2025 ANNUAL
IMPACT REPORT

Safe Children Coalition

OUR MISSION

To Protect Children and Youth, Strengthen Families, and Build Community.

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Letter *from* Leadership

Reimagining THE FUTURE

This past fiscal year reminded us of the power of **resilience.** Through collaboration with community partners and determination to carry out the SCC mission regardless of the obstacles, we ended FY25 with solid proof that **when a community works together, they can overcome any obstacle.**

It seems so long ago that three hurricanes occurring in August, September, and October 2024 by the names of Debby, Helene, and Milton slammed into the Suncoast, damaging property, displacing families, and upending lives. The fierce winds and rain of Hurricane Milton damaged our Sarasota offices and made them uninhabitable for over a month. We finally moved back into our Sarasota offices in mid-November 2024 after extensive repairs. We opened the new Bradenton office in March 2025.

We're thankful to our **resilient staff who served families, while also being displaced themselves,** throughout the crisis with service referrals and necessities needed to care for our children. We're thankful to the **Florida Disaster Assistance Fund, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, and numerous community partners**, for their significant and immediate support to help staff and families with food, shelter, home repairs, relocation expenses, and temporary housing needs. Your support enabled our nearly 300 staff members, who worked from home, and in temporary office locations during the aftermath of the hurricanes, to ensure that every child and family continued to receive critical, life-changing services to keep them safe.

Even with temporary setbacks, **we served over 10,000 children and families across all programs** and services, providing critical foster care and support for families who found themselves in challenging situations that jeopardized the safety of a child. **We're excited to say that the number of children being removed and placed into foster care has steadily declined** from a high of over 900 in FY2016 to a low of 292 children in FY25. It's evident that our continued investment in Prevention and Diversion Programs, intervening in family struggles before a call to the abuse hotline, has significantly reduced the number of children entering child welfare.

We continue to recognize the taxing nature of the case management role, and with the support of a $750,000 grant from the **Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation**, **we increased our staff retention rate.** We have continued to maintain reduced caseloads, with an average of just over 10 children per case manager. We know **smaller caseloads means that our children and families are getting more attention** and customized care. We appreciate Barancik Foundation for providing the resources to implement a **Talent Retention Project** focused on providing our staff with incentives to continue supporting families, as well as leadership development that prepares our staff to ascend to management roles. Our **succession planning ensures** continuity of care for children and families for decades to come.

A most significant accomplishment this year is the **capping of Phase 1 of our Capital Campaign** for a new Youth Shelter for teens, ages 10-17 as the designated community youth shelter for Sarasota and Desoto counties. Our Youth Shelter serves teens from Manatee County too. **In March 2025 we broke ground for the nearly 9,000 square foot facility** located at 4409 Sawyer Road in Sarasota, FL. Thanks to numerous donors who believed in SCC's ability to carry out a campaign to construct a much-needed shelter for homeless youth, **construction is well underway**. We expect the Youth Shelter program to be in the building and fully operational by Fall 2026. **As we enter Phase II of the campaign,** we are focused on securing furniture, beds, and equipment that will fully outfit the facility and provide an environment focused on helping youth to gain the skills they need to return to family, guardians, or appropriate placements while preventing them from coming into the child welfare system.

Building on that momentum, we received expedited reaccreditation through COA (Council on Accreditation), a service of Social Current in April. Our expedited review was the result of not receiving any out-of-compliance ratings in any fundamental practice standards. **The COA accreditation confirms our steadfast commitment** to high program standards and continuous quality improvement in service delivery from an international third-party agency whose approval indicates that our programs are designed and delivered in a way that provides the **highest quality care and excellence.**

And for the **first time in the history of SCC, we roared into the Best of SRQ Local** taking Gold in the Children's Nonprofit Category. We're delighted in how this recognition showcases the community's understanding of who we are and what we do for the most vulnerable children and families on the Suncoast. **All the success we've experienced this year is because of donors like you.** With your help, we're Reimagining the Future and showing children and families that they can learn to be resilient, overcome challenges, and create a future where they can thrive.

We are deeply grateful to our volunteer Board of Directors and Committees, who freely give of their time, talent and treasure. Their vision and stewardship continue to guide us forward with intention and clarity. Their unwavering commitment and insights in setting goals, asking thought provoking questions, and helping us to adhere to the highest of ethical standards moves us forward with integrity. Their work ensures that SCC upholds the trust of the community, while ensuring that we stay true to our mission of protecting children and youth, strengthening families, and building community.

As you review this year's Impact Report, the statistics you see are more than numbers. Behind every number is a powerful story of human resilience and children and families who are reimagining what it means to live a safe and successful life. Every data point represents the work of Safe Children Coalition to change lives through providing expert support, opening doors to new opportunities, and showing families a new path forward.

Though we continue to see fewer children coming into foster care, we are still challenged by the **enormity of mental health and emotional needs of high needs children.** Even now, a full five years after the start of the COVID 19 pandemic, the **teen mental health crisis** continues to affect the system of care and requires considerable resources. No matter the difficulty, we are committed to caring for children who need us to keep them safe.

We're thankful to the nearly 800 donors over the last year who believed in our work and shared our vision to make the lives of children and families safer through our Foster Care, Adoption, and Prevention and Diversion programs. **As a unique public/private partnership,** we appreciate your recognition that our needs are different than traditional nonprofits in our community, and that we also need your support.

Thank you for helping us to Reimagine the Future. Whether a child is receiving services in our Foster Care or Adoption programs, or in one of our Prevention and Diversion programs like Youth Prevention Services, ERAT (Emergency Response and Assessment), the Fatherhood Program, the Youth Shelter, or more, children in our programs learn how to use their imaginations to create a future for themselves that will one day lead to a better tomorrow.

As always, we remain committed to walking alongside children and families and guiding them with compassion and care.

Thank you for supporting children and families in our community as we continue the work of realizing our vision of children growing up in safe, stable, nurturing families and communities.

Tony Gamelin
Board Chair

Brena Slater
President & CEO

OUR **IMPACT**

OVER
10,000 } Children and families served in Foster Care, Adoption, and Prevention and Diversion Programs.

46,668 } **Prevention and Diversion Hours** were provided to children and families across prevention programs like Child Welfare and Community Prevention Services, Schoolhouse Link, HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters), Achievers, the Youth Shelter, and more focused on keeping children safely and securely with their families.

18,935 } **Books were read** by just over 100 preschool youngsters ages 2 – 5 in our HIPPY program, an evidenced based, home visiting program where we partner with parents of children ages two through five from underserved populations to help prepare parents and children for success in school. Nearly 3,400 home visits resulted in 94% of children passing the school readiness assessment for kindergarten.

4,756 } **Children received services across our Prevention and Diversion Programs** including our Emergency Response and Assessment Team (E.R.A.T.), Children and Parents Together Always (CAPTA), Youth Prevention and Intervention Services, and others.

2,577 } **Emergency Safe Shelter Bed Nights were provided** to homeless teens ages 10-17 in crisis at our Youth Shelter temporary location. Construction is well underway on a nearly 9,000 square foot facility that will serve as the new home for the Youth Shelter which will allow us to serve more teens in crisis. We continue to experience a mental health emergency within the teen population, and many times our shelter serves as a de facto step down unit for teens being released from the Cornell Behavioral Health Pavillion at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

1,686 } **Children of all ages were served in Licensed Foster Care Homes and Out of Home Care Placement** in Circuit 12 (Sarasota, Manatee, and Desoto Counties).

674 } **Children in Foster Care were connected with relatives, extended family, family friends, and other supportive adults,** whether already known, estranged, or previously unknown, to help them build meaningful relationships and a lifelong network of caring support.

171 } **Children from Infants to Teens found their Forever Homes** through our Adoption Program.

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FINANCIAL **REPORT**

Revenue

Contracts and Government Grants	$57,141,918
Gifts – Corporations, Foundations, Contributions	5,204,386
In-Kind Contributions	247,180
Investment Income	131,378
Other Revenue	111,979
Change in the Beneficial Interest of the SCC Foundation	443,153
Total Revenue	**$63,279,994**

Expenses

Program services	$57,480,939
Management and General	1,538,608
Fundraising	568,531
Total Expenses	**$59,588,078**

96¢ of Every Dollar Goes Back to Programs and Services for Children and Families.

Fiscal Year 2025: July 1, 2024 - June 20, 2025

Estimate at time of printing. Visit sccfl.org for final Audited Financials when available.

We're thankful to our community

We appreciate the nearly 800 contributors and donors who supported SCC last year. Because of your partnership, our public/private funding model can sustain the totality of programs and services for children and families who find themselves in need of our services at the most inopportune time in their lives. Every operational gift, large or small, helps a child to Reimagine the Future life they can create for themselves. **A heartfelt thank you to the following top corporate, foundation, organization, and government supporters of $10,000 or more to our Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Campaign.**

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