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COURT CARE FOR THE PIKES PEAK REGION 2016-2017 Report to the Community

We Let Children Play

Prior to Court Care, thousands of children were brought into the El Paso County Judicial Complex with parents or caregivers. Children either sat in courtrooms and potentially suffered serious emotional trauma, or worse, were left unattended roaming courthouse hallways. When you consider the fact that many people are at the courthouse for criminal cases, including kidnapping and child sexual abuse, this is a frightening situation. Court Care provides free, licensed childcare for court-users and keeps children safe and protected.

A Fourth Judicial District staff member relates, **“Children should never have to be in a courtroom.** Having a safe, fun place for these kids to go is awesome! I hear so many wonderful things about Court Care and would feel safe taking my own kids there. We need Court Care. **Kids should not have to witness the things that go on in courtrooms.”**

This past fiscal year **Court Care had 4,659 children from 3,110 families visit us while their parents or caretakers were in court-proceedings.** That represents a 7.3% increase in usage from the previous fiscal year. We have added an additional full-time teacher to ensure we meet the demand for services and provide top quality childcare every day. Court Care’s qualified staff make sure **children are well cared for, encouraged to play, and just be kids** while their parents attend to the very grown-up matters, like domestic violence, rape or divorce, discussed in courtrooms every day. The majority of these children are low-income (95%) and live with single mothers (75%).

One single mother of three writes, **“We have used Court Care on several occasions. Most of these have been for my not-so-great divorce. Each time Court Care has been a HUGE help and weight lifted off my shoulders.** My kids love coming. They are treated with love, kindness, and respect. The ladies who work here are always sweet and kind to all of us. **They took care of my kids so I could focus on other matters.”**

We know that children do not belong in courtrooms, and we are thrilled and honored to provide free, licensed childcare for anyone who needs to be in court in our region. In fact, since our founding in 2003 **more than 54,000 children have visited Court Care.**

“Having a safe, fun place for these kids to go is awesome!”



Our Mission:

To provide quality child care in a safe, family-friendly environment for the children of individuals who have court-related business.

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Save-the-Date Protect the Children 5K Run / Walk

Please join us in Spring 2018 for our sixth annual fundraising race.

Check our website for details. www.CourtCare.org

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Letter from the Co-Presidents

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

We are pleased and honored to share Court Care's successes with you. Our financials are positive, and we are adapting and growing to meet the increasing demand for our services. Ultimately, our successes are measured not in dollars or data, but in the impact we make in the lives of families. **We keep children safe and protected and allow parents to attend their legal matters with dignity and without the distraction children may cause.** This is only possible because of you - our generous partners and stakeholders. We thank you for investing in our community's children.

In order to ensure we can meet the demand for childcare services, we added a fourth full-time teacher in summer 2017. Since Court Care is a licensed facility, we are required to maintain the mandated staff to child ratios at all times. When we are at capacity, children and families must be turned away until space opens. Adding an additional qualified teacher will help to ensure this doesn't happen and that we can care for more children. However, it also means we are facing increased staffing expenses, and we need your support.

We ask you to join with us and help protect children by making a gift today. Your support will help guarantee children are safe and do not have to sit in our community's courtrooms. Plus, if you make a tax-deductible donation from now through December 31, 2017 on www.indygive.com/ccppr your gift will go even further because it will be matched by our generous local companies and individuals. Thank you for your consideration and for making a difference in the lives of our community's children. We thank you and appreciate you.

Sincerely,


Beau Kelly
Co-President


Jennifer Viehman
Co-President

Fiscal Year End Financial Snapshot (FYE 06/30/17)

INCOME

TOTAL: \$273,354.36

Sources of Income

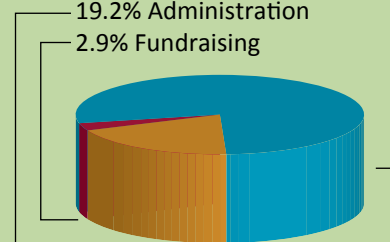
- 34.3% Foundation grants (private, corporate, and local governmental grants)
- 27.4% State of Colorado – Family Friendly Court Act
- 15.7% In-kind contributions
- 9.1% El Paso County – DHS Quality Child Care Grant
- 4.9% Individual contributions
- 3.8% Protect the Children 5K Run / Walk
- 3.7% Business contributions
- 1.1% Interest & Dividends

EXPENSES

TOTAL: \$234,057.12

Breakdown by Percentage

- 77.9% Program
- 19.2% Administration
- 2.9% Fundraising



Net Income: \$39,297.24

Court Care's 2016 Give! campaign funds have been broken into individual donations and business gifts as appropriate. Give! grossed \$18,667.55 for Court Care in FY17.

It's the Best Time of Year to Give!



"Thanks to Court Care I was able to go to both of my court appointments and my son enjoyed himself"

– Domestic Violence Victim



Court Care relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations, foundations, and governmental grants to provide childcare services. For every \$50 donated, a child can be kept safe and protected at Court Care while her parents are in court.

Donations made to Court Care may qualify for the **Colorado Childcare Contribution Tax Credit** (50%) in addition to all federal and state tax benefits. There are three easy ways to donate. Return a check in the enclosed envelope, donate online at www.CourtCare.org/donate or support Court Care in the Give! campaign.

Court Care is once again participating in the 2017 Give! campaign. From November 1 - December 31 you can securely donate to Court Care through the Give! website and get great rewards – like gift certificates to local businesses. Plus our sponsors will match your donation and so it will go even further! The 2016 Give! campaign raised \$18,667.55 to support programming. This year our goal is \$20,000. Donate online today at www.CourtCare.org/ccppr

Thanks to our sponsors for matching donations made to Court Care through Give!



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Donations are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Your donation may be eligible for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit. Please consult your tax advisor for eligibility and more information.

Other Ways YOU Can Help Court Care

We need volunteers to help at our center or with fundraising / events.*

Most wanted donation items

We need washable art supplies like markers, crayons, and paints, construction paper, diapers or pull-ups in any size, and baby wipes.

Donate your gently used children's books to us.

We give every child a free book to take home following each visit to encourage reading at home.

For more information, please email info@courtcare.org or call us at 719.452.5499

*Background check required





Meet Our Center Director Brazail Lazard

If you haven't had a chance to meet our Center Director yet, please stop by the El Paso County Judicial Complex Room S140 to say hello. Brazail has been with Court Care for four years, and has worked in childcare for more than 25 years.

Brazail asserts her favorite thing about working at Court Care is the families she meets. She says, "I love taking the stress off of parents. The courthouse is a stressful place, regardless of why you are there. When parents come into Court Care they relax and know

their children are in a safe place." She reassures parents, "your kids are in good hands."

Brazail and her staff provide children a positive and safe environment, and parents regularly convey their appreciation. In fact, more than 99% of families that used Court Care last year reported that they would happily do so again.

One parent wrote, "I would like to say how wonderful all the staff at Court Care are! They provide exceptional care and are well trained! My child asks to go to Court Care wherever there is an opportunity. I am so thankful this resource is available. Everyone is so kind and sweet. Thanks so much for all the love you share with my children."

"your kids are in good hands"



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50,000 Children Celebration

In March 2017 Court Care hosted a fun-filled celebration at the Penrose House. The event commemorated having cared for 50,000 children since our founding. We were honored to have Mayor John Suthers, El Paso County Commissioner Darryl Glenn, El Pomar COO Kyle Hybl, Chief Justice Gilbert Martinez, District Attorney Dan May, and many others join us for this celebratory evening. Mayor Suthers remarked, "I have spent many days in courtrooms where many human dramas are played out that are for mature audiences only. Court Care is a pleasant refuge for children."

Court Care honored retired El Paso County Administrator Terry R. Harris with an award that will subsequently bear his name. Harris said, "serving those

50,000 children has long-lasting effects. Future generations will benefit from the impact of Court Care, and the impact on their families and friends cannot be measured."

Thank you to all who attended or supported Court Care on our journey to having cared for 50,000 children. Our gratitude goes to El Pomar Foundation for hosting this event.



VP of Operations Cindy Morgan, and Court Care Executive Director Jan Weiland
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Chief Justice Gilbert Martinez and former El Paso County Administrator Terry R. Harris



Court Care Board Member Sallie Clark with Terry and Bonnie Harris



Court Care Executive Director Jan Weiland, Court Care Co-President Beau Kelly, and honoree Terry R. Harris

Leave a Legacy

In order to ensure Court Care is available for future generations, we ask you to consider making a gift today. There are three easy ways to give: return the enclosed envelope with a check, donate online at www.CourtCare.org/donate or from now until December 31, 2017 invest via the Give! campaign at www.indygive.com/ccppr

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