



Blue is Our Hue in April!
The Official Color of National
Child Abuse Prevention Month



Director's Message

"Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most vulnerable citizens in our society, a life free of violence and fear." - Nelson Mandela

On any given day, children walk through our doors for a myriad of reasons. Children coming to our program report shocking crimes of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and other forms of unspeakable violence. Fortunately the SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center is able to gently wrap these children in a blanket of services geared towards reducing their trauma and helping their non-offending loved ones. And regardless of affluence in Fairfax County, it is imperative that our services are at no-cost to the clients! Financial constraints should never deter families from launching onto a path of healing and resilience.

Thanks to our many volunteers and generous donors, our work at SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center is clearly "the result of collective consensus and public investment." Our community must continue to hold safety and security at the top of our priority list. We must never stop investing in our youngest neighbors.

Best,
Michele Thames
Executive Director

Fairfax County Government Proclamation on April 9th



**We all play a role in the
healthy development of
our community's children.**



The Fairfax County Government scheduled this year's Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation for **April 9 at the Government Center**. SafeSpot will sponsor a light coffee/refreshment reception before the Board of Supervisors meet. Please join us as hosts of the reception and/or as guests of this very important official announcement.

Time: 9:00 am

Place: 12000 Government Center Pkwy,

Volunteer Attorney Needed



The SafeSpot Children's Center is in need of an attorney who specializes in family law and is willing to provide this type of legal advice (when needed) on a pro bono basis. If interested, please contact the Center's Executive Director, [Michele Thames](#), to set up an interview. Thank

"As a part of the Fairfax County community, we are each an essential part of "Building Brighter Childhoods" for all children. Child abuse and neglect is not just a concern of parents or families; it is truly a community concern."

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2019 Champions for Children Golf & Tennis Tournament, Cocktail Party & Dinner

Join us on April 29th to support our youngest neighbors!



\$10,000	Tournament Title Sponsor	
\$5,000	Activity Sponsor	
\$3,000	Hole Sponsor	Westwood Country Club
\$2,500	Tennis Title Sponsor	800 Maple Ave East
\$1,500	Course Levity Sponsor	Vienna, Virginia
\$1,000	Dinner Table Sponsor	
\$150	Tennis Player	
\$100	Cocktail & Dinner Guest	

Thank you for your support!

The SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center depends heavily on the success of its events! So please join all of us at the Westwood Country Club. All levels of support are appreciated: sponsors, players, dinner guests, and auction item donors. Dress is casual and the event is all about fun competition and evening camaraderie!

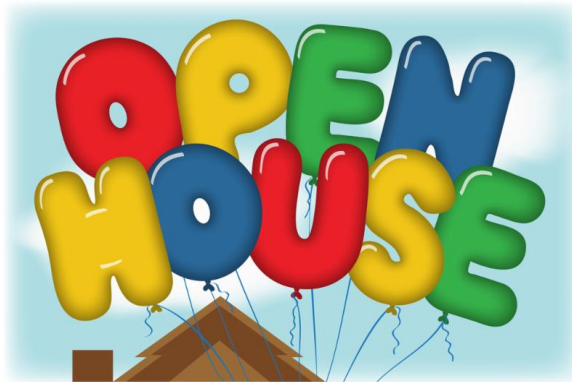
Details & Registration

The Numbers Don't Lie

In ONE month, 14 boys and 30 girls sought refuge at SafeSpot.

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Open House!



See this haven for yourself or share the great work of SafeSpot with friends and neighbors at the Children's Advocacy Center Open House!

When: Friday, May 31

Time: 9 am -11 am

[Register Here](#)

Plant a Pinwheel Garden in April!



In honor of Child Abuse Prevention month, SafeSpot participates in the national "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign. We plant "pinwheel gardens" at locations throughout the county. These whimsical gardens show support for the fight against child abuse, symbolize childhood hope and happiness, and bring smiles to all passersby! Throughout April, you are sure to find them at schools, churches, businesses, and even home gardens. If you would like to plant a pinwheel garden of your own or if you know a church or business willing to display the pinwheels, please contact:

Bootsie Humenansky
703-965-5463
bootsieh@aol.com

1 in 4 girls and 1 in 20 boys will be sexually abused by the age of 18

Annually, Fairfax County refers about 2200 + cases of child abuse to Child Protective Services

SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center is the only haven of its kind in Fairfax County



Junior Board Members Show Their Support at the Barre!



The Junior Board recently hosted a win-win workout benefiting the young clients of SafeSpot. The event was held at Neighborhood Barre in Arlington, VA and featured irresistible raffle items. 100% of the \$1,100 raised was delivered to the SafeSpot CAC. Thank you barre classmates, Neighborhood Barre and Junior Board Members for your generous gifts!!



Free Ice Cream for a Cause



Please join us for free ice cream cones at Ben & Jerry's in Reston Town Center on **Tuesday, April 9, from noon until 8 p.m.** Enjoy a cool treat and learn more about SafeSpot!

If you would like to volunteer, we certainly need your help with long lines, scooping ice cream, and receiving donations. Please check your calendars and volunteer for a 2-3 hour shift sometime that day. If interested, please send your preferred volunteer hours to Sydney Duberstein at smdubers@aol.com.

Training in Human Trafficking



On January 18, SafeSpot staff were trained in recognizing and responding to victims of human trafficking. Thank you to Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Inc. and Northern Virginia Family Services for providing this valuable education!

[Visit our website](#)

OUR MISSION:

The mission of SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County is to provide a child-friendly, culturally sensitive environment that promotes the safety and well-being of child victims of abuse while facilitating a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary team approach to the intervention, investigation, prosecution and treatment of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse.

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