



THE CHILDREN'S CENTER, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

We did not have to sleep in our cars after Harvey!

Many, brave survivors of Hurricane Harvey quickly realized that the unexpected effects of the disaster would last for months. Hard working people in Galveston County were hit by a host of difficulties including damaged homes; damaged apartments; lost jobs and wages. The Family Crisis Center at The Children's Center was there to help.

During 2017, including the period from September 2017 to December 2017, homeless families were housed in both facilities at an unprecedented rate. In 2017, TCCI served 353 persons in 111 Family Groups.

Unlike previous years where most clients came from Galveston Island, the displaced families came from all over Galveston County. Dickinson which was completely submerged in Harvey made up 13% of our residents. In this population, 60% of all residents were children under the age of 18 and 25% of all children were under the age of 5.

This influx of families has continued in 2018. The facility was well-overcapacity and due to the foresight of the Galveston County Commissioners Court added funding for a program that kept Galveston county children and their parents from becoming homeless. The Family Crisis Center continues to help families stay together while they stabilize during a crisis. The staff at The Children's Center, Inc. provide trauma –informed care for families that need help with health, education, mental health, job searches and other critical needs.



The Family Crisis Center at The Children's Center, Inc. was here for us.

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How We Serve The Community

Family Crisis Center and Transitional Living Program

Anthony's Story

Anthony was born and lived in Galveston all his life. He never knew a father and his mother struggled to support the two of them. She abandoned him, fleeing an arrest on drug related charges when he was 17 years old. Anthony was able to stay with friends for a few weeks.

He was determined to finish high school and his friend's parents reached out to The Children's Center's Transitional Living Program, where he was provided a home, food and supportive services. Anthony was determined to break the cycle of domestic abuse and drug addiction that had so badly impacted his life. He engaged in counseling sessions, finished high school and successfully completed placement exams that allowed him to enter community college.

Anthony is now pursuing a trade, works part-time and has begun dating. He is living what he considers a normal life, for the first time. Anthony will tell you his goals are to stay clear-headed, finish school and raise a family. He harbors no anger toward anyone. Anthony says he doesn't have time for that.



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OUR MISSION

The mission of The Children's Center, Inc. is to rescue, nurture and empower children, youth and families utilizing a quality continuum of caring that facilitates achievement of quality of life.

To fulfill its mission, The Children's Center, Inc. operates a Child and Family Safety Network, a Foster Care and Adoption Network, and a Prevention, Early Intervention and Education Network.



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Our Programs



THE CHILDREN'S CENTER: A HISTORY OF PROVIDING SOLUTIONS FOR COMPLEX PROBLEMS

The level of expertise inherent in the Children's Center is a result of 135 years of caring for youth in the Galveston community. In fact, their cutting-edge intervention into the problem of runaway and homeless youth was recognized when the Youth Center was featured as a "core program" for a "60 Minutes" television documentary on CBS, narrated by veteran newsman Robert McNeil.

CHILD AND FAMILY SAFETY NETWORK

- ◆ The Crisis Response Team is an emergency response team available 24/7/365 on-call that transports runaway and homeless youth and families in crisis to safe and secure destinations. The team, which covers the entire HGAC (Houston Galveston Area Council) 13 County area in Texas answers the TCCI Hotline at: 844-763-8861.
- ◆ Safe Place provides employee training and clearly marked signage for runaway and homeless youth and families in crisis. TCCI is the only National Safe Place affiliate within 241 miles.
- ◆ The Family Crisis Center is an emergency homeless shelter that keeps families together as a unit and provides trauma-informed care. The shelter also provides referral resources such as health care, substance abuse treatment, job preparation and limited mental health care as funds permit.
- ◆ NEW IN 2018-The TCCI Gulfton Impact Center is an outreach and drop-in center staffed with trained bi-lingual and trauma-informed care staff located in underserved, high-crime neighborhood of Gulf-

ton in Houston.

- ◆ Galveston Multicultural Institute serves children and provides temporary care until family reunification or permanent solutions are professionally obtained.
- ◆ Transitional Living Program provides transitional housing and support for young adults who have aged out of the CPS system; have been victims of human trafficking; sexual abuse or other forms of victimization and require education and job referral.
- ◆ Host Homes Prototypes are vetted, temporary placement for minors and older youth with oversight from licensed TCCI professionals.

FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION NETWORK

- ◆ The Jameson Center – a child-placing agency in partnership with CPS.

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION NETWORK

- ◆ Community Youth Development (CYD) is a juvenile delinquency prevention program, managed by a professional educator that provides afterschool and enrichment programs.
- ◆ The Children's Center, Inc. Independent School District—TCCIISD is an Alternative School Cluster, with accreditation from Advanced-ED, a TEA approved Private School Group (Granted 8/2017)
- ◆ Ser Y Hacer are classes for legal permanent residents working toward U.S. Citizenship.

Call for Volunteers!

“Chicktime Galveston” volunteers their time and treasure to assist vulnerable children at The Children's Center, Inc. Take a look at their work on

<https://www.facebook.com/chicktimegalveston/photos>

Join Us. Call: 409-765-5212



1878 to 2018 – Serving the Community for 140 Years





How We Serve The Community

Crisis Response Team and Crisis Hotline

DID YOU KNOW?

The Children's Center, Inc. is nationally recognized and vetted social service provider in the Polaris Project and the National Runaway Safeline. Polaris which hosts the National Human Trafficking Hotline is an important national organization with expertise in helping runaway, homeless youth, and victims of sex and labor trafficking.

Go to this link to see the listing:

<https://humantraffickinghotline.org/training-resources/referral-directory>



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