



Dear SafeSpot Friend,

I hope this message finds you healthy and in good spirits. Next week marks the unofficial end of summer as hundreds of thousands of Fairfax children return to the classroom. At SafeSpot, we are preparing for the increase in referrals for services that will follow as teachers and other school personnel meaningfully re-engage with students. We stand ready to support every child and family impacted by abuse in our community, and I am elated to share that we have recent made significant investments in the areas of staff and programs to do just that.



Earlier this year, SafeSpot's Board of Directors approved our 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan . Our plan is ambitious, yet grounded in sustainable practices that will enable our team to serve more child victims of abuse with the highest quality services of any Children's Advocacy Center in our state, indeed the country! And I am proud to share that we have already begun to make strategic investments that will bring more services to more children and caregivers, including:

- Expansion of our trauma-focused Mental Health program with the addition of a 4th Therapist.
- Expansion of our Family Advocacy program with the addition of a 3rd Family Advocate.
- Improved language accessibility with more bilingual staff, ensuring every program and service we provide can be delivered in English and Spanish.
- Development of a strategic partnership with the Fairfax-Fall's Church Community Services Board to provide trauma-focused therapy to even more children seen by SafeSpot.

Over the next 2–3 years we will be making further investments to grow capacity and enhance services so we can bring safety, hope, and healing to more children and families in our community. I encourage you to take a few moments to review our strategic plan priorities, which are available on our [website](#) and linked below. I look forward to providing updates on our progress as we move forward, and as always, I welcome your questions and feedback. We hope you will join us in achieving our mission!

Finally, I want to draw your attention our upcoming Fall events. On Saturday, September 17th, the **Superheroes for SafeSpot 5K & Fun Run** will return to Lake Fairfax Park for a second year of family fun. And on Monday, October 24th, the annual **Champions for Children Eagles n' Aces Tournament** will return to the newly renovated Westwood Country Club. I hope to see you at one or both of these events.

With Appreciation,

H. L. O'Malley

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

Learn About SafeSpot's 2022 – 2024 Strategic Plan

"This plan is the result of a deep commitment by every member of the SafeSpot team. Led by the Board of Directors Strategic Planning Committee, it has included input, advice, and counsel from the SafeSpot staff, supporters, and our multi-disciplinary team partners.

Every child deserves to feel confident that when they reach out for help they will be able to tell their story, be heard, and receive assistance that will give them hope for the future. That has always been a key value for



2022 - 2024 Strategic Plan

Expanding our capacity to provide
HOPE AND HEALING
for children and families impacted by abuse
in Fairfax County



every member of the SafeSpot team and will continue to be so for the future.

~Founder & Board President, Denise Balzano

[View SafeSpot's Strategic Plan "At a Glance"](#)

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Register Today! Superheroes for SafeSpot 5K & Fun Run



Register by Monday, August 22nd to take advantage of the Early Bird Rate!

Adults: \$35 through August 22nd
\$40 through September 16th
\$45 on Race Day
Children (12 and under): \$15

Saturday, September 17th
Lake Fairfax Park
5K & Fun Run
Superhero Costume Contest
Music & Entertainment

[Get Your Tickets Today!](#)

Champions for Children Golf Tournament



It's not too late to hit the greens in support of children! Dinner sponsorships and foursomes are still available for the **2022 Champions for Children Eagles n' Aces Tournament on Monday,**

October 24th. Register today for your chance to play on the newly renovated Gene Bates' designed premier championship 18-hole golf course at Westwood Country Club. Or join us for the cocktail hour, auction, and dinner reception.

Not able to attend? You can still support children and families impacted by abuse. **We are looking for tax-deductible donations to support the live and silent auctions.** Contact us at 703-385-5437, or visit our [website](#) to learn more.



SafeSpot Welcomes Thai Royal Police!

A Shared Commitment to Child Safety

The SafeSpot team was thrilled to meet delegations from the Thai Royal Police and Legal Attaché Office of Bangkok this summer. We welcomed the opportunity to share best practices in investigating and prosecuting child abuse cases, and supporting survivors. Thank you to our partners at the FBI for facilitating this exchange of knowledge and ideas!



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