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## COURT CARE FOR THE PIKES PEAK REGION

# 2017-2018 Report to the Community

### Court Care Provides a Safe, Protective Environment for Kids in Need

Do you remember, as a child, the first time you heard a parent or other adult yell or raise their voice in anger? Now that you're older, being in earshot of a loud, enraged adult may still be un-nerving. But to a child, that experience can be terrifying; even life-altering.

Court Care lets children avoid heated, contentious courtroom proceedings involving their parents (who may be battling over divorce, abuse, child molestation, or other serious charges) by putting them in the safe and happy environment of an on-site childcare center called Court Care. Children learn and play in a setting just steps away from the courtroom—but world's away from the unsettling sights and sounds of confrontational adults. Thanks to Court Care, a child never has to enter the courtroom with his or her parent(s).

In 2017, Court Care looked after more than 5,200 children—ages 6 weeks to 14 years—whose parents were called to court in the Pikes Peak Region. A mom recently described to us the positive impact Court Care had on her family:

Sarah was facing a contentious divorce. Her husband was bipolar and refused medication and treatment. Their home life became increasingly unstable, abusive, and violent. Sarah knew she had to protect herself and their three-year-old son, Toby. She had always tried to keep Toby safe and isolated from the abuse, but Sarah realized it was having a negative impact on his social, psychological, and physical development. She tried to escape with her son to her parent's house after one particularly bad incident, but her enraged husband followed them. The next day, she filed for a restraining order and for a divorce.

In order to get a restraining order and begin her divorce proceedings, Sarah needed to appear in court on multiple occasions. Her family members were also her witnesses, and she feared for her son's safety if she left him with a neighbor or a babysitter. When Sarah learned about Court Care and the security measures Court Care puts in place, she felt comforted about moving forward with her divorce proceedings. Court Care took care of Sarah's son every time she needed to be in court. Toby loved working on art projects and enjoyed choosing a book to bring home after each visit.

*Sarah says, "I am so grateful to Court Care. There were things being discussed in the courtroom that no innocent child should have to hear or see. I would not have been able to give the testimonies my full attention if I also needed to keep Toby quiet during my proceedings. The Court Care staff was invaluable to me. To Toby, they provided a loving, nurturing blanket of care and attention that he needed and deserved."*



#### 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 2019 for our seventh annual fundraising race.

Check our website for details. [www.CourtCare.org/5k](http://www.CourtCare.org/5k)

Thanks to our generous 2018 sponsors:



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Support Court Care and your gift will be matched!

Details on page 3. [www.indygive.com/ccpr](http://www.indygive.com/ccpr)



**About Court Care:** Court Care for the Pikes Peak Region provides free, drop-in, licensed child care to families that have court-related business in the Fourth Judicial District Court (serving El Paso and Teller Counties) and Colorado Springs Municipal Court. In partnership with Early Connections Learning Center, Court Care cares for children ages six weeks to 14 years old. In the past fifteen years, Court Care has provided a safe, fun and supportive environment for more than 60,000 children and their families. Court Care is a 501 (c) (3) organization.



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# Fiscal Year End Financial Snapshot (FYE 6/30/18)

## INCOME

Total: \$285,114.76

### Sources of Income

37.5%	Government grants (state, county, local)
34.9%	Private/corporate foundations
3.7%	Businesses
4.4%	Protect the Children 5K
4.8%	Individual contributions
14.7%	In-kind contributions (facility space)

\*\*Court Care's 2017 Give! campaign funds have been broken into individual donations and business gifts as appropriate. Give! grossed \$19,003 for Court Care in FY18.

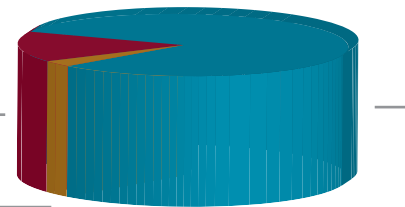
## EXPENSES

Total: \$252,744.67

### Breakdown by Percentage

81.29%	Program
15.63%	Administration
3.04%	Fundraising

Net Income: \$32,370.09



*“Very convenient and made it very easy to get to court and be prepared.”*

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Fiscal year 2018 ended with a modest budget surplus. This was due to a small overall revenue increase compared to the previous fiscal year, and despite reduced support from Colorado's Family Friendly Court Act. Overall expenses increased due to staffing costs and high program usage numbers. Court Care has increased staffing and adapted to the minimum wage increases. Court Care had a successful Give! Campaign and a positive Protect the Children 5K event. Both raise funds and awareness for Court Care.

If you have questions, please contact our Board Treasurer, Nila Beum at nila@speedcpa.com or 719.590.9555.

## It's the Best Time of Year to Give!



*“I am very impressed with the facility, and the staff was simply amazing.”*

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 his or 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](http://www.CourtCare.org/donate) or support Court Care in the Give! campaign.

Once again, Court Care is again participating in the Give! campaign. From **November 1 - December 31, 2018** you can securely donate to Court Care through the Give! website and 100% of your gift will come to Court Care. Plus, our Give! sponsors will match your donation and so it will go even further. Last year's Give! campaign raised \$19,003 in support of programming. This year our goal is \$20,000. Support Court Care by making an online gift today at [www.indygive.com/ccppr](http://www.indygive.com/ccppr).

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



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*“My kids had a great time and my infant was loved and held during her nap.”*

## Other Ways YOU Can Help Court Care

We need volunteers to help at our center or with fundraising/events. Must be age 18+ and undergo a background check.

Most wanted donation items:

- Washable markers, crayons, and paints
- Construction paper
- Diapers or pull-ups in any size
- 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](mailto:info@courtcare.org) or call us at 719.452.5499





## Letter from the Co-Presidents

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Crime is up 20% in the Pikes Peak region. Courtroom dockets are overflowing. Thousands of children are being brought into the courthouse, and more children are being safely and lovingly cared for at Court Care – **more than at any other time in our 15-year history**. Court Care provides free, licensed childcare for any parent or guardian who needs to be in court in the Pikes Peak Region. In fiscal year 2018, Court Care cared for 5,208 children. Since our founding in 2003, more than 60,000 children have experienced the comfort and care of our services.

By providing childcare for court-users, Court Care allows children to be insulated and protected from the potentially traumatic testimony that is presented in courtrooms every day. Court Care allows children who may be exposed to abusive and neglectful circumstances in other parts of their lives to just be children and play during that time. Court Care's services give struggling parents the freedom to speak with dignity and the right to fully participate in their legal proceedings without their children seeing, hearing, or possibly distracting them. Court Care helps judges and justice personnel complete their jobs more effectively, and it helps the court system run more efficiently. In order to ensure we have the staffing we need to accommodate the demand for our services, Court Care has increased the number of childcare teachers and program budget expenses. In fact, just as we are seeing the highest numbers of children in our history, Court Care's program budget is also the largest ever approved by the organization.

**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, 2018** on [www.indygive.com/ccppr](http://www.indygive.com/ccppr) your gift will go even further because it will be matched by generous local companies and individuals.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate the impact your thoughtful contributions make in the lives of innocent children.

Sincerely,



Beau Kelly  
Co-President

Jennifer Viehman  
Co-President



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## Leave a Legacy

In order to ensure Court Care is available for future generations, Court Care is partnering with the Pikes Peak Community Foundation to fund an endowment. This fund will help ensure children in the Pikes Peak region have safe, free childcare for court-users for generations to come.

If you are interested in learning more about leaving a legacy, consider including Court Care in your estate plans. It's the easiest way to make a huge impact for generations to come. Please contact Jan Weiland at [jan.weiland@raymondjames.com](mailto:jan.weiland@raymondjames.com) or visit [www.courtcare.org/planned-giving](http://www.courtcare.org/planned-giving) to learn more.

