

2023 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023

OUR MISSION To Protect Children,
Strengthen Families, and Build Community.

DREAM BELIEVE. ACHIEVE.

Letter from Leadership

In many ways, FY23 was a banner year for Safe Children Coalition.

Last year we served the highest number of children across all programs and services in the organization's history, serving nearly 9,700 children. Remarkably, the number of children in our Out of Home Care and Licensed Foster Care Homes went down by nearly 23%, while the number of children in our Prevention and Diversion programs increased by 45%. We improved support and referrals to keep children out of foster care and expanded our prevention programs. We reduced caseloads to ensure children spent the time they needed in care and got them back home with their families as quickly and safely as possible. Our nearly 300 staff members pour their hearts and souls into our mission every day. They go above and beyond because, for many of them, SCC's mission is also their mission.

With the support of donors like you, we've shown thousands of children and families that they can **Dream. Believe. And Achieve a better future.**

An essential element of our success is our volunteer leaders. We are happy to say that our Board and Committee Members – representatives of professionals in our community who care about children and adoptive parents and with backgrounds in banking and finance, healthcare, real estate, and law – continue to guide us through the complex challenges that come with being a community-based care organization.

Last year the number of children to whom we provided services grew from 9,285 to 9,696—a nearly 4.5% increase. In this report, you'll see how you helped us make a difference for children who are homeless, and those coping with domestic violence, physical abuse, and neglect. And how our prevention and diversion programs keep thousands of children safe with their families and out of the child welfare system.

A story the numbers don't tell is the increase in severity of teens coming into care. Parents of teens who are being released from a Baker Act (72-hour mandatory hold for children deemed at risk to themselves or others) are presenting with the inability to cope with their children. Our Youth Shelter has served as a step-down unit for these children until they can get the support they need to safely return home or to another appropriate placement for their care.

Another challenge is the high cost of caring for difficult teens in our care. It's hard to find placement for teens with extreme behavioral issues. And when we do find placement, the daily cost to care for them is high.

But no matter the challenges, we are committed to caring for every child who needs us, and we will turn no child away.

Last year, we brought another long-awaited milestone to pass with the kickoff of the quiet phase of our capital campaign to build a new Youth Shelter. We're thankful for our early supporters and donors, and we invite you to learn more at sccyouthshelter.org.

We can't – and don't – do any of the above alone. Our community partners are pivotal in forming the safety net of services for children and families in our community. We thank every partner, agency, and the community at large for its support in our crucial work.

The other part of the story is the over 650 donors, including you, who support us by giving their resources to help children. As a unique public/private partnership, Safe Children Coalition is one of a kind in our community. We care for every child who needs us in Circuit 12 – Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto counties regardless of their backgrounds. When protective services knock on our door because a child is in need, we answer. ALWAYS. No exceptions.

We're in the business of helping children and families DREAM. Believe. And Achieve. The impact of our programs and services on the lives of children and the quality of life in our community goes beyond the numbers and creates ripple effects that will be felt far beyond our presence.

Thank you for supporting our children and families. We are committed to continuing the work to keep our community's children safe. And with your continued support, we'll get closer and closer to our vision of all children growing up in safe, stable, nurturing families and communities.



Brian Goodrich
Board Chair



Brena Slater
President and CEO



OUR IMPACT

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9,696 } Children and families served in Foster Care, Adoption, and prevention and diversion programs.

24,552 } Books were read by nearly **120 preschoolers** ages 2 – 5 in our HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) Program. Through an evidence-based home visiting program, we conducted nearly 5,000 home visits to partner with parents and children for educational success. Nearly 95% of children transitioning to kindergarten from this program successfully pass the school readiness assessment, showing the significant impact of the program to prepare underserved preschoolers for a strong start to their educational journey.

2,883 } **Emergency Safe Shelter Bed Nights** were provided to homeless teens ages 10 – 17 facing mental health and behavioral challenges, severe family conflict, abandonment, and runaway situations. Teens receive temporary housing, and individual and family counseling and therapy during an average 30-day stay. While in care teens receive critical services to stabilize their lives. This represents a 6% increase in bed nights over last year. Our Youth Shelter moved to a temporary facility this year while awaiting construction of a customized space to help us serve more youth.

1,055 } **Homeless and unaccompanied youth** received services through Schoolhouse Link, a collaborative partnership with the Sarasota County School Board, to help children stay in school, and help teens graduate. This represents a nearly 40% increase over the number of children served in the program last year.

21,585 } **Hours were dedicated** to free school-based counseling services through our Youth Prevention Services, serving 4,256 children, a 45% increase over last year. We're proud to collaborate with school systems, law enforcement, and numerous community partners to keep children safe and with their families and out of the child welfare system.

1,549 } **Children of all ages were served in Licensed Foster Care Homes** and Out of Home Care Placement in Circuit 12 (Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto counties.) We're happy to report the number of children in care has gone down, while the number of children served in our prevention programs have gone up.

169 } **Children from infants to teens found their Forever Homes** through our Adoption Program.

Thank you for
caring about children
in our community.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2022: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Revenue

Contracts and Government Grants	\$54,270,433
Gifts – Corporations, Foundations, Contributions	2,926,669
Program fees	40,945
In-Kind Contributions	268,705
Investment Income	67,030*
Other Revenue	17,622
Change in the Beneficial Interest of the SCC Foundation	279,166
Total Revenue	\$57,736,510

Expenses

Program services	\$55,368,245
Management and General	1,159,573
Fundraising	455,019
Total Expenses	\$56,982,837

*Estimate at time of printing. Visit sccfl.org for final FY22 audited financials when available.

97¢ of Every Dollar
went back to programs and services
for children and families.

THANKFUL TO OUR COMMUNITY

We're thankful for everyone – over 650 donors last year – who became a part of our 'village' to care for our community's children. The combination of state and local government support and private philanthropy makes our unique public/private partnership work. No gift is too big or too small to help keep our community's children safe. **Thank you to the following top corporate, foundation, organizational, and government supporters of \$10,000 or more during Fiscal Year 2022-2023.**

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Thank you to our Impact Partners.



HURRICANE IAN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The kindness and generosity of our community is always evident and was especially so in September of 2022 during and after Hurricane Ian. The storm had hardly passed when community members began sharing their resources and asking what they could do to help our families and staff recover and get back on track. We are so grateful to live in a community that cares deeply about our children and families.

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