



March 1, 2017

Dear Community Neighbor,

The child and adolescent victims of abuse served by Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center experience greater coordination of services, lower symptoms of trauma, return to healthy functioning more quickly, and their cases are more successfully prosecuted. But more children need our help. In Virginia, during state fiscal year 2016:

- 6,459 children were involved in founded reports of abuse or neglect;
- nearly 38% of those cases were due to physical or sexual abuse;
- 37 children died as a result of abuse or neglect; and
- 76% of abuse victims were age 4 years or younger.

With the support of the community, Safe Harbor provides a child-focused, community-based facility in which well trained professionals come together to respond to the child's abuse in such a way that it honors the child's need for safety, dignity and privacy, thus, reducing the trauma and preventing further victimization of the child. Since opening in 2009, Safe Harbor has served 1,485 child and adolescent victims of abuse from the Counties of Stafford, Spotsylvania, King George, and Caroline, and the City of Fredericksburg.

Join us May 22, 2017, for
Safe Harbor's Eighth Annual Golf Tournament for the Protection of Our Children
at the Fredericksburg Country Club.

To make this event successful, *we need your help.* Sponsorship opportunities exist at every level (please see enclosure). No gift is too large or too small when given from the heart.

Thank you for supporting the children, adolescents, and families who visit Safe Harbor every day in search of hope and healing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth".

Elizabeth McNally
Executive Director

Please contact Elizabeth McNally for additional information. If you would like to sponsor the event, please complete the enclosed sponsorship form and return it to Safe Harbor, P.O. Box 56, Fredericksburg, VA, 22404, or fax to 540-891-6282. If you have questions please call 540-891-6280 or visit our website: www.safeharborva.org.

