

# **OUR MISSION:**

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

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# Court Care for the Pikes Peak Region 2022–2023 Report to the Community

Court Care celebrates 20 years of caring for children in the Pikes Peak Region

In 2023, 2,351 children walked through the doors of Court Care. They were greeted with smiles and escorted to one of two brightly furnished classrooms where they would select from a variety of age-appropriate activities. Each child was encouraged to select a book from the library of donated books. The program is available to all families at no charge as they address their court-related business.

On one particular occasion, a young father arrived with an infant, a two-year-old, and a four-year-old. He apologized for their appearance, explaining that he had just picked them up from their mother's home. This family was struggling with contested custody and there was concern for the safety and well-being of the children. This court appearance was to address a change from shared custody to granting the dad full-time custody. He was also seeking a restraining order from their abusive mother.

The staff welcomed each child, washing hands and faces, changing diapers, and helping the children settle in. They assured the father that classroom doors would remain locked, and unless notified otherwise, only he would be permitted to pick up the children. The protection order and temporary custody were granted.

The father returned to pick up the children and expressed continued concern for their safety. Court Care staff requested a police escort to accompany the family to their car.

Court Care extended its support to this family as well as 1,600 others who utilized the program this year. The facility serves as a vital resource for those in the court system; from the new mom leaving her baby for the first time to the parent navigating a court case over an extended period. Without Court Care, parents would struggle to find drop-in, secure childcare.

The impact of brief and positive caregiving experiences cannot be underestimated, often helping build self-esteem and increase emotional resilience as families navigate complex legal and traumatic issues.

By supporting families and keeping children safe, parents are more likely to keep court appointments, improving opportunities for family independence, parent custody, safety, and livelihood. Care is extended while parents complete probation, court-mandated parenting, or substance abuse programs.

# **Dear Friends and Colleagues:**

In 1997, Court Care's Founder, Jan Weiland, established a committee that ultimately would succeed in establishing Court Care. In 2002, in partnership with Early Connections Learning Centers, Court Care launched a successful pilot program. In 2003, Court Care incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization and opened its doors to all court-users. Court Care's mission and program focus remain steadfast, and more than 74,000 children have been served by Court Care since 2003.



Court Care is celebrating 20 successful years, and we thank you for your continued support. 2022-2023 was another successful year for Court Care! This year we greeted 2,351 children into the bright, colorful space we know as Court Care, seeing a 20% increase in the number of children served. Each of these children was experiencing adversity and disadvantage, whether that adversity was poverty, a contentious divorce, domestic violence, witnessing a crime, or child abuse. Instead of subjecting them to further trauma of the courtroom, Court Care has let them continue to be kids and play, while the adults handle the legal matters.

With the support of the El Paso County Board of County Commissioners and Colorado's 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Court Care is now the only onsite, drop-in childcare center in the state.

Our partnership with Early Connections Learning Centers continues to be an asset to the program. Their leadership enables Court Care to provide the highest level of health and safety standards, an amazing staff, and implement an electronic registration system.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Lauren Ragland Co-President

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# **Community Impact**



2,351 children from 1,623 families were served in 2022–2023



Each child's learning experience was enhanced as they selected a book to take home from Court Care's library of donated books.



92% of households are single parent homes.

had Court Care not been available.

\$321,884

%



50% of children will have the opportunity to build a relationship with Court Care staff as they will return when cases are continued or probation in ordered.



More than 80% of Court Care families live at or below the federal poverty level.

43% of parents reported that they would have brought their children to court



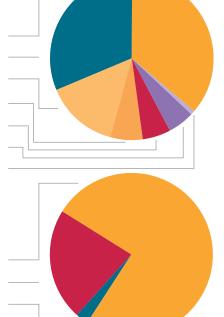
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"the staff knew from the look on my face tht I was hesitant dropping my son off. Immediately the wonderful woman behind the disk stood up and started telling me about the center. Once my son was in the

classroom and he started playing, I knew he would be well-cared for."

# **Financial Summary**

Govt Grants	116,400	36.16	-
Private/Corp	100,847	31.33	-
In-Kind	45,934	14.27	-
Individual	20,838	6.47	-
Investment Earnings	17,838	5.54	_
Give!	16,935	5.26	-
Endowment	3,092	0.97	-
	321,884	100	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$347,480	%	
Program	262,229	75.46	-
Administrative	76,896	22.12	-
<u>Fundraising</u>	8,355	2.42	-
	347,480	100	



# Make a Difference this Holiday Season

Court Care relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations, foundations, and government grants to provide our services at no cost to families.

# There are three ways to invest in Court Care:



Return a check in the enclosed envelope.



Donate online at <a href="www.courtcare.org/donate">www.courtcare.org/donate</a>

Support Court Care in the Give! Pikes Peak 2023 Campaign at <a href="https://www.givepikespeak.org">www.givepikespeak.org</a>

If you choose to donate through the Give! Campaign, your contribution will be matched by our generous matching grant sponsors.

# **Give Matching Grant Sponsors**





Howard Black and Janet Kerr



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# Court Care's Race 11th Annual Protect the Children 5K Run/Walk

Court Care hosted the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Event in North Monument Valley Park on August 26, 2023. We were joined by serious runners, walkers, and families of all ages to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and our largest event to date.

Special recognition goes to our corporate sponsors and race logistics organizers, Pikes Peak Roadrunners.

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Janet Tanner

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# Protect the Children 5K Run/Walk

Join us for the 12th Annual Event

Saturday, August 24, 2024

North Monument Valley Park

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