

Dear Heather,

I hope this message finds you healthy and in good spirits. Here at SafeSpot, we are embracing the promise of new beginnings that come with the Spring.

Our first new beginning is just around the corner as we prepare to move into a brand new, expanded office! After a year-long search and months of planning and construction, we are just a few short weeks away from opening the doors to our new 7,000+ square foot center that includes two forensic interview rooms and observation rooms, five trauma-informed therapy offices, four advocacy offices, and a state-of-the-art training room. We can't wait to welcome children and families to our new home and I look forward to sharing more information and photos soon.



SafeSpot is also launching a brand new event, which we hope will become an annual tradition. After years of partnering with Bloomingdale's to bring you our annual Fashion Show, we are moving in a new direction. On **June 1st**, we will bring you **Casino Royale: All-In for Children!** This exciting evening event will bring you all the glamour and glitz of a Vegas-style party, including over a dozen casino games, music, dancing, a high-end raffle, and more - all to support the vital services we provide to children and families impacted by abuse.

Finally, I wish to highlight that **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**, a time when we bring attention to the issues and recommit ourselves to preventing abuse while standing with survivors and supporting their needs. Child abuse, like many forms of interpersonal violence, thrives in silence and secrecy. For communities to truly prevent abuse, we must be willing to talk about it, despite our unease and discomfort. This month, I ask you to learn the [facts](#) and begin a dialogue. Start by wearing blue on Friday, April 5th for #WearBlueDay, follow us on social media and share our posts, or bring a friend to one of our community events, like Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day. Even a small action can make a huge impact for a child!

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

Get Your Tickets for SafeSpot's Casino Royale

Calling all High Rollers!

Join us for an exciting evening of your favorite casino games in support of Fairfax children healing from abuse. Harness your inner card shark at the blackjack tables or try your luck at the roulette wheel, all while enjoying tasty bites, cocktails, music, dancing, and more!

Casino Royale: All-In for Children
Saturday, June 1st
6:00PM - 10:00PM
Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park

Early Bird tickets are just \$175 through Friday, May 3rd. Each ticket comes with \$200 of *casino cash* to start the night off right. Let the games begin!



Get Your Tickets Now

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, we recognize the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. Through education and awareness, we can empower every member of our community to recognize the signs, report the crimes, and stand shoulder to shoulder with survivors.

There are several ways to show your support this month:

- Join us on social media to learn the facts and spread the word.
- #WearBlueDay: On Friday, April 5th, join individuals and organizations across the country to make a visible commitment to preventing child abuse by wearing blue.
- Display pinwheels at your office or home. Contact SafeSpot at 703-385-5437 for your pinwheels!
- Attend a community event and bring your network.



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BEN & JERRY'S
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TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH

Stop by between
12-8PM
For your free cone!

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In support of
SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax

Tuesday, April 16th is Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day! Visit the **Fairfax Corner Ben & Jerry's** store anytime between **12-8pm** to get your free cone. Enjoy your favorite flavor while learning more about SafeSpot's services and opportunities to support children in Fairfax.



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10AM - 4PM**

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IN SUPPORT OF
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SAFESPOT

Come out on Saturday, April 13th for the Wildcard Strongman Competition, which tests athletes in a series of strength-based activities. This free event is entertaining for audiences and fun for athletes. Heritage Brewing Co. will be selling drinks and food trucks will be on site.

SafeSpot Welcomes New Board Members

We are proud to welcome three new members to the SafeSpot Board of Directors!

Jessica Bourgeois

Jess is a seasoned marketing professional with a degree in Marketing from George Mason University. With 16 years of experience in SaaS technology, Jess has excelled in running field and demand marketing programs targeting both private and public sector organizations. Her expertise spans across various channels including events, social media, email marketing, and more. Beyond her professional endeavors, Jess has chaired SafeSpot events such as the 2022 and 2023 Passion for Fashion, and volunteered for a previous SafeSpot 5K Race. Jess resides in Herndon, VA, with her husband Beau and their three kids, Gabby, Christian, and Daniel.

Catie Price

Catie is a retired litigation attorney whose practice focused on family law issues. A graduate of the University of Virginia and the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at William and Mary, Catie has a special interest in service to children and families which naturally led to a family law practice focused on achieving goals that best served those interests. She currently works in the area of grant reporting and acquisition with Second Story (formerly Alternative House), a local non-profit with a mission focused on assisting youth at critical points in their lives, including short-term assistance to teens in crisis, long-term housing assistance and life skills education in support of youth and young mothers, and community after school programs and resource centers supporting families.

Charlie Price

Charlie retired from the FBI after serving as a Special Agent for more than 28 years. An expert in interviews and interrogations, Charlie obtained confessions that resulted in the convictions of a

wide-variety of subjects, including three sitting members of Congress, numerous corporate executives, and a spy. He received the FBI Director's Award for Excellence in HUMINT (human intelligence), the bureau's highest award, for interviews/interrogations he conducted on classified national security matters while deployed to Afghanistan. After retiring from the FBI, Charlie created and led a corporate investigations practice at a consulting firm, was the Chief Security Officer of a Fortune 500 company, and served as the Chief Strategy Officer of a privately-held company that owns and manages over \$4 billion in real estate.

FBI Recognizes Angela Haslett, SafeSpot's Manager of Forensic Services



On March 22nd, the FBI Washington Field Office named Angela Haslett as the Recipient of a 2023 FBI Director's Community Leadership Award! Assistant Director in Charge David Sundberg presented the award in recognition of Haslett's work as SafeSpot's child forensic interviewer for the Washington Field Office's (WFO) Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force (CEHTF), which has helped mitigate crimes against children – particularly crimes involving victims of sextortion.

"We recognize Angela Haslett today for her tireless work in supporting the young victims of some of the most heinous crimes imaginable," Sundberg said. "There is no doubt her work has reduced the trauma experienced by victims and has assisted in our ability to put offenders behind bars," said Sundberg during a live interview on ABC 7News.

Haslett and other SafeSpot employees lead multidisciplinary teams through investigations, reviewing and ensuring each case is moving carefully and efficiently through the therapeutic, investigative, and prosecutorial processes. Haslett's work has reduced the trauma experienced by child victims; improved prosecution outcomes; and provided efficient, compassionate, and thorough no-cost services to child victims and non-offending family members.

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.



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