Methodist Church of Bibb
First Methodist Church Women's Group
First Presbyterian Church Prattville
First Presbyterian Wetumpka
FUMC - 4:19 Bass Club
Mountain Springs Church
Mt. Nebo Methodist Church
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church
New Life Community Church
Temple Assembly of God
Verbena United Methodist Church
West End Baptist Sojourners Sunday School Class

CIVIC CLUBS

Clanton Evening Lions Club
Clanton Kiwanis Club
Clanton Lions Club
Prattville Lions Club
Prattville Millbrook Sunrise Rotary Club
Rotary Club of Chilton County
The Fleur De Lis Garden Club
Wetumpka Lions Club

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City of Prattville
City of Tallassee
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for helping change a child's story

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