'17 ANNUAL REPORT

making strides



the tree house

CAC of Montgomery County, MD

Where hope and healing take root



“My family will forever be grateful to you for your care, compassion, understanding and support during our crisis.”

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living starts with listening

Sophia's Story

No nine-year old should ever have experienced the trauma that Sophia endured. Here she sat in the waiting room of the Tree House a victim of both sexual and physical abuse. She was waiting to see our board-certified child abuse Pediatrician.

When Sophia arrived, she was despondent and disconnected. Our pediatrician spoke with her. Sophia disclosed that she had been sexually and physically abused by "Uncle" Mike. Confused she recounted the abuse at the hand of a close family friend. An adult figure who had once been kind and generous. Small gifts as tokens of his affection. Special trips to the ice cream shop. How had these happy moments somehow warped into a nightmare of sexual abuse that began when she was 7? The abuse would escalate to physical if she cried out in pain or attempted to refuse his advances. Now, two years later, she felt hopeless.

Sophia admitted to the pediatrician that she was suicidal. This was no life that she wanted to live. No memories that she wanted to have. Our pediatrician immediately sent her to the hospital emergency room for admission. This is where hope stepped in.

Six months later, Sophia has been in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with a specialty trained therapist at the Tree House. She says that she is thankful that our pediatrician listened to her problems and sent her to the hospital. Suicide is no longer her only option for escape. She wants to live.

Though small in years, Sophia has a heart full of insight. She continues to make strides in therapy working through her trauma one session at a time. Her healing has been granted the opportunity to take root.



“Adults sometimes forget that our changing times not only affect adults, but the silent victims of change, our children. They are the most vulnerable. They, based on their innocent youth, try to address fears in the best way they can. But we have to listen to them very carefully, and if we do, we will hear them loud and clear.”

EVELYN SHUKAT
PEDIATRICIAN

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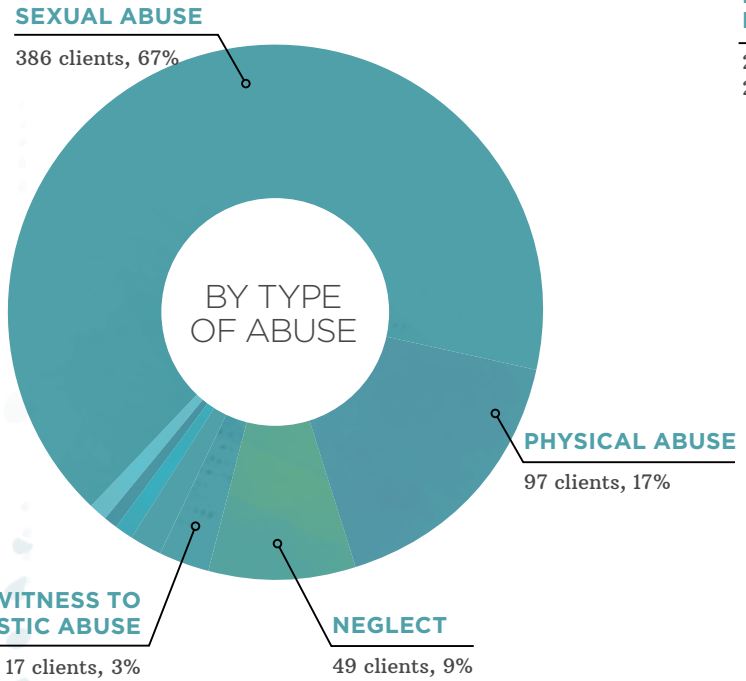
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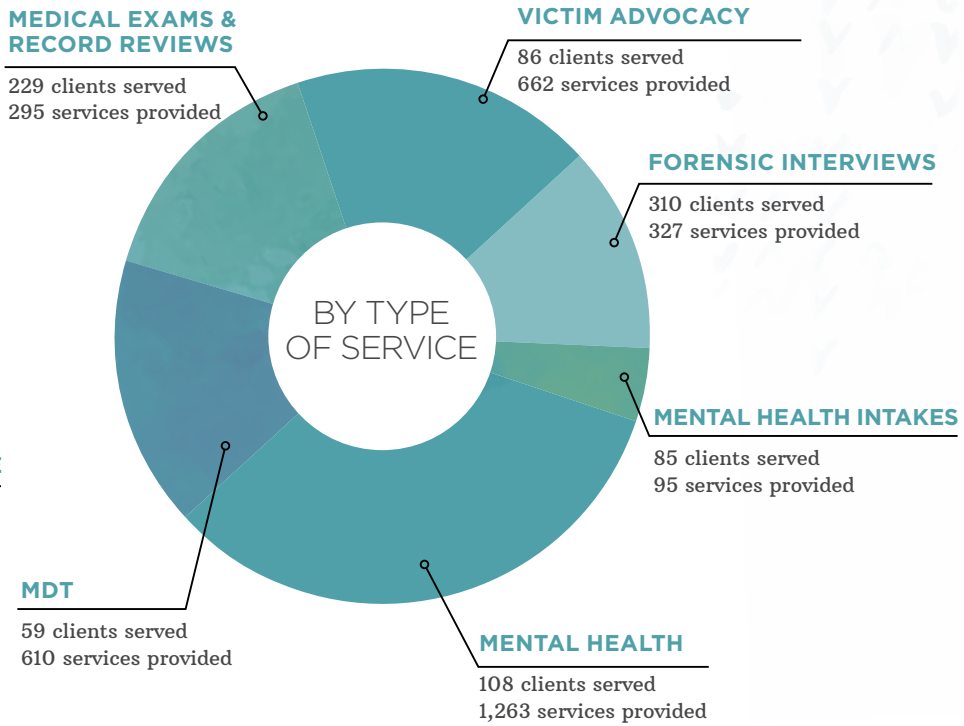
the sad truth

One out of every four girls and one out of every six boys will be sexually abused by the time they are eighteen years old.

advancing our aid

Children and Families Served & Services Provided





MENTAL INJURY/NEGLECT . . . . . 3 clients, 0%

TRAFFICKING . . . . . 3 clients, 1%

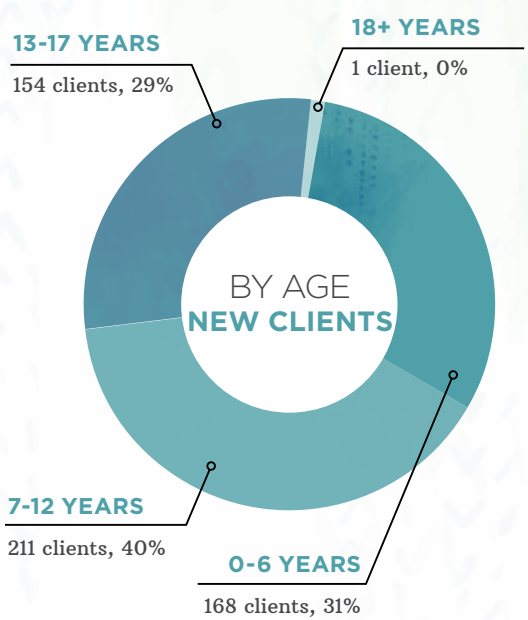
OTHER . . . . . 6 clients, 1%

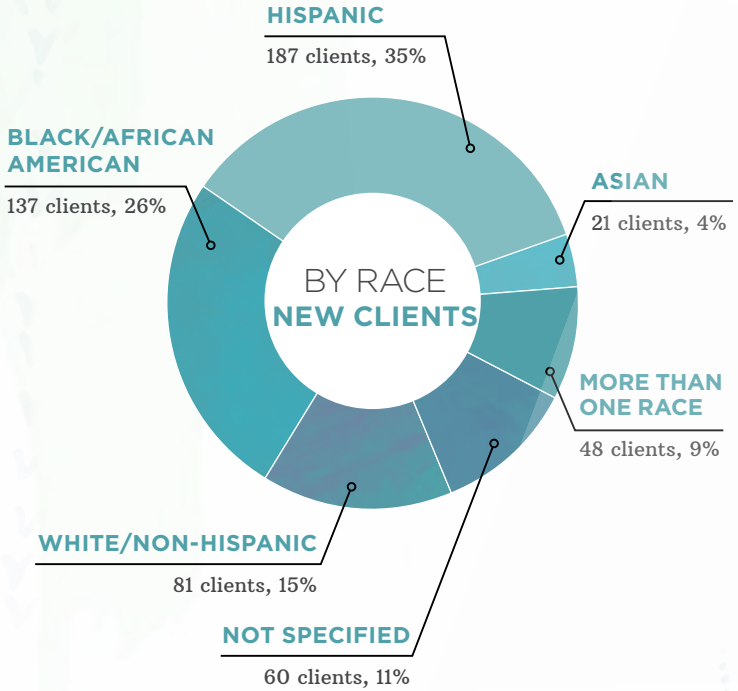
PARENTAL CONCERN OF ABUSE . . . . . 11 clients, 2%

Often, children experience more than one type of Victimization.

Victimization, Services, Age, Race, and Gender Data. Charts and figures reflect data July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

534 NEW CLIENTS | 111 ONGOING CLIENTS

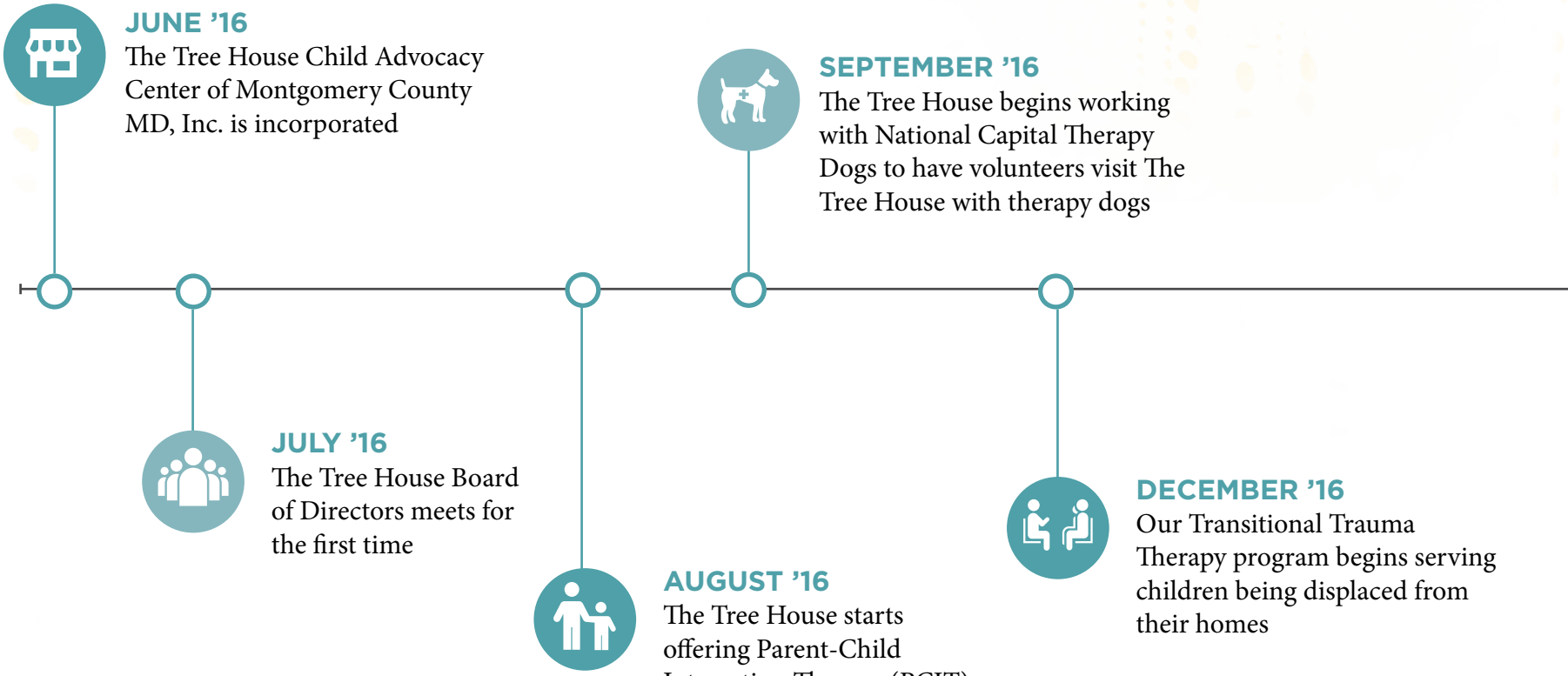






paving a path for our future

Leaps and Bounds of Improvements



JUNE '16
The Tree House Child Advocacy Center of Montgomery County MD, Inc. is incorporated

JULY '16
The Tree House Board of Directors meets for the first time

AUGUST '16
The Tree House starts offering Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)

SEPTEMBER '16
The Tree House begins working with National Capital Therapy Dogs to have volunteers visit The Tree House with therapy dogs

DECEMBER '16
Our Transitional Trauma Therapy program begins serving children being displaced from their homes

JANUARY '17
The forensic interview room gets high definition video equipment

MARCH '17
Lego, The Tree House Therapy Dog, arrives

The Tree House receives its tax-exempt status from the IRS

MAY '17
The 5th annual Tree House Tour de Cookie is a great success, with over 700 registrants. We raised over $41,000!

A second Spanish-speaking therapist is hired

The Tree House becomes a registered charitable organization in the state of Maryland

JUNE '17
The medical suite gets a new colposcope

Our mental health staff is trained in a new therapy, Alternatives for Families: a Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AF-CBT)

The move to our new space in Suite 700 begins!

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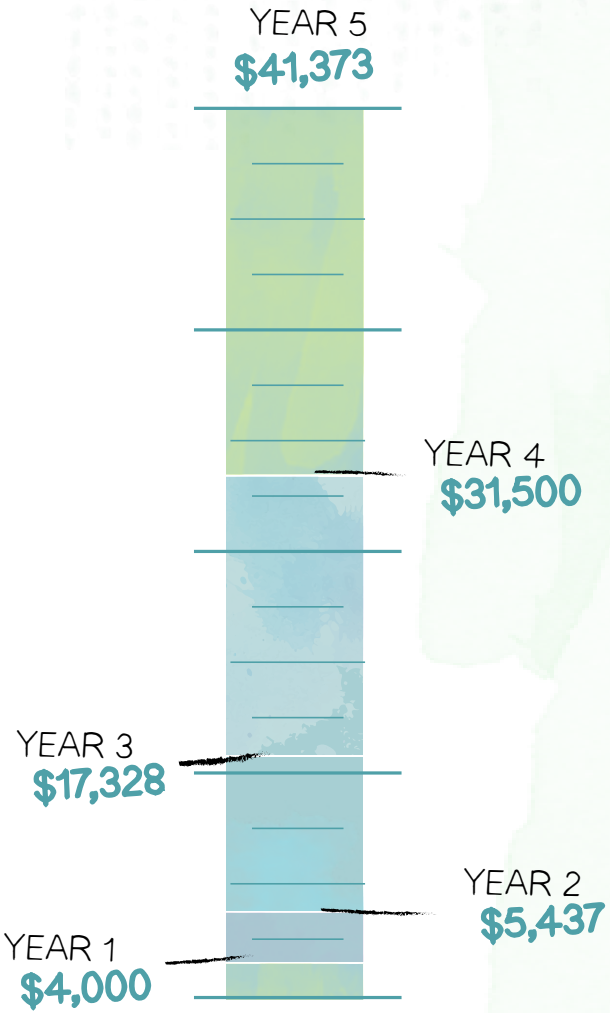


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five years of tour de cookie

Nourishing a Sweet Way to Raise Awareness

The Tree House Tour de Cookie is our annual delicious bike ride from cookie stand to cookie stand. It began in 2013 simply as an awareness event. We wanted county residents to learn about the services provided by The Tree House in a fun, family-friendly way. Well, apparently, our community really enjoys biking and cookies. In the 5 years of our event, ridership swelled from 262 riders to 710 riders! People came, people enjoyed, people told their friends and family, and then they all returned for a great time the next year. This has had a tremendous impact on The Tree House. In year one we basically broke even financially on the event, but 2017's event raised over $41,000, enough to pay for another staff therapist. Word has spread, Tree House Tour de Cookie bumper stickers and t-shirts can be seen often in our community, and most importantly, many more people are aware of the services we provide at The Tree House.



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Can’t wait for next year. Knowing more about your organization makes me even more interested, and I plan to spread the word next year.



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(a referral can include multiple children).

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Carolyn De Cassan Cameron
Nika Dumisani
Jillian Ernst
Salika Fazenbaker
April Febrey
Shannon Feinman
Diana Foley
Tim Foley
Sandy Fowler
Beth Freeze
Drew Gilroy
Julia Gilroy
Samantha Gilroy
Janine Gonzaga
Gerald Hayward
Molly Hayward-Koert
Cassie Heagy
Nanci Hemberger
Maya Himawan
Riley Hoffman
Andrea Kenny
Charlotte Kenny
Mike Kenny
Owen Kenny
Toni Kenny
Chloe Kincaid
Madison Kincaid
Jesse Koert
Julianna Koert
Alison Kramer-Kuhn
Sydney Lauricella-Reed
Nicole Little-Cook
Andrea McGroarty
Corey McGroarty
Jacky McGroarty
Alexandra Merino

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Sandra Merino
Jen Moreno
Jenn Moss
Mary Murphy
Kelley Osborne
Rebecca Osborne
Kristin Page
Macy Palmer
Joya Patel
Stacy Philipson
Judy Phillips
Theresa Phillips
Patty Powers
Larry Price
Kristine Rodgers
Alicia Rosov
Deborah Ruddy
John Ruddy
Natalie Shuster
Lisa Sieg
Patrick Sieg
Erin Stillwell

Cathie Sutton
Laurie Tyler
Cindy Vargas
Carol Wagner
Kim Walker
Susie Warner
Margaret Weiner
Stephanie Wolf
Robyn Wool Parks
Mitchell Wool
Anne Wright
Vivian Yao
Ramona Zeender

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financials

Forging Ahead from a Strong Foundation

REVENUE	
County Grants	$ 542,500
State Grants	183,032
Foundation Grants	57,250
Event Income	53,193
Contributions	34,009
Federal Grants	28,000
Service Fees	17,440
TOTAL	**$ 915,424**

EXPENSES	
Salaries and Benefits	$ 447,480
Consultant Staff	291,550
Program Overhead Expenses	57,162
Training and Membership	34,496
Office Supplies & Expenses	28,612
Community Outreach	19,005
Direct Client Services	15,001
TOTAL	**$ 893,306**

EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES **$ 22,118**

meet Lego

Introducing Lego, the newest addition to The Tree House CAC team! On April 4, 2015, a black Labrador Retriever was born at The Guide Dog Foundation facility. This puppy spent 18 months with his puppy raiser, learning basic commands, how to behave in public and became an all-around good canine citizen. He then was sent to start his official guide dog training. During this time he decided on a career change, becoming a guide dog for the blind was just not his calling. We at The Tree House had been connected with The Guide Dog Foundation through National Capital Therapy Dogs, Inc. and it was a match meant to be! Lego arrived in March and continued training as a therapy dog for The Tree House. In August, he became a fully certified therapy dog. He provides love and attention and helps alleviate the tension and anxiety our clients feel as they wait for and undergo services. Lego enjoys his time with the children and is a key part of the hope and healing we provide.



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