



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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2019–2020

Report to the Community

**To Court Care, you are a steward of HOPE,
To Lexi and Katy, you are a HERO**

In fiscal year 2019–2020, Court Care had the privilege of welcoming over 4,094 children into its free drop-in childcare center, located inside the El Paso County courthouse in Colorado Springs.

Before Court Care’s founding in 2003, parents without access to caregivers would bring their children to the courtroom with them; a setting that, through the eyes of a child, can be intimidating and frightening. A place where parents’ heated arguments over divorce, child custody, restraining orders and more, are unleashed— igniting fear and confusion in the hearts and minds of the children who sit there, watching in fear.

Rachel was a victim of domestic violence. Initially, her husband was verbally abusive to her and their two daughters. As time went on, his attacks escalated from pushing to more aggressive physical contact. Without family in town and afraid to confide in friends, she felt increasing isolated. Her two young daughters, Katy and Lexi, witnessed more than they could understand. She knew she had to act and filed a restraining order. The abuse escalated and she hired an attorney. Court Care was

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“We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget they are someone today.” –Stacie Tauscher

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there for Katy (age 3) and Lexi (age 5) during numerous court appearances and Rachel was grateful for this convenient, safe, nurturing, fun, and educational environment for her children while she was in the courtroom. They painted, assembled puzzles, played at the water table, and listened to a story read by a Court Care staff member.

Katy and Lexi’s faces lit up every time they walked in. **And**

at the end of every visit, each received—along with the other Court Care kids—a take-home craft and book from the collection that generous donations helped purchase.

The case was eventually resolved with a guilty plea. The proceedings were much less contentious than anticipated as a result of the children not sitting in the courtroom.

We often hear appreciation from parents about how much fun their children had at Court Care. Rachel went a step further. She approached the Judge at the end of the trial and shared the influence of Court Care on her family during this exceedingly difficult period. Judges in the 4th Judicial District are strong advocates for Court Care, however Rachel made an unusual impression and has had a profound impact on how

enthusiastically the Judge can recommend Court Care to parents with matters in his courtroom.

Rachel shared her experience, “I am so grateful to Court Care. There are so many things being discussed in the courtroom that would only be confusing and frightening for Katy and Lexi. The Court Care staff is invaluable to me. I was able to focus on court proceedings without being distracted and worrying about what the girls would hear. I was amazed that they were not traumatized or worried about their family’s situation. The girls looked forward to seeing their special friends.”

THANK YOU for your generous support and being a hero to Rachel, Katy, and Lexi, and to the thousands of precious children you brought smiles to this year.



About Court Care:

Court Care for the Pikes Peak Region is a 501(c)(3) that provides free, licensed, drop-in childcare to families that have court-related business in the Fourth Judicial District (serving El Paso and Teller Counties) and in Colorado Springs Municipal Court. In partnership with Early Connections Learning Center, Court Care welcomes children ages 6 weeks to 14 years. They offer a safe, secure, and nurturing environment conveniently located inside the Courthouse. While children learn and play at Court Care, parents give their undivided attention to their legal proceedings. Since its founding in 2003, Court Care has cared for more than 68,407 children.



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Letter from the Co-Presidents

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Thank you for helping make this another successful year for Court Care. With your support, Court Care welcomed 4,094 children from 2,782 families into its nurturing, calm, colorful space in fiscal year 2019–2020. Court Care remains open during the COVID-19 crisis. Although the courthouse was closed to all but emergency hearings, Court Care was able to provide care for children whose parents were seeking protection orders, challenged custody, or were victims of crime. Children who were exposed to abusive and neglectful circumstances in other parts of their lives could just be children and paint, play, or engage with other children during their time at Court Care. Struggling parents had the freedom to speak with dignity and the right to fully participate in their legal proceeding without their children seeing, hearing, or possibly distracting them. Judicial personnel appreciated the impact of Court Care as court proceedings ran more efficiently.

Our partnership with Early Connections Learning Centers continues to be an asset to the program. Their leadership has guided our team through these challenging months, assuring there would be no pause in services.

Court Care is a necessary blessing in the courthouse. The program provides not just a safe haven for children free from the trauma inherent in courtrooms, but a truly joyful and fun experience. For parents and caregivers, it provides assurance that their children will be isolated from the contentious, confusing conflict that goes on in courtrooms each day.

We ask you to join with us in sharing the story of Court Care with others so that we can make this year even stronger. Please help protect children by making a gift today. Your continued support for the important work of Court Care makes a difference in the lives of hundreds of children each week. Plus, if you make a tax-deductible donation from now through December 31, 2019 through Indy GIVE! at indygive.com/ccppr your gift will go even further because it will be matched by our generous matching grant sponsors.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate the importance of each thoughtful contribution to the lives of innocent children.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Viehman
Co-President

Emma Webster
Co-President



Court Care Financial Summary

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

TOTAL INCOME \$291,181

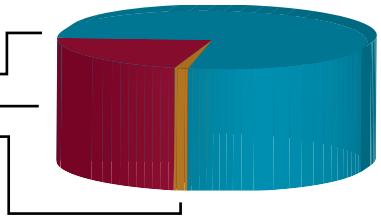
Sources of Income

- 38.91% Government grants (state, county, local)
- 26.35% Private and Corporate Foundations
- 5.57% Give Campaign Individual Contributions and Sponsorships
- 2.02% Individual Contributions
- 9.10% Designated Endowment Contribution
- 14.36% In-Kind
- 3.69% Interest/Dividends

TOTAL EXPENSES \$261,060

- 77.47% Program
- 21.17% Administration
- 1.36% Fundraising

Net Income \$30,121



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In the Kitchen with Brother Luck

Thursday, December 3, 2020 from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Celebrity chef, Brother Luck, is teaming up with Court Care to present a virtual cooking class.

Join us for an evening of pinching and folding with Chef Brother Luck LIVE in your own kitchen!

\$80 for a complete cooking kit for a group of 4. Add a bottle of selected wine for \$20.

For Chef Brother Luck’s long-distance fans, receive a grocery list and login information for \$40.

Vegetarian and Gluten-free options will be available.

Children are invited.



Register on the Court Care Website: www.CourtCare.org

Financial Overview

Court Care remained open through the Covid-19 crisis. Although activity within the courthouse was limited, families scheduled to appear were grateful to have Court Care as the safety net for their children while they managed court appearances. Court Care’s census was significantly lower, however the percentage of crime victims and those seeking protection orders increased. Court Care anticipates an increase in attendance as deferred and re-scheduled cases are heard.

Court Care had a successful GIVE Campaign and transitioned to a Virtual Protect the Children 5K Run/Walk. Generous support from

government grants continues to provide the primary funding for the Court Care program. Court Care is grateful for the generosity of the El Paso County Commissioners, local businesses, and our community donors.

The Court Care Protect the Children Endowment Fund at Pikes Peak Community Foundation continues to grow. This Endowment allows Court Care to establish a fund that will ensure sustainability, the ability to expand, and allow for more diversification of funding.

If you have questions, please contact our Board Treasurer, Nila Beum at or (719) 590-9555. *Nila Beum*



It's Best Time of Year to Give!



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 their parents are in court.

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 again participating in the Give! campaign. From November 1–December 31 you can securely donate to Court Care through the Give! website. Not only will you be supporting Court Care, your gift will be matched by our Give! sponsors. Last year's Give! campaign raised \$16,800 in support of programming. This year our goal is \$20,000. Support Court Care by making an online gift today at indygive.com/ccppr.

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



David & Sandy Parrish and Jarrod & Molly Stuhlsatz

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Lizanne Stableford



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Court Care's 8th Annual Protect the Children 5K Run/Walk Went Virtual

Participants joined the Race between July 18 and August 2, 2020.

Their trail was anyplace, anytime, and anywhere. With more participants than years passed, Court Care entertained a new twist on a favorite event. In keeping with the theme of the pandemic, each participant received a Court Care bandana complete with sponsor logos.

We appreciate all who participated.

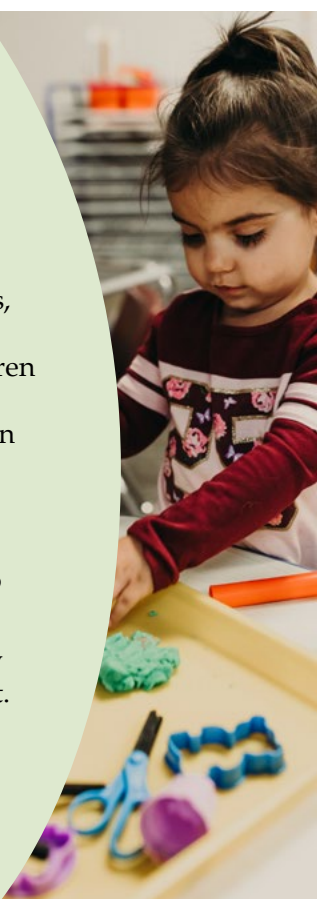


Consider a Legacy Gift to Court Care

With thoughtful consideration for future financial sustainability and diversification of funding sources, Court Care for the Pikes Peak Region launched a campaign to build the Court Care Protect the Children Endowment Fund. This fund was created in 2018 in partnership with Pikes Peak Community Foundation (PPCF).

Court Care's endowment funds are reserved for the purposes of expansion of services as needs arise or other projects approved by the Board of Directors to further promote the mission of Court Care.

We need your continued support to sustain capacity and quality of care our families have come to expect. For more information about including Court Care in your estate planning, please contact Beth Byer at info@courtcare.org or (719) 661-3628.



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Other Ways YOU Can Help Court Care Most wanted donation items

- Washable art supplies like markers, crayons, and paints
- Construction paper
- Diapers or pull-ups in any size
- Baby wipes

Each child is invited to select a book to take home from our donated book library. Donate your gently used children's books or organize an office book drive.

For more information, please email info@courtcare.org or call us at (719) 452-5499





Save-the-Date

Protect the Children 5K Run/Walk

Please join us Saturday, April 24, 2021
for our 9th annual fundraising race.



Check our website for details. www.CourtCare.org/5k

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