



Dear SafeSpot Friend,

I hope this note finds you healthy and in good spirits. Today marks the beginning of **National Child Abuse Prevention Month**, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the prevalence of child abuse and the importance of families and communities working together to prevent abuse and neglect. I encourage you to join us on social media this month to learn the facts and help spread the word. You can also show your support of child survivors by displaying pinwheels at your office or home throughout the month (see below for details).



I am also pleased to share our **2021 Impact Report and Video**. Last year we felt the full affect of our community's return to "normal". SafeSpot saw a 26% increase in the number of children referred for forensic interviews and support services last year, highlighting the critical role of mandatory reporters such as teachers, coaches, medical and mental health professionals, and child care providers. According to a report by the *Office of the Administration for Children and Families, Children's Bureau* educators are the #1 source of child abuse reports, representing 21% of all reports in 2019. When our schools closed due to the pandemic in 2020, reports of child abuse fell across the country with only the most severe cases coming to light. While there are many reasons to be thankful that our children are back in the classroom, our increased ability to identify and stop abuse is foremost in my mind. I encourage you to read through the report and join us in celebrating all we were able to achieve as a community for vulnerable children and their families last year.

Finally, I want to personally invite you to join us on Friday, May 13th for the return of the **Passion for Fashion Fundraiser**. After a 2-year hiatus this fabulous event is back – and it is going to be better than ever! Hosted at the hip new concept store Bloomie's Mosaic District, the evening will include yummy food from RSVP Catering, delicious drinks from Colada Shop, the newest fashions from Bloomie's/Bloomingdales, entertainment, and more...all in support of children and families impacted by abuse. Trust me, you won't want to miss it!

With Appreciation,

**H. L. O'Malley**

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

## SafeSpot 2021 Impact Report & Video



2021 was a record breaking year at SafeSpot. With 564 forensic interviews, 513 family advocacy sessions, and 1,171 sessions of trauma-focused therapy last year, we served more children and families than ever.

See highlights from our programs, campaigns and events last year. Be sure to watch all the way through to see a special message from our facility dog Virgil!

## 2022 Passion for Fashion Fundraiser



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**Fashion**  
...and the children we serve

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ANNUAL FASHION SHOW & FUNDRAISER

Do you want to enjoy a night out with friends, discover the latest fashion trends, and watch SafeSpot's facility dog Virgil strut his stuff on the runway? All while supporting local children in need?

Join us for all that – *and more* – at the **2022 Passion for Fashion Fundraiser**. Get your tickets today or consider becoming a sponsor and hosting your friends and family for a fun night out.

All proceeds go to support the programs and services of SafeSpot.

[Get Your Tickets Today!](#)

## Pinwheel's for Prevention

Pinwheels are the national symbol for child abuse prevention. They symbolize a happy, healthy childhood. Pinwheel gardens can help remind ourselves and the community about our commitment to preventing child abuse and supporting survivors.

SafeSpot has a limited number of pinwheels available for the community. If you would like to show your support for children's healthy development with your own pinwheel garden, call our office at 703-385-5437. And be on the lookout for pinwheel gardens displayed by our partners at police stations and community centers throughout Fairfax!



## Save the Date for Golf & More!



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CHILDREN  
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COUNTRY CLUB**

Vienna, VA



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