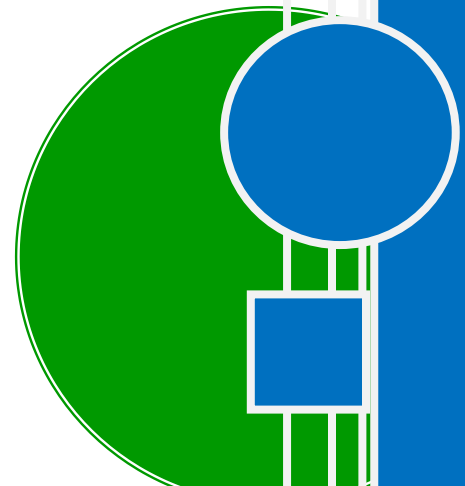


## 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

*Santa Rosa Kids' House, Inc.*

Tammy Burton, LCSW - Executive Director  
2/12/2010



## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Community Members and Supporters,

The Santa Rosa Kids' House has been blessed by the leadership and support provided by our local multidisciplinary partners. With this and the overwhelming support of private citizens, foundations and businesses in Santa Rosa County, we are able to deliver a coordinated response to child abuse in an environment that puts the needs of children first.

While we have a lot of successes to celebrate, we are advancing with a dynamic vision for the continued development of our program and an increased capacity to serve child abuse victims. I have said many times that it is unfortunate that our county needs a facility like the Santa Rosa Kids' House. While this is a regrettable reflection of the challenges that our citizens face, we are committed to facilitating the recovery of child victims and seeking ways to prevent further victimization of children through prosecution of offenders and education on ways we can protect children from harm.



I welcome your continued involvement and support of the Santa Rosa Kids' House and its goals for 2010. The recent recession has placed significant limitations on funding opportunities and donor contributions that are vital to our program. As such, the Santa Rosa Kids' House will depend more heavily on your generosity to serve our most vulnerable asset – our children.

*Sheriff Wendell Hall*

Chairman, Board of Directors

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The **mission** of the Santa Rosa Kids' House is to deliver a well-coordinated and multi-disciplined response to child abuse in an environment that puts the needs of children first. Our multidisciplinary team consists of the State Attorney's Office, Attorney General's Cybercrimes Unit, Department of Children and Families, Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office, Santa Rosa School District, Families Count/Child Protection Team, Guardian ad Litem program, Lutheran Services Florida and other community service providers. Utilizing the expertise of each multidisciplinary team partner, the Santa Rosa Kids' House delivers services utilizing the Child Advocacy Center service model that is recognized nationally for improving outcomes for child victims and their families while preserving precious public resources. With this model of service delivery, our **vision** is to create a community where all children are nurtured to learn and grow in the context of safe and stable families that are equipped with the tools to prevent abuse and neglect.

While the Santa Rosa Kids' House is still developing standard outcome measures to measure our implementation of the Child Advocacy Center model, we are pleased to present the following report on our activities for 2009.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### *Santa Rosa Kids' House*

- A delegation of the Santa Rosa Kids' House Multidisciplinary Team participated in a 1-week development training at the National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Alabama.
- The Santa Rosa Kids' House leads a county wide child abuse prevention project with local agencies and providers serving families with children ages 0 to 5 years old (Santa Rosa Strengthening Families Initiative).
- The Santa Rosa Kids' House has provided 2 professional development seminars for social service and educational professionals on child abuse and the multidisciplinary response.
- The Santa Rosa Kids' House launched a new logo to enhance recognition of our program in the community.

- The Santa Rosa Kids' House implemented a quarterly electronic newsletter to further engage the public in our program.
- The Santa Rosa Kids' House successfully completed a Rural Outreach and Expansion project that encourages the utilization of the Santa Rosa Kids' House by those serving rural areas of our county.
- The Santa Rosa Kids' House participated with a collaborative of community service providers in the design and proposal of a relationship based consultation program that would enhance child abuse prevention services to families of children ages 0 to 5 years in our community.
- The Santa Rosa Kids' House has implemented the National Children's Alliance Trak system for data collection and case tracking.

### *Lutheran Services, Florida*

- Lutheran Services Florida began providing non-offending parent groups as part of their specialized sexual abuse treatment program at the Santa Rosa Kids' House.
- Lutheran Services Florida participated in program audits by 3 funders and had no corrective actions identified.
- Initial assessments and case documentation being prepared by Lutheran Services Florida Therapist, Brian Harper, was identified by VOCA as a best practice model to be disseminated statewide for VOCA funded specialized sexual abuse treatment providers.

### *Families Count, Child Protection Team and Rapid Response Program*

- In 2009, the Child Protection Team began using telemedicine to increase the timeliness and availability of medical exams to child victims of abuse in Santa Rosa County.
- In 2009, the Child Protection Team served 47% more Santa Rosa County child victims than in 2008.
- In 2009, the Rapid Response Program exceeded the projected number of primary and secondary victims served for the service year.
- For approximately 6 months in 2009, the Rapid Response Program augmented the Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office victim service program by providing on call response to child rape victims.

### *Attorney General's Office, Child Predator CyberCrime Unit*

- CyberCrime Unit Investigators executed 22 search warrants, including 8 in Santa Rosa County, the remainder in counties in Panhandle.
- CyberCrime Unit Investigators arrested 11 suspects.
- CyberCrime Unit Investigators opened 54 criminal investigations, several of which led to the rescue of abused children.
- The CyberCrime Unit Victim Advocate presented the Attorney General's Student CyberSafety Presentation to every public High School and Middle School in Santa Rosa County.

### *Department of Children and Families*

- In 2009, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) began an emphasis on the implementation of Family Centered Practice. With this approach, DCF is changing the case transfer process to build working relationships and strength based interventions that will support children and families in ensuring safe environments for their children.
- In 2009, DCF was selected as one of three innovation sites for DCF in the State of Florida. This initiative will help to enhance the implementation of Family Centered Practice and advance training initiatives with staff.
- In 2009, DCF concluded a full year pilot of the new Case Transfer process affiliated with Family Centered Practice in the Navarre area. As a result of this new approach, DCF documented a reduction in the re-abuse rate of children served.

### *State Attorney's Office*

- In 2009, the State Attorney's Office prosecuted 55 cases from the Santa Rosa Kids' House involving crimes against children. Of the 55 cases prosecuted, 2 offenders received sentences of life in prison and another 44 cases resulted in a combined 128.64 years of state prison and 163 years probation for their respective defendants.

### *Guardian ad Litem Program*

- The Guardian ad Litem Program is appointed and actively serving 90% of dependent children in Santa Rosa County.
- The Guardian ad Litem Program has a volunteer corps of 51 volunteers, with the longest serving volunteer serving for 14 years.
- The Guardian ad Litem certified 19 new volunteers in 2009.
- The Guardian ad Litem Program was appointed to 215 children in 2009. They are currently serving 322 children in Santa Rosa County.

### *Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office*

- In 2009, the Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office expanded their Victim Advocacy Program and added a full time Victim Advocate to the Santa Rosa Kids' House investigative team.
- In 2009, the Santa Rosa Sheriff's Office investigated 153 cases of child abuse, neglect and sexual offenses towards children in Santa Rosa County.

## CHILDREN SERVED

<p><b><u>1st Quarter 2009 (Jan, Feb, March)</u></b>          New Children Seen: 13*          Total Alleged Offenders: 11          Cases Accepted for Prosecution: 10          Children Receiving Medical Exams: 9 **          Children Receiving Counseling: 29          New Referrals to Counseling (children): 27          Forensic &amp; Specialized Interviews (child and adult): 22</p>	<p><b><u>2nd Quarter 2009 (April, May, June)</u></b>          New Children Seen: 55*          Total Alleged Offenders: 42          Cases Accepted for Prosecution: 14          Children Receiving Medical Exams: 16 **          Children Receiving Counseling: 28          New Referrals to Counseling (children): 18          Forensic &amp; Specialized Interviews (child and adult): 35</p>
<p><b><u>3rd Quarter 2009 (July, Aug, Sept)</u></b>          New Children Seen: 39*          Total Alleged Offenders: 44          Cases Accepted for Prosecution: 42          Children Receiving Medical Exams: 25**          Children Receiving Counseling: 33          New Referrals to Counseling (children): 35          Forensic &amp; Specialized Interviews (child and adult): 54</p>	<p><b><u>4th Quarter 2009 (Oct., Nov, Dec)</u></b>          New Children Seen: 20*          Total Alleged Offenders: 21          Cases Accepted for Prosecution: 19          Children Receiving Medical Exams: 11**          Children Receiving Counseling (children): 30          New Referrals to Counseling: 11          Forensic &amp; Specialized Interviews (child and adult): 16</p>

### **Totals 2009**

**New Children Seen: 127\***

**Total Alleged Offenders: 118**

**Cases Accepted for Prosecution: 85**

**Children Receiving Medical Exams: 61\*\***

**Children Receiving Counseling (unduplicated): 53**

**New Referrals to Counseling (children): 91**

**Forensic & Specialized Interviews (child and adult): 127**

\*This number does not yet include children who participated in depositions at the Santa Rosa Kids' House. This has been added to the 2010 program data and will be reported for the first time in the 2010 Annual Report.

\*\*This number does not include Santa Rosa County children who were examined as part of an emergency response at the Gulf Coast Kids' House or local hospital Emergency Room. In 2009, there were 36 additional Santa Rosa County children were examined outside of the Santa Rosa Kids' House by multidisciplinary team partner, Families Count/Child Protection Team.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 12/31/2009

	<u>2009</u>
<b>Support</b>	
Contributions	\$ 77,519
Grants	31,717
Special events and fundraising	61,367
Rent	72,544
Interest	241
Other	165
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<u>243,553</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Program	255,081
General & Administrative	35,869
Fundraising	32,213
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>323,163</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(79,610)
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>1,548,744</u>
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 1,469,134</u></u>

## 2009 MAJOR SUPPORTERS

National Children's Alliance, Bank of America Charitable Foundation, Fred Waters Baseball Foundation, Price Family Foundation, Boo Weekley, Paul and Susan Lio, Krewe of Bananimals, Florida Network of Child Advocacy Centers, Aramark, HT-8 Officers Spouses Club, Insight Marketing and Communications, Sheriff Wendell Hall

## 2009 IN KIND DONATIONS

Hixardt Technologies, ReefScapes, Ken Griffin Landscaping, Milton Carpet, Air Gas, Publix Supermarkets, Pensacola Steel Band, Tim Golden Photography, Pensacola Ice Flyers, Hard Rock Designs, Hampton Inn-Navarre, Hampton Inn – Pensacola Beach, Cock of the Walk Restaurant, Trends Salon and Spa, Gulf Breeze Animal Hospital, Bayou Golf, City of Pensacola Parks and Recreation, LBA Properties, the Moors Golf Club, Stained Glass by Hillary, Southeastern Guide Dogs, Beach Pails and Pet Tails Pet Grooming, Woodie's Florist and Gifts, Plastic Engraving, Roy Andrews

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