

A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a grey tank top and a white skirt, is sitting cross-legged on a modern, light-colored concrete bench. The bench is situated in a lush garden with various green plants and trees in the background. In the foreground, there is a small stream with a rocky bank and some pinkish-red flowers. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

CHILDSAFE

2020 IMPACT REPORT



Dear Friends,

The year 2020 has been an extraordinary year for all of us. Front and center has been COVID-19 and the implications this novel virus has thrust upon all of us, our communities, our country, and the world. On August 19, 2019, in the shadow of this pandemic, we moved into our beautiful new Harvey E. Najim Children & Family Center and began serving child victims of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse.

What we and our partners saw, and continue to see, are children and families responding in remarkable ways as they enter the building and explore the campus, expressly designed to heal and restore. We have seen small children cry when it was time to leave play spaces, and an 11-year-old boy ask if he could have his next birthday party at ChildSafe after making a positive outcry of sexual abuse.

Such seemingly small gestures speak volumes about the impact our new center makes on all who enter; making them feel special and safe, and quietly conveying a sense of calm is a monumental achievement for a trauma-informed organization.

Then COVID-19 arrived in early spring of 2020, and radically changed our lives. Unfortunately, child abuse never stops. We are seeing a whole new array of stressors related to the pandemic, and due to these stressors, child abuse cases are increasing in both numbers and severity.

Over the last eight months, as an essential service provider, we remained open and quickly pivoted our service delivery model to best meet the needs of the children and families we serve. While maintaining the highest level of services possible, we implemented ongoing measures to ensure the health and safety of our staff, partners, and the families we serve.



“As soon as we walked inside, I had this overwhelming feeling that everything was going to be better.

—CHILDSAFE PARENT



Through these unprecedented times, you, and many others like you, have stood steadfast in your support of ChildSafe and our critical work. Your understanding of such a complex issue, and desire to help children heal from abuse, is so important to our community and our children. It shines bright in what has been a dark time in all our lives, but especially the young victims we serve.

It is difficult to express the gratitude all of us at ChildSafe have for you, and all our donors. Your unwavering commitment to our mission inspires us so we can continue to provide hope and healing to child abuse victims. On behalf of our staff and board members, partners, volunteers, and especially the families of Bexar County, I thank you for your generosity and lifting up the children and families we serve.

As you review this report, take pride in your investment and the difference you have made.

Best wishes of health and happiness to you and yours this holiday season.

Kim Abernethy
President/CEO



SERVICE STATISTICS

Last fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, **513** philanthropic donors like you gave almost **\$2 million** to ChildSafe. Here is how your generosity made a difference for our clients:

> In August 2019, we began operating from our innovative new campus, a model for Children's Advocacy Centers nationwide.

5,289

children and their families received our intervention services

1,913

forensic interviews were provided to children

6,464

healing counseling sessions were provided to child abuse victims and their caretakers

133

clients received therapeutic care through outdoor behavioral healthcare (adventure therapy)

14,950

individuals were trained in child abuse prevention best practices

349

volunteers provided **1,960** hours of skilled volunteer service, valued at **\$49,169**

3,439

clients received essential items from our Whataburger Resource Room

352

children received school supplies to ensure a successful school year

440

children, who would otherwise go without, received holiday gifts

"I came to ChildSafe when I was a teen. They helped me understand what happened to me was not my fault, which helped me become a stronger person and ultimately heal. If I had not had support at that time, I would not be the nurturing and protective mother I am today."

— CHILDSAFE CLIENT AND VOLUNTEER

CHILD DEMOGRAPHICS



Female **73%**
Male **27%**



Under 13 years of age **55%**
13 years and older **45%**



Hispanic **68%**
White **17%**
Black **8%**
Multiracial **6%**
Other **1%**



Low to moderate income **77%**
(By HUD's Median Area Income Measurement)

FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY

For every **\$1** donated to ChildSafe,

88¢ goes directly towards client services.



Programs & Services **88%**
Administration **7%**
Fundraising **5%**

“For me it was an instant relief from months of incredible stress. My daughter and son relaxed during their first visit and even wanted to come back.”

—CHILDSAFE PARENT



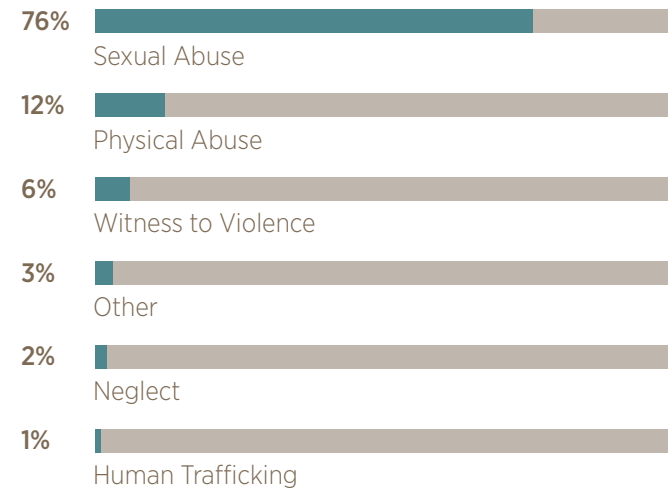
*“We felt safe, empowered, and informed.
Thank you for taking such good care of us!”*

—CHILDSAFE PARENT

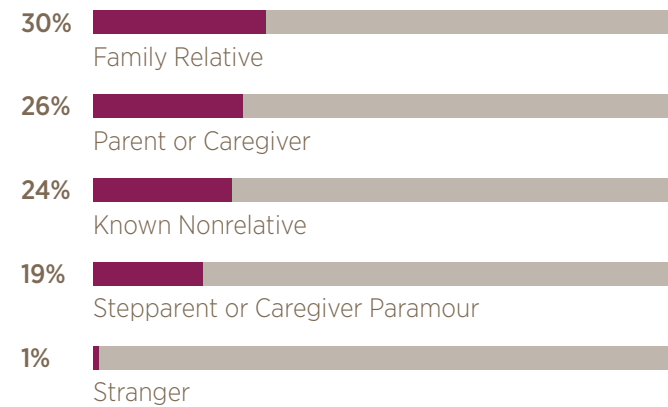


CLIENT STATISTICS

PRIMARY ALLEGATIONS OF ABUSE



PERPETRATOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD





We are excited to share that ChildSafe's
HARVEY E. NAJIM CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTER
has received several international, national,
and local awards in 2020.

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Innovation by Design Award – Wellness

CHICAGO ANTHENAUM

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*“This place is so cool; can I have
my birthday party here?”*

—CHILDSAFE CLIENT

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