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**2023**

# **Navajo County Family Advocacy Center Annual Report**

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**The mission of the Navajo County Family Advocacy Center is to empower sexually, physically abused, neglected individuals, children, and non-offending family members.**

**Our goal is to aid them in healing from trauma and help them receive justice.**

# Thank you for a wonderful year

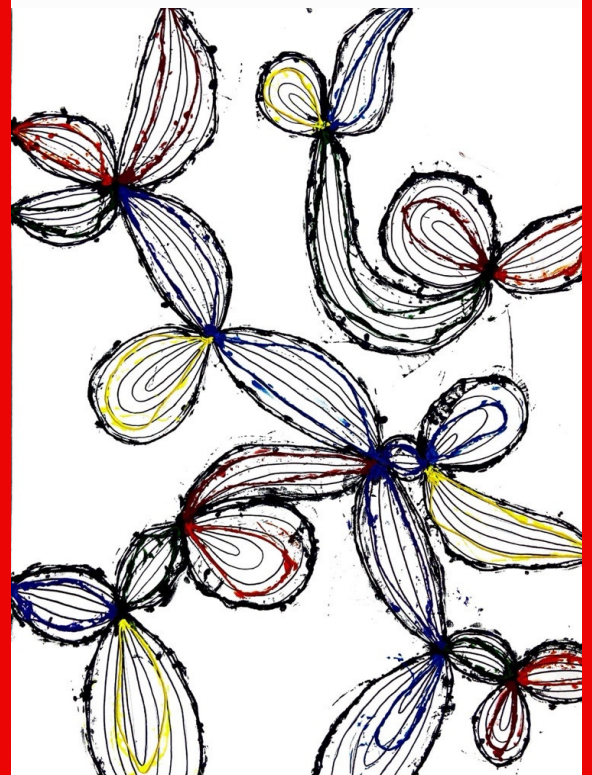
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In the pages ahead, you will find proof of the improvements we have made as a center. Accomplishing things and looking back at the past year always brings a smile to our faces, but it is even more satisfying to look ahead at our future plans. We are happy to be able to report to you on our progresses, and look forward to continuing to work alongside you all to help child victims of physical and sexual abuses heal, and keep them safe from future traumatization.

Over the course of the year, we are consistently reminded that we would not be here without the support of our community. We are so thankful to be able to reach people of all walks of life that are constantly striving to make this world a better place. Because of the generosity of our donors, we are moving into our 13th year of healing child victims. Since our opening, we have seen over 2,000 victims and helped them begin their healing journeys. This simply would not be possible without YOU. Thank you, thank you, thank you.



**Catherine Doyle**  
**Program Development**  
**Coordinator**



# 2023- Dashboard of Victim Statistics

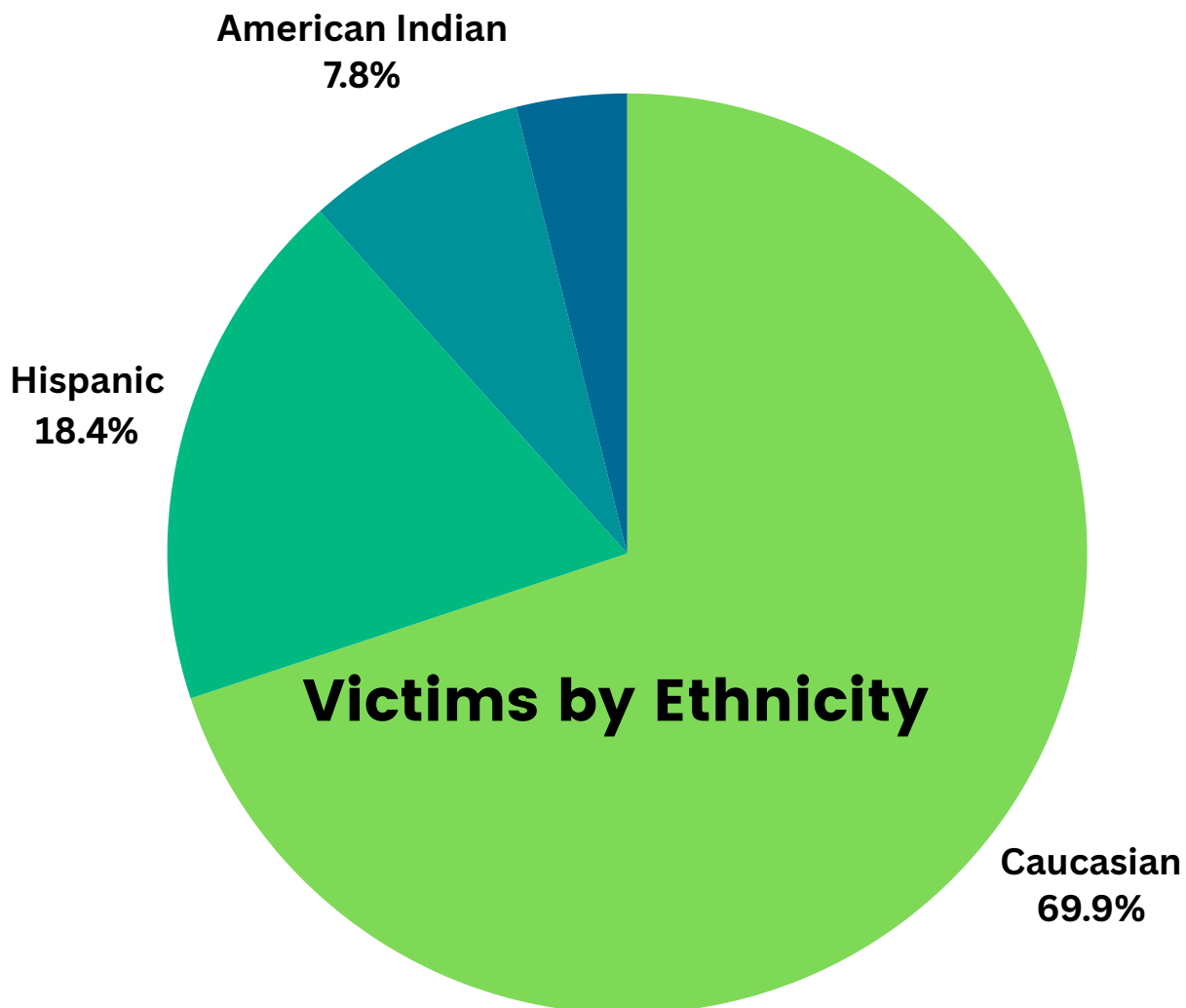
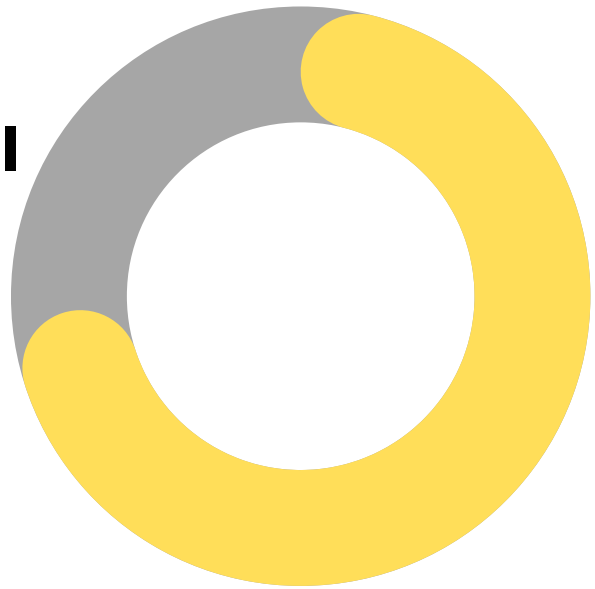
Services	Year-to-Date		Prior Year	
Forensic Interview	160	56%	127	67%
Pediatric Medical Exam	12	6%	8	4%
Pediatric Medical Exam 13+	3	3%	6	3%
Pediatric Strangulation Medical Exam	1	1%	2	1%
FBI Interviews	13	7%	2	1%
FAC/Agency Assist Interviews	6	4%	4	2%
Apache County Interviews	40	11%	19	9%
Child with PSB Interview				
Adult DV Strangulation Medical Exam				
Adult SA Medical Exam	1	1%		
Crisis Response	36	9%	15	8%
Transportation Assistance	2	2%	6	3.0%
Victimization	Year-to-Date		Prior Year	
Adult Physical Assault				
Adult Sexual Assault	1	1%	3	2%
Adult Sexually Abused as Child	3	3%		
Witness to Crime	26	9%	23	15%
Child Physical Abuse	22	10%	16	11%
Child Sexual Abuse Material CSAM	5	5%		
Child Sexual Abuse	105	49%	95	63%
Child Exploitation	2	2%		
Offender Interview (Minor)				
Teen Dating Violence/Sexual Abuse	4	4%		
Domestic Violence	33	13%		
Homicide Victims				
Kidnapping	4	4%	1	1%
Neglect			12	7%
Human Trafficking			1	1%
<i>Secondary victim relative to primary victim</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>149%</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>51%</i>
Age of Victim	Year-to-Date		Prior Year	
Under 1 year				
1-4	15	9%	9	6%
5-9	48	31%	40	29%
10-14	56	36%	48	34%
15-17	28	18%	40	29%
18-24	7	5%	2	2%
25-29				
30-34	1	1%		
35-39				
40-50			1	1.00%
51+				



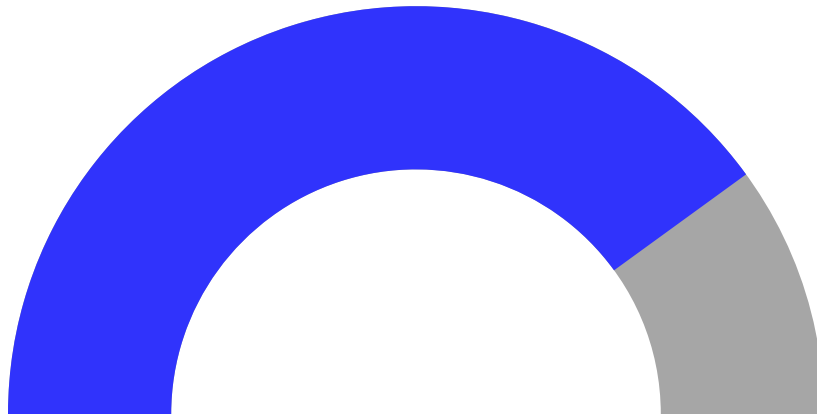
Gender of Victim	Year-to-Date		Prior Year	
Male	48	31%	34	23%
Female	105	68%	107	75%
Non-Binary	1	1%	2	2%
Race of Victim	Year-to-Date		Prior Year	
White Non-Latino/Caucasian	111	72%	98	57%
Hispanic or Latino	30	19%	32	36%
American Indian	12	8%	10	5%
Black/African American	2	1%		
Indian (India)				
Asian			3	2%
Income	Year-to-Date		Prior Year	
Above Poverty	26%		28%	
Below Poverty	74%		72%	
Total Individuals Served	Year-to-Date		Prior Year	
	161		143	
Victim/Offender Relationship	Year-to-Date		Prior Year	
Parent	41	24%	27	18%
Step-Parent	17	10%	12	8%
Adoptive Parent	3	2%	3	2%
Parent's Boyfriend/Girlfriend	5	3%	12	8%
Sibling/Step-Sibling/Adopted Sibling/ Sibling-in-law	11	7%	12	8%
Grand Parent/Step-Grand Parent	5	3%	6	4%
Uncle/Aunt	6	4%	4	3%
Other Relative	6	4%	6	4%
Victim Acquainted with Offender	53	32%	38	16%
Victim currently/formerly in other intimate relationship with offender	9	6%	12	8%
Victim Unknown to Offender (stranger)	4	2%	7	5%
Type of Relationship Unknown	5	3%	7	5%
Pimp			1	1%
Offender Known by Victim	157	94%	140	92%
Stranger	4	2%	6	4%
Type of Relationship Unknown	6	4%	6	4%
Offender Age	Year-to-Date		Prior Year	
5-9	2	1%	1	1%
10-14	19	11%	9	6%
15-17	18	10%	17	12%
18-24	20	13%	20	15%
25-29	9	5%	11	8%
30-39	54	34%	23	17%
40-49	13	8%	19	14%
50-59	5	3%	7	5%

60+	14	8%	8	6%
NR	11	7%	22	16%
NCSO FI	7	4%	4	3%
Show Low FI			2	2%
Snowflake FI	10	6%	1	1%
Designated FI Katelynn	132	80%	122	87%
FBI Interviewer	10	6%	2	2%
Other DFI	1	1%	1	1%
No Interview	4	3%	7	4%

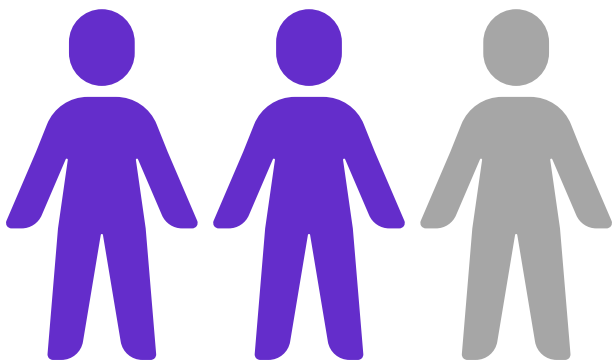
**74% of victims seen  
are below the Federal  
Poverty Level**







**80% of our victims are 14 and younger**

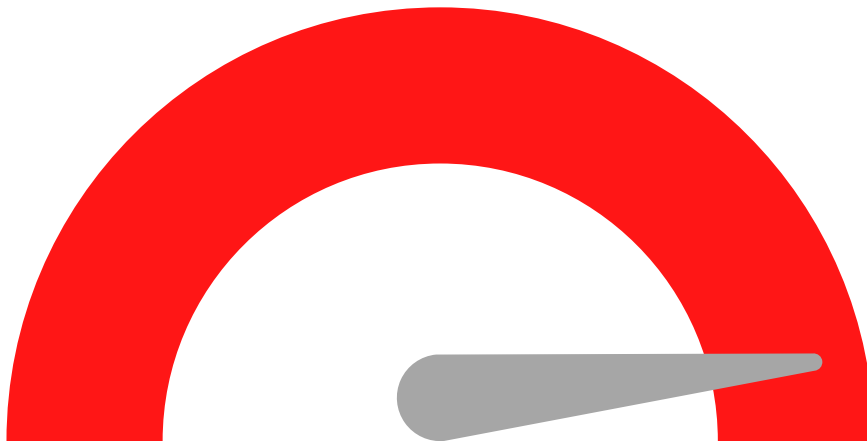


**68% of victims are female  
31% are male  
1% are non-binary**

**62% of victims  
seen were  
sexually  
assaulted**



**94% of  
victims knew  
their offender**



*This is drastically  
different from the year  
before!*

**34% of child sexual abuse  
offenders in 2023 were  
parents, step parents, or  
adoptive parents**



# 2023 Program Highlights



## Tax Credit Program

Each year, the NCFAC participates in a Tax Credit Campaign, which aims to increase funding at no financial impact to the donor. We continue to be classified as a Qualifying Charitable Organization in the state of Arizona, and are excited to be granted the opportunity to participate in this state-wide funding source. In 2023, we were able to raise enough money from our Tax Credit Campaign to successfully fund over 16 Forensic Interviews! This campaign is active again for 2024.



## Art from the Heart

Art from the Heart continued strong for yet another year, providing group therapy to children victims seen at the center. Art from the Heart utilizes Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy to allow children a safe place to process their trauma, while creating tangible art projects. This helps to promote the concept that children are not alone in their trauma, and encourages a community atmosphere with peer and counseling support. It's amazing what these survivors can create!



## Program Growth

In 2023, compared to 2022, we saw a 25% growth in our victim numbers seen. This may be for a variety of reasons, including increased population numbers in the White Mountains, increasing poverty or substance abuse, or more children self-reporting due to increased outreach efforts. We are thankful to be able to continue to provide assistance to every child and family that experiences sexual or physical abuse, trafficking, and kidnapping, regardless of how great the need becomes.



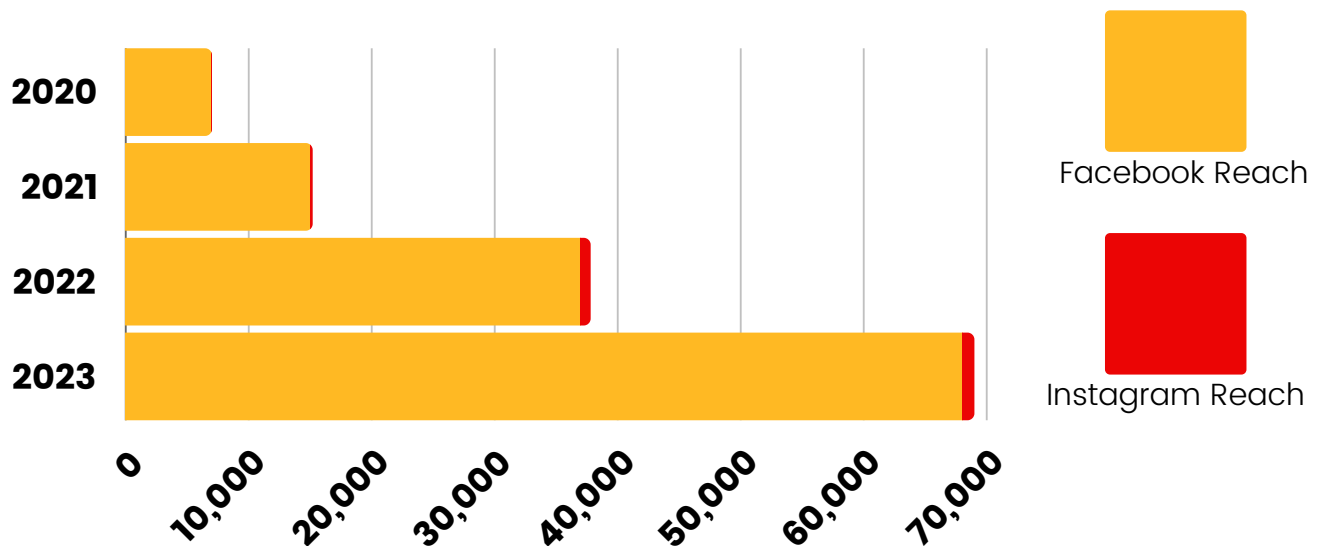
## Adopt a Family

Adopt A Family experienced it's most successful year to date, providing over 70 children and their families with clothing, toys, essentials like toilet paper and coats, and food. This simply could not have been accomplished without the incredible support of our amazing donors and interaction of our community. We are so thankful to be able to make such a lasting impact in the community alongside all of you. Everything was so appreciated by the families.

# Social Media Information

Our social media continues to grow and allow us to reach more members of our community, the state, and the country. We are thankful for this free resource. Currently, the NCFAC has Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, as well as a Google profile. All of these modalities have been used by both victims for resources, and constituents for more information.

## Social Media Growth from 2020-2023



- Overall, we reached over 68,000 people on Facebook alone.
- We had 118 posts on Facebook, and 99 posts on Instagram.
- Currently, 2,190 people follow us on social media.
- Our Instagram grew 318% this year.
- Our Facebook grew 87.1% this year.

# 100%

**of messages sent via any social media or reporting sites were answered within 30 minutes. 100% of the time, a victim was connected with law enforcement in ten minutes or less.**

# Victim Stories

## From the perspective of an Advocate...



**Kylie Perkins,**  
**Victim Advocate**

The Family Advocacy Center's services lead to long term, successful healing for victims and their families.

As an advocate, I help people in their worst moments. My personal goal is to provide support, and help abuse survivors and their families heal in order to find success and happiness in their lives. Some people become survivors quickly, but others take some time.

Earlier this year, I had the privilege of helping a family who needed to be seen at the Family Advocacy Center (FAC). They needed to relocate due to the nature of the offense against them. When they came to us, they were scared, hurt, alone, and vulnerable. As soon as this family came to the FAC, they were enveloped with supportive people. In their time with us, they were quickly seen by our forensic interviewer, law enforcement, nurses, doctors, counselors, and myself as an advocate. I was able to sit with them through the interview, provide support, and refer to additional community services.

Today, this family has been able to heal from the abuse they suffered. They are in a safe place. Their children are successful in school. They have new friends and relationships. This family had suffered a horrible crime, but because of the people who were placed in their path, they were able to heal.

I am so grateful to work with a team that is dedicated to serving others. This is just one success story amid many others. By offering support from the beginning, this family has had a positive long-term outcome. This family's recovery may not have been possible without the resources and staff available at the Family Advocacy Center.

# Victim Stories

**From the perspective of an Forensic Interviewer...**

I received an afterhours call from Law Enforcement stating that a juvenile under the age of 15 was believed to have been kidnapped. Law Enforcement informed me that they were working with other local and federal agencies to track down the child's whereabouts. After seeing a post with the child's information on Facebook, a local civilian called in to report seeing the juvenile and three adults near a local motel.



**Katelynn Wisner,**  
**Forensic Interviewer**

Several Law Enforcement agencies worked together to apprehend the three suspects and recover the juvenile. After declaring the victim was physically safe and didn't need to be seen at the hospital prior to having an interview conducted, the responding Law Enforcement agency brought the child to the NCFAC to conduct a forensic interview.

The forensic interview was conducted that night while the three suspects were taken into custody. A detailed disclosure was made by the juvenile and based off of the findings, the three suspects were booked into jail for the following crimes: sexual exploitation of a minor, aggravated lure of a minor for sexual exploitation, custodial interference, kidnapping, conspiracy, and misconduct involving weapons and facilitation. All are considered felony charges.

Due to the cooperation between Law Enforcement and the Navajo County Family Advocacy Center, the juvenile was safely removed from a dangerous situation and returned back to their family. This interagency cooperation allows child victims across the county and state to find justice and healing, all while ensuring the health and safety of child victims.



# Coming in 2024

Here at the Navajo County Family Advocacy Center, we have been seeing a multitude of changes over the years. We are excited to open the new year with new programs, new staff, and new building improvements.

## **Mental Health at the Forefront**

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The Family Advocacy Centers' main goal for 2023 is to have a full time counselor on staff. We are so excited that this goal has been achieved, and we have a full time counselor active in January of 2024. This person is a dedicated counselor to the FAC, and will only be seeing child victims and families treated at the Family Advocacy Center. This will completely alleviate the wait list problem for mental health needs that we see in Navajo and Apache counties, and allow our victims to receive crisis counseling and follow up counseling from the same person, and in a timely manner.

## **Art from the Heart**

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Art from the Heart continues for another year in partnership with Helping Life Connect. This is a free group art therapy program that allows victims seen at the center to express what they have experienced through art and conversation with licensed therapists. We are excited to announce that the Arizona Diamondbacks have sponsored this program for the 2024 Spring and Fall sessions, and we cannot wait to see what healing and creativity transpires from each of the sessions this year.

## **Garden Therapy**

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2024 will see a huge expansion in our garden therapy program. This year, we plan to obtain large scale garden beds and install them in the back of the building. This location will allow our victims a safe place to meet, garden, learn, and heal alongside a licensed professional counselor. We are still in the process for obtaining funding for this program, though look forward to the potential of what we can achieve alongside the members of our community! If you or someone you know has a green thumb, please consider volunteering for this program.

## **Adopt a Family**

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In 2023, our Adopt a Family program was bigger than ever, and we expect this year to be no different. We hope to be able to serve 100 impoverished children seen at the center and their families, from Thanksgiving meals to Christmas toys, and the necessities of toilet paper, coats, and everything in between. This event is completely reliant on donor involvement, so please consider being a part of this program in the coming year. If you have suggestions or ideas, please contact us! We are always looking for ways to improve our existing programs to make them more influential.

## **Increased Grant Funding**

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One major funding goal in 2024 that the NCFAC is seeking is increased grant funding. Being a rural center, we are almost completely private donor funded by our community members. This is an incredible gift given to the center, but we also understand the financial hardships put on the public at this time. By seeking increased grant funding at a state level, we are hoping to increase our funding while maintaining private donor funding. This will allow us to mirror the growth in victim reporting, and allow us to maintain services without faltering level of care or availability.

## **Federal Accreditation Status**

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In the past years, the Navajo County Family Advocacy Center has been putting stepping stones in place to solidify their future. For 2024, the NCFAC has officially been reviewed and accepted as 'Seeking Accreditation' on a federal level with the National Children's Alliance. This process can take up to five years and requires instituting a myriad of changes, but will set the center on a brand new trajectory of growth, healing, and funding opportunities. We are excited for this new challenge and the wonderful path it will set the center on.

# Financial Highlights

**We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to end child sexual and physical abuse, neglect, and endangerment.**

## 2023 Revenue

Direct Public Support	
Business Support	\$7,956.36
Individual Contributions	\$21,740.98
Golf Tournament Revenue	\$72,655.36
Net Grant Revenue	\$42,633.93
Non-Profit Revenue	\$8,700.80
Investments	\$5,324.00
 Total Revenues	 <b>\$159,068.10</b>

## Projected 2024 Spending

Program Expenses and Victim Support	\$125,000.00
Fundraising	\$10,000.00
Administrative and General	\$50,676.00
 Total Projected Expenses	 <b>\$185,676.00</b>

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