



SOUTH ENOTAH CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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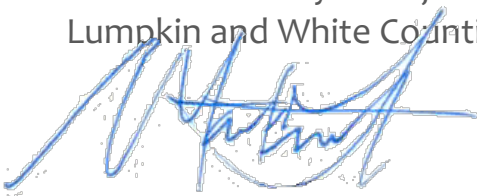
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FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

WHAT AN EXCITING YEAR it has been for South Enotah Child Advocacy Center! This was our first full year of operation after launching our organization in the summer of 2016 and we have been able to reach quite a number of milestones. With the help of the communities in Lumpkin and White Counties we succeeded in raising over \$50,000 in public support. In particular, we want to thank the Sisters of Kappa Delta Sorority at the University of North Georgia who chose us as the beneficiary of their annual Run Dählonega 5K that raised over \$27,000 and the 2017 Class of Leadership Lumpkin whose golf tournament organized on our behalf raised nearly \$16,000 and set the stage to make this an annual event. The public support that was secured enabled us to hire Cheyenne Thornton as our first Executive Director and served as local matching funds to support our grant applications. We applied this year for several grants and among those that we were awarded were a Promoting Safe and Stable Families contract from the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services in excess of \$35,000 and a Victims of Crime Act grant from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for more than \$112,000. These operating funds will allow us to provide the children that we serve and their non-offending caregivers with a variety of support and treatment including family advocacy services, parenting education, and trauma-focused counseling services.

FROM THE START our partnership with the University of North Georgia has made it possible for us to provide our communities with much needed services. UNG has graciously shared their Clinical Mental Health Counseling facility with us and the graduate students in that program have provided counseling services to our children and families. As both we and the UNG program have grown, the need for a facility that we can call our own and that will allow us to consolidate all of our services under one roof has become evident. Securing our own home will be a major objective for 2018.

IN CLOSING, let me thank everyone who has supported us this past year and invite all of you to join in our efforts to support the children and families of Lumpkin and White Counties!



Mark F Griffin
2017 Board President

OUR JOURNEY

The South Enotah Child Advocacy Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation established in 2016.

The Center grew out of the efforts of a group concerned citizens, law enforcement personnel, and child protective services professionals in both Lumpkin and White Counties wanting to better serve the victims of child abuse and to enhance and expand their child abuse education programs and prevention awareness efforts. After learning that each other's efforts to establish a child advocacy center were also already underway, the two groups quickly made contact. Soon thereafter, the groups agreed to combine efforts and begin working collectively to establish a single, enhanced child advocacy center chartered to serve both counties.

The Enotah District Attorney's Office, already acutely aware of the need in both counties, provided the funds to incorporate The South Enotah Child Advocacy Center and worked to secure the Center's 501(c)(3) status.

OUR MISSION

It is the mission of the South Enotah Child Advocacy Center to unite community partners to deliver excellence in child abuse response and prevention through service, education and leadership.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to see protection, healing and restoration in the lives of children and their families through:



PREVENTION



INTERVENTION



THERAPY



**COMMUNITY
COLLABORATION**

OUR PROGRAMS

PREVENTION

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN

A 2.5 hour training session that highlights the 5 steps to protecting our children and features stories of survivors, practical guidance, and expert advice on the topic of child sexual abuse.

"I enjoyed hearing the different testimonies as well as hearing feedback from professionals from various fields. The book had great concrete examples of what people can do to help prevent child sexual abuse."

... Stewards of Children participant

INTERVENTION

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

A forensic interview is conducted at the SECAC when there has been a report to either law enforcement or the Department of Family and Children's Services (DFCS) that the child may have been a victim of physical or sexual abuse or when a child may have witnessed a violent crime.

Forensic interviews are conducted by our forensic interviewers who have had at least 40 hours of specialized training on how to properly question children. The forensic interviewers also routinely participate in peer review meetings to continually develop their skills.

All forensic interviews at the South Enotah Child Advocacy Center are video recorded.

FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMS

A Forensic Medical Exam (FME) is a specialized medical exam conducted by a professionally trained, certified sexual assault nurse examiner utilizing specialized equipment for accurate diagnosis and evidence collection in a child friendly environment.

They are conducted when a child has disclosed sexual or severe physical abuse and the exam is deemed necessary.

Exams are tailored to the statements made by the child in the forensic interview and are used for evidence collection, testing, and treatment.

PARENT EDUCATION

A seven-week program (once per week) in which a SECAC Family Advocate teaches a parent effective parenting techniques for young children or teens. At the end of the course, parents have a better understanding of themselves, their child, how to listen and respond, foster cooperation, and discipline effectively.

After completing the program, participants meet every other week with a group working to reinforce and effectively implement the techniques learned during the seven-week course.

"I saw the children today. Dad was using the reward system you taught him in parenting. I could see a significant difference in their behavior. They were quiet and compliant. It was pretty amazing!"

... K.B., Contract Therapist

FAMILY ADVOCACY

The Family Advocacy Program provides services to non-offending caregivers of children interviewed at the South Enotah Child Advocacy Center. A Family Advocate will meet with the non-offending caregiver while their child is being interviewed to assist with resources in the area as well as answer any questions they may have.

- Crisis Intervention.
- Referrals for counseling or any other services needed (i.e. domestic violence shelters, parenting classes, protective orders, housing, etc.)
- Information about victim rights and crime victims' compensation.
- Information about the child protection and criminal justice systems.
- Education about age appropriate sexual behavior.
- Follow-up support and help as needed.
- Anything else that may be requested by the non-offending caregiver.

THERAPY

The South Enotah Child Advocacy Center is a proud partner with both the UNG Clinical Mental Health Counseling Clinic and Turning Points Counseling to provide high quality therapy free of charge to children and their families in Lumpkin and White Counties who have experienced sexual abuse or severe physical abuse.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM RESPONSE

The MDT team is composed of representatives from law enforcement, child protective services, the District Attorney's Office, medical field, mental health field, and SECAC staff. These representatives work together to coordinate intervention in order to reduce potential future trauma for children and their non-offending caregivers.

We recognize that child abuse is a multifaceted issue, and no single agency or individual has the necessary knowledge, skills or resources to serve all the needs of victimized children and their families. SECAC brings together wisdom and knowledge from professionals of different disciplines, which results in a better understanding of case issues and an effective child- focused response.

"The people we worked with clearly had a calling into their profession. Their desire to help others was apparent. Very professional "

... Caregiver

INDIVIDUAL IMPACT

“Sending our families to the South Enotah Child Advocacy Center is like sending them to get a big hug.”

– Case Manager
Division of Family & Children Services

	Total Served		Male		Female	
	72		49%		51%	
Age Groups	3-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	16+	
	18	18	11	19	6	
	Forensic Medical Exams			Forensic Interviews		
	9			74*		
Knew Perpetrator	98%			Type of Allegation		
				Witness	Sexual	Physical
				16%	73%	11%

MDT Meetings

Lumpkin County

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Department of Juvenile Justice
Turning Points Counseling
The South Enotah Child Advocacy Center
Lumpkin County DFCS
P-SANE Nurse Examiner
Lumpkin County Sheriff’s Office
Children’s Center for Hope and Healing
Lumpkin County DA’s Office
Lumpkin County School System
UNG Clinical Mental Health Counseling Clinic

White County

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Department of Juvenile Justice
Turning Points Counseling
Cleveland Police Department
White County DFCS
P-SANE Nurse Examiner
White County Sheriff’s Office
Children’s Center for Hope and Healing
White County DA’s Office
White County School System
The South Enotah Child Advocacy Center

* some children require multiple interviews

SHOP WITH A COP

The 1st annual **SHOP WITH A COP** event is a partnership between **The South Enotah**

Child Advocacy Center, Cleveland PD, Helen PD, and White County Sheriff's Office where children are given a \$200 gift card and paired with an Officer to shop around Walmart. We were able to serve 11 children this year.



LUMPKIN COUNTY LEADERSHIP LUMPKIN

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The LCLL fundraising golf tournament for the South Enotah Child Advocacy Center.



Kappa Delta

RUN
DAHLONEGA

5K

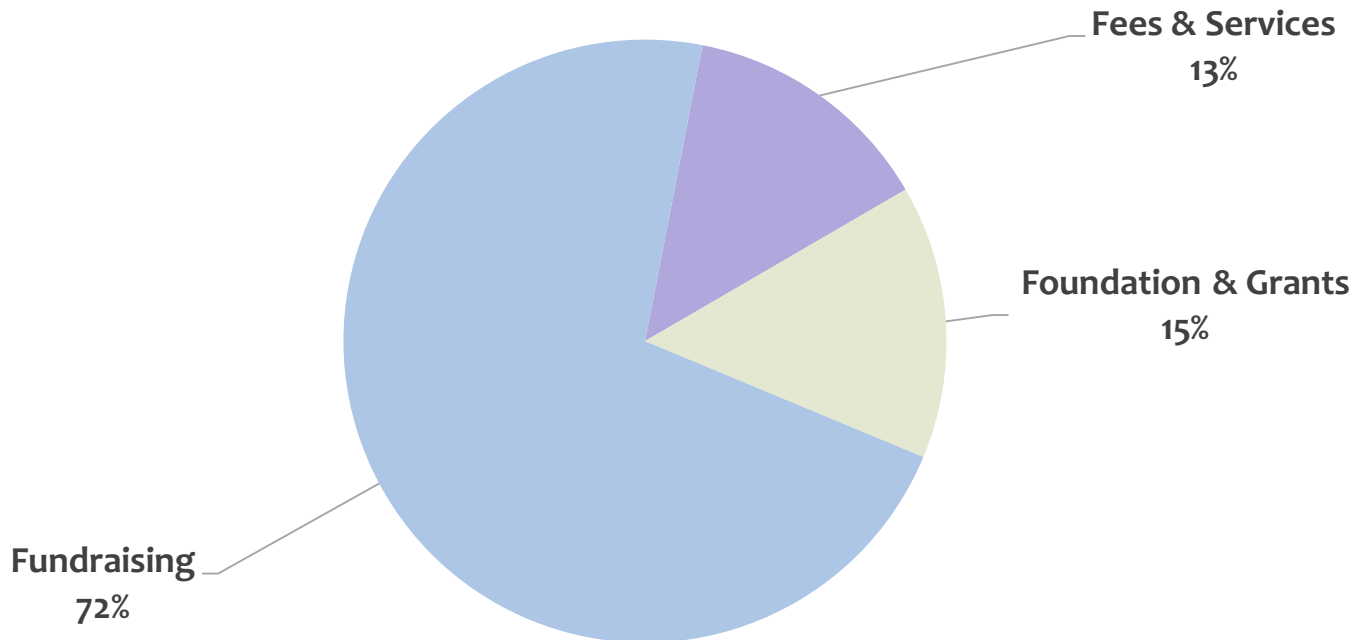
This year's **Run Dahlonega 5K** event hosted by **Kappa Delta of UNG** exceeded all fundraising expectations!

STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TIPPING POINT CELEBRATION

The tipping point theory states that once 5% of a population becomes educated, the momentum is unstoppable. We are thrilled to announce that White County has reached this tipping point in child sexual abuse prevention education.



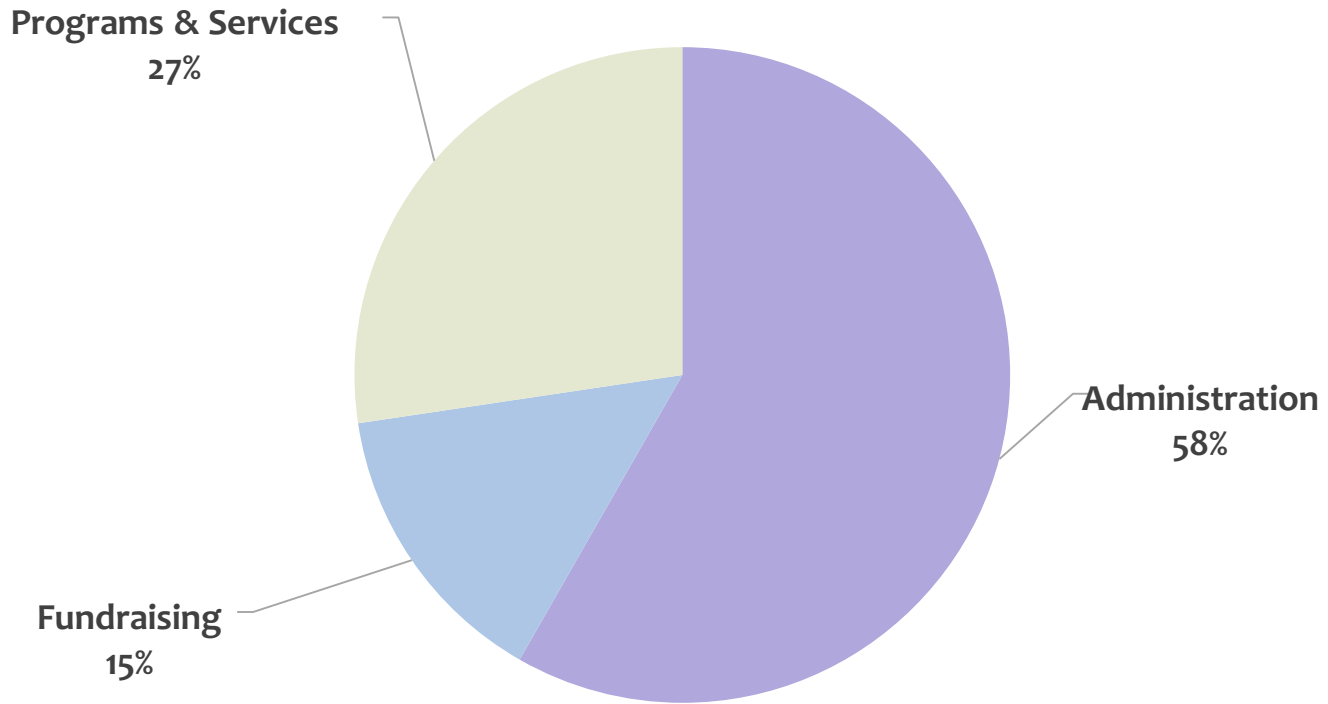
2017 FINANCIALS – INCOME SOURCES



Total Operating Revenue \$82,685

SOURCE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	+/-	%
Fees & Services	11,212	7,000	4,212	160%
Foundation & Grants	12,127	10,472	1,655	116%
Fundraising	59,346	33,279	26,067	178%
5K Event	27,367			
Golf Tournament	19,500			
Businesses	6,337			
Other	6,142			
TOTALS	82,685	50,751	31,934	163%

2017 FINANCIALS – PROGRAM EXPENSES



Total Cost of Service \$47,591

EXPENSE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	+/-	%
Fundraising	6,844	5,000	1,844	137%
Programs & Services	13,018	14,856	(1,838)	88%
Administration	27,729	30,895	(3,166)	90%
Employee Wages	17,754			
Insurance	2,909			
Employee Benefits	2,585			
Payroll Taxes	1,795			
Licenses	2,686			
TOTALS	47,591	50,751	(3,160)	94%

2017 SUPPORTERS

Thanks to the generous contributions of our supporters, we are able to provide our services at no cost to the children and families we serve.

Because of you, healing for these children and their families is possible.

Pittulloch Foundation
Kappa Delta Sorority
Georgia Health Foundation
Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia
Dr. Mark Griffin and Lynette Griffin
Habersham EMC Foundation
Multi Family Media Management LLC
Christ Family Church
Koyo Bearings
North Metro Management Group
Prevent Child Abuse UNG
Helen Police Department
Jacky Jones Ford
G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers
Wahoo Docks
Carl & Cynthia Free
Annette Adams
First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland
InTouch Pharmacy LLC
Gibson Used Cars
Law Office of Beth Martin
Certa Pro Painters
Refrigiwear
Cheryl Thornton
Walmart, Cleveland
Site One Landscape Supply
Kyle Wade
United Community Bank, Cleveland
Art of Stone Inc
Lee & Lisa Logue
Stephen Shultz
James & Sarah Cribbs
Modern Woodmen of America
Patricia Billingsly
Dr. Susan Hurley
Joshua Haynes
Doug & Barbara Hitchcock
UNG CMHC Students
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Parker

Promoting Safe and Stable Families [PSSF]
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Lumpkin County Education Foundation
Zack Tumlin, Esq.
Delta Chi Fraternity
Dahlonega Jaycees
Rivermont Homes LLC
PortyPortables
Dahlonega Packaging
Nicholas & Heather Katchur
Cleveland Walmart
Rotary Club of White County
Walmart, Dahlonega
Edwin & Megan Lower
Delta Municipal Supply Co.
Jackie Locker
Law Office of Andrea Conarro LLC
Machinery & Equipment Appraisal
Consolidated Banking Services Inc
KC Fuller & Associates LLC
Rotary Club Dahlonega
Trammell Tire
Lara Deblois
Buy Sod USA LLC
Michael Stapleton & Deborah Smith
UNG Graduate Students
Candice Wood
Krista Barker
The Palmour Group LLC
David Terkosky & JerriLynn House-Terkosky
Mary & Byron Hock
David Zunker
David Wood
Dahlonega Pediatric & Adlscnt Medicine
Patricia Jarvis
United Community Bank, Dahlonega
Todd Marks
Tyler Kropp
Sandra Threlkeld

2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Professor, University of North Georgia

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(Jan 2017 – Sep 2017) *Pastor at 1st Presbyterian Church of Cleveland*

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Sheriff, Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office

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Captain of Investigations, White County Sheriff's Office

Chief Foster
Chief, Cleveland Police Department

EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP & SUPPORT STAFF



Cheyenne Thornton
Executive Director

Cheyenne is a graduate of the University of North Georgia with a degree in Criminal Justice and a concentration in Forensics. Prior to becoming the Executive Director of the South Enotah Child Advocacy Center she was the Victim Services Coordinator for the Lumpkin County Sheriff's Office. In that capacity she conducted forensic interviews in child abuse cases and served as an advocate for victims of various criminal offenses. She also coordinated many of the Sheriff's Office's community outreach programs. In her current capacity she continues to conduct forensic interviews as well as chairing the Lumpkin County Child Abuse Protocol Committee and both the Lumpkin and White County Multidisciplinary Team, which coordinates interagency responses to child abuse cases. She further serves as the Board Secretary for Lumpkin County Family Connection and serves on the White County Division of Family and Children Services board



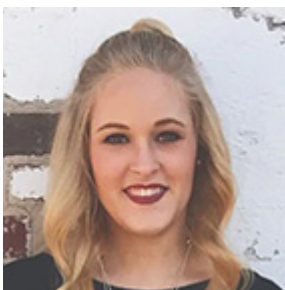
Patricia Jarvis
Family Advocate

Patricia began her career at the Burke County Department of Family and Children Services (DFACS) in 1975. During her 25 years with DFACS, she worked in the Eligibility Unit (Food Stamps and Services, Adult Protective Services, Foster Care and Adoption). Patricia worked as the Social Services Supervisor for Emanuel and Candler Counties, and later served as Interim Director for both counties as well. Patricia participated in Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings with The Sunshine House Child Advocacy Center in Emanuel County, and continues to serve in various organizations such as the Sheriff's Youth Homes, CASA, and the Enotah Juvenile Family Therapy Program



Rebekah Poponi
Family Advocate

Rebekah is a graduate of the University of North Georgia with a degree in Criminal Justice. She most recently served as Victim Advocate for the Hall County District Attorney's Office, assisting families through the criminal justice system and accessing local support resources. Further, she has served on multiple task forces within Hall County and continues to attend numerous victim support related training sessions throughout the year.



Victoria Sheffield
Student Intern

Victoria is a Senior at the University of North Georgia (UNG) double majoring in Psychology + Sociology. She is currently a sister of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority and has completed 135 hours of community service and holds the Social Chair position. Once she graduates from UNG, she plans on attending graduate school to further her education. Her goal is to become a Child and Family Advocate or a Social Worker

CONTRACTED STAFF

Lisa Mallory, Forensic Interviewer

Lisa earned her BA in Psychology from The University of Michigan in 1988 and her MSW in Clinical Social Work from Loyola University Chicago in 1990. She has been a forensic interviewer for 15 years in 6 different states, and has conducted close to 1000 interviews of children, adolescents and vulnerable adults. Prior to becoming a forensic interviewer, she was a child and family therapist specializing in sexual abuse. Lisa and her husband, Doug, have lived all over the country and currently reside in Flowery Branch, GA. They are the parents of three grown daughters and three dogs.

Tori Owens, Forensic Interviewer

Tori has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Systems Analysis from Miami University (Oxford, OH), a Master of Divinity in Church History and Theology from the Nazarene Theological Seminary, and a Master of Arts in Community Counseling from Argosy University in Atlanta. For the past fourteen years in her work with NOA (No One Alone), a domestic violence shelter serving Lumpkin and Dawson counties, Tori has served in various roles: children's and shelter advocate, shelter manager, and counselor. Currently, she is the Director of Counseling and Victim Advocacy overseeing shelter operations and NOA's new Opportunity Centers located in Dahlonega and Dawsonville. Tori is a licensed associate professional counselor with the state of GA, as well as, a National Certified Counselor (NCC). She works independently as a neutral/mediator (GA) and trained parent coordinator assisting parents as they navigate divorce and custody transitions. In her free time, Tori enjoys exploring the outdoors with her partner and daughter whether traveling, hiking, kayaking or birdwatching.

Dr. Krista Barker, Counselor

Krista is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress, specializing in the areas of trauma, post-traumatic stress, and child sexual abuse. She has a Ph.D. and a Master's degree in social work from the University of Georgia, and a Bachelor's degree in cultural anthropology from Georgia State University. Krista is also the owner and director of Turning Points Counseling and Consulting Services, an agency that provides trauma focused assessment and treatment for children, families, and adults healing from trauma and abuse. She has extensive training and education in evidence-based models of trauma treatment including Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Attachment, Regulation and Competency, and Parent-Child Interaction Therapy. She works collaboratively with community agencies, including law enforcement, school systems, and children and family services, on behalf of maltreated children. In addition, Krista provides clinical supervision and mentoring to mental health professionals, testifies in criminal, civil and juvenile court settings as an expert witness in child abuse and sexual assault cases, and conducts workshops, lectures, and clinical consultations for individual practitioners and community organizations across the State of Georgia.

Marlyn Darragh RN SANE-P, Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner

Marlyn is a registered nurse with 30 plus years of experience in various areas of nursing. Having worked almost a decade caring for the underserved population in Gainesville, she became aware of how much she loved helping those who were in need who had nowhere to go for help. Since this was where her heart was, she jumped at a chance to take the training to become certified as a pediatric sexual assault nurse examiner. Her training was completed 2 years ago and she has begun to work with different counties in need of her services. Marlyn Darragh is a wife, mother of three adult children and grandmother to four

WHAT YOU CAN DO

GET INVOLVED

NEW FACILITY \$100,000 CHALLENGE GRANT



We are so excited to announce that we have been awarded a \$100,000 Challenge Grant from the Pittulloch Foundation in order to secure our own facility. We are asking that you consider donating to the South Enotah Child Advocacy Center to help us obtain our own facility where we can house all of our much needed services: forensic interviews, forensic medical exams, trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, and family advocacy.

SECAC SECOND ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



WHO The South Enotah Child Advocacy Center
WHAT 2nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament
WHERE Chestatee Golf Club
WHEN Friday, May 4th, 9am
WHY All proceeds contribute to the our facility \$100,000 Challenge Grant.

DONATE

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS

- Donate Online At southenotahcac.org/donate Using PayPal's Secure Donation System
- Mail Your Donation To:
The South Enotah Child Advocacy Center, P.O. Box 1145, Dahlonega, GA 30533

WISH LIST

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US ON OUR MISSION?



You can support us by donating the supplies we need to maintain our day to day operations.

Whatever the gift, big or small, your contribution counts!

VOLUNTEER

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT

- You and/or Your Organization Can Host Your Own Fundraiser to Support the SECAC.
- Fundraiser Committee Members – Commitment to Help Organize, Plan and Make Our Spring Golf Tournament Fundraiser Successful.
- Sponsorship, Marketing/PR, & More Committees Available to Sign Up.
- Host a Drive to Fill Needs From Our Wish List.
- Sign Up to Receive our Quarterly Newsletter by Emailing SouthEnotahCAC@gmail.com