



**SAFESPOT**

Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County

**2025  
Impact Report**



Another year has come to a close, and I am proud to share the meaningful impact SafeSpot has made throughout our community in the 2025 Impact Report. This progress would not have been possible without the generosity and commitment of our incredible supporters. Through in-kind donations, event sponsorships, and financial contributions, your support enabled SafeSpot to provide hope, healing, and critical services to 555 child abuse survivors and their families last year. As reflected throughout this report, this work highlights the continued growth of our community partnerships and our commitment to meeting families where they are, all in service of the safety and well-being of every child we serve.

Building on this momentum, throughout 2025, we continued to strengthen our foundation of care—refining our programs, deepening collaboration, and expanding the ways we support children and families. One of the most meaningful advancements was the creation of a new client emergency fund for families facing financial hardship after the removal of an abuser who had been the primary source of income in the home. Developed in partnership with our local faith community, this fund enables SafeSpot to provide short-term assistance for essentials such as rent, transportation, and household goods, giving caregivers the time and stability they need to focus on what matters most: their child's healing.

Last year brought the celebration of an exciting milestone as we hosted our 10th annual Champions for Children Golf Tournament and Dinner. Over the past decade, this event has grown in size, popularity, and impact—attracting golfers from as far away as Florida and raising critical funds to support SafeSpot's programs and services. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed to making this milestone year such a success, and to all those whose dedication over the years has helped shape the tournament into what it is today. None of these accomplishments would be possible without supporters like you. We are deeply grateful for the trust you place in SafeSpot, and we remain committed to honoring that trust through transparency, accountability, and thoughtful stewardship as recognized by our 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator, Platinum Seal of Transparency through Candid, and designation as a Spur Local Critical Nonprofit.

Looking ahead, SafeSpot remains dedicated to strengthening our impact and responding to the evolving needs of children and families impacted by abuse in Fairfax County. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and the families we support, I extend my deepest gratitude to the partners, supporters, and advocates like you who make this work possible. Your continued belief in our mission ensures that SafeSpot can provide hope, healing, and a path forward for every child who walks through our doors. Thank you for standing with us, and I look forward to all we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

In Partnership,

Heather Lyn O'Malley  
CEO, SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax

## MISSION

The mission of SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center is to provide a safe environment and support services for child abuse victims and their families as they navigate the investigation and aftermath of abuse.

## VISION

To reduce the trauma and improve the lives of child sexual abuse victims as they navigate the investigative, legal, and post-trauma treatment systems following an allegation of abuse.

### 2025 JUNIOR BOARD

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All staff members are multifunctionally skilled and equipped to work with traumatized children and families. They provide an excellent service with care to the community. It is needed and I am glad we have SafeSpot.



— MDT PARTNER

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

*We believe that every child in Fairfax County has the right to receive prompt, thorough, and complete child-focused attention when abuse has been reported, using a best practices model that puts the needs of the child first. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for our clients, staff, multi-disciplinary team partners, volunteers, and vendors. We recognize that our team members are our most important asset, and we strive to ensure an environment for their growth and development in line with SafeSpot's business needs.*

## SAFESPOT TEAM

Carla Claudio-Silva  
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## CORE VALUES

Empathy  
Teamwork  
Respect  
Integrity  
Accountability  
Excellence

## MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT)



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Attorney



# The Power of Feeling Safe



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“This is a safe place where I can be myself and someone listens.”

-CHILD SERVED AT SAFESPOT



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“I have peace of mind knowing my child is in a place where they are cared for, supported, and encouraged to grow.”

-CAREGIVER SERVED AT SAFESPOT



# Corporate Partner Spotlight



As SafeSpot continues to serve children and families throughout the region, the organization remains grateful for partners like iTech AG who continue to invest in the community. iTech AG is an Arlington-based ServiceNow Elite partner and integrator committed to supporting both its clients and the communities it serves, with a strong focus on initiatives that uplift children and families.



*iTech team at SafeSpot's 2025 Champions for Children.*

Since partnering with SafeSpot in 2022, iTech AG has contributed significant financial and community resources to initiatives focused on helping children and families across the region, giving over \$125,000 in contributions and fundraising efforts. From supporting and organizing fundraising events such as Battle of the Mascots, Casino Royale, and the Champions for Children Golf Tournament to providing children directly with Summer Fun Kits and backpacks, iTech AG has remained committed to making a meaningful impact.



"iTech AG has been an incredible partner to SafeSpot over the years," said Heather O'Malley, CEO of SafeSpot. "They genuinely care about the children and families we serve and consistently look for ways to make a meaningful difference in our community."



"At iTech AG, we believe children truly are our future, and we have a responsibility to support and protect them however we can," said Frank Antezana, CEO of iTech AG, SafeSpot board member, and chair of the organization's 2026 Champions for Children Golf Tournament. "SafeSpot's mission deeply aligns with our values because they are doing critical work right here in our community for children and families navigating incredibly difficult situations. We are proud to stand alongside SafeSpot and remain committed to continuing to grow our involvement and impact in the years ahead."



*iTech team at SafeSpot's 2026 Casino Royale.*

# Save the Date



Monday October 19, 2026  
Westwood Country Club

To learn more about the 2026 Champions for Children Golf  
Tournament, please scan the QR code below or visit  
[www.safespotfairfax.org/champions-for-children/](http://www.safespotfairfax.org/champions-for-children/)



# 2025 AT A GLANCE



555 children  
were served  
at SafeSpot

100% of children surveyed reported that center staff listened to them and made them feel safe.



487 caregivers  
served through  
Family  
Advocacy

97% of caregivers surveyed reported that the services they received were helpful and 96% reported that the center did everything it could to assist them and their child.



114 children in  
trauma-focused  
therapy

95% of children had demonstrated trauma symptoms by the conclusion of therapy.



# MDT PARTNER

## Spotlight

In 2024, SafeSpot expanded its multidisciplinary team through a new partnership with the Fairfax County Public School Title IX Office, strengthening how our community responds to and supports young people impacted by abuse and harassment. Title IX is a federal law that protects a student's right to access education.

When a student experiences harassment or unwelcome conduct based on sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity – including sexual violence, sexual assault, and gender-based harassment- their ability to feel safe at school can be disrupted. The FCPS Title IX office works to ensure all students are protected while leading formal investigations into reported incidents.

Through this partnership, SafeSpot and Title IX provide a more coordinated, trauma-informed response. While Title IX leads investigations, SafeSpot ensures children and families receive the advocacy, support, and healing services they need. Title IX Coordinator Colby Bruno shared, "Our partnership with SafeSpot ensures that while we conduct investigations, students also receive the wraparound, trauma-informed support they need." This collaboration reflects the power of a multidisciplinary approach, one that pairs accountability with healing.

Title IX professionals are also seeing evolving trends among youth, including earlier exposure to harmful content and a growing need for education around consent and healthy boundaries. At the same time, gaps remain in services for youth exhibiting problematic behaviors, highlighting the importance of early intervention.

At its core, this partnership reinforces a critical truth: supporting children means supporting all children. By working together, SafeSpot and Title IX are helping ensure every child has access to safety, support, and the opportunity to heal.

Looking ahead, SafeSpot and Title IX are committed to strengthening collaboration, deepening community connections, and continuing to build a coordinated response that prioritizes both safety and healing.

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**COLBY BRUNO**

Title IX Coordinator  
Fairfax County Public Schools



# CASINO ROYALE

*All-In for Children*



Following the overwhelming success of our 2024 debut, SafeSpot proudly hosted our **2nd Annual Casino Royale** on **April 5, 2025**. Thanks to the generosity of our incredible community of sponsors and donors, we **raised over \$274,000** to support children and families on their path to healing from abuse.



SafeSpot would like to extend a special thank you to our many incredible volunteers, whose dedication made the evening possible, as well as our event chair, **Kathy Dominguez**, and our amazing emcee, **Phil Simonides**, for truly making it a night to remember!





# Healing Together

## *A Story of Growth and Hope*

Today, high school senior Savannah is looking ahead to graduation with renewed confidence and hope for the future. She spends her time in her school's art club, works a part-time job, and is beginning to plan for college with the goal of studying ultrasound or sonography. She says she feels proud of herself and the progress she has made on her healing journey, something she would not have said a year ago.

When Savannah was 16, she confided in a trusted friend that she had been sexually assaulted by her ex-boyfriend. After months of intrusive thoughts, flashbacks, and overwhelming guilt and shame, Savannah listened when her friend encouraged her to tell her mother and seek help. Shocked and deeply worried for her daughter, Savannah's mother, Mary, immediately contacted the police. Savannah was brought to SafeSpot for a forensic interview, where she showed clear signs of trauma and distress. Adding to her pain, Savannah disclosed that classmates had learned about her report, leading to rumors at school and bullying by her ex-boyfriend's friends. Recognizing that Savannah needed significant support, SafeSpot immediately assigned a therapist, and she began Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT).

From the start, Savannah's therapist saw the impact of her trauma. Her grades were slipping, she had withdrawn from friends and activities, and communication with her mother had nearly stopped. Both Savannah and Mary longed to feel close again, but the trauma made connection difficult and led to conflict. Working closely with Savannah, her therapist helped her understand her emotions, develop coping skills, and begin processing her experience.

A pivotal part of her healing was creating a trauma narrative—sharing her story in a safe, supportive environment. She also explored creative ways to express her feelings, including making a collage that represented the emotions she experiences and how she manages them. She later shared this collage with her mother during a joint session, opening the door to deeper understanding.

As therapy progressed, Savannah began to shift how she saw herself. She learned that two things can be true at once: she could acknowledge the pain of what happened while also recognizing her own strength. Her confidence grew, and she even taught this coping strategy to her friends at school. Savannah's progress has been remarkable. Her trauma symptom score decreased from 53 at the start of therapy to 13. Her grades improved, she reengaged in school activities—joining the art club—and she started a part-time job. Now a high school senior, she is working on college applications and chose to write her college essay about her journey and the resilience she discovered within herself.

Mary also engaged in therapy services at SafeSpot, learning how to better support Savannah and strengthen communication at home. Through her own therapeutic work, she began processing past experiences—including domestic violence trauma—that had shaped her parenting. Fully committed to the healing process, she was able to address her own trauma and build her capacity to support her children. As a mother of three, this work was a meaningful step toward strengthening the entire family. The changes have been felt at home. Savannah shared that her mother is now more open and checks in regularly about her feelings. Their relationship has grown stronger, and they are finding new ways to connect.



Their healing journeys have even inspired new shared goals. Mary has decided to pursue her GED and hopes to attend nursing school—something Savannah is now helping her study for. They have also discovered a shared love of art, turning creativity into a way to spend meaningful time together. Their story is a powerful reminder that when a child experiences trauma, healing extends beyond the individual. By supporting both children and caregivers, SafeSpot helps families strengthen relationships, build resilience, and move forward with hope. **Today, Savannah is stepping into her future with confidence, and Mary is walking beside her—creating a path of healing and opportunity for their entire family.**

SAFESPOT CELEBRATED OUR

# 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Champions for Children

GOLF TOURNAMENT!



Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and donors, we raised **over \$390,000** in support of SafeSpot's core services — forensic interviewing, family advocacy, and trauma-focused therapy.



**Our sincere thanks** to our sponsors, donors, golfers, and guests for making this milestone possible. We are grateful to emcee Phil Simonides, special guest Susan Hogan, our dedicated Program Champions for their leadership, and the many volunteers whose time and support made this event a success.



# Moments of HOPE



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“Knowing that we were able to receive services for our son and ourselves was touching.”

-CAREGIVER SERVED AT SAFESPOT



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“Aquí me siento feliz, me ayudan cuando lo necesito y me tratan con mucho respeto.”

*(Here I feel happy, they help me when I need it, and they treat me with a lot of respect.)*

-CHILD SERVED AT SAFESPOT



# How to GET INVOLVED

Together, we create hope.

Your support helps children in Fairfax County heal from trauma and build brighter, healthier futures.



## Make a gift:

Your generosity helps children move from trauma to healing. Every gift ensures that children and families in Fairfax County receive the compassionate care, advocacy and support they need during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. Make a gift today and be part of a child's journey to hope.



## Give Comfort and Care:

Help us create a welcoming space for every child who walks through our doors. Items from our Amazon Wishlist provide comfort, care, and critical supplies used everyday at SafeSpot. Select a need and support directly to our Center. [You can shop our Wishlist by clicking here.](#)



## Become a SafeSpot Event Ambassador:

Help amplify SafeSpot's mission in our community by serving as an Event Ambassador. From supporting fundraising events to sharing our impact with new audiences, ambassadors play a vital role in expanding awareness and strengthening community support for children and families in Fairfax County. Join us and be a voice for hope and healing.



## Rally Your Community:

Bring your community together to make a meaningful difference. Host a fundraiser or collection drive and inspire your network to stand with children and families on their path to healing.

Every action—big or small—helps a child find safety, support, and hope.

*Thank you for standing with SafeSpot.*





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