

Dear Heather,

I hope your summer is off to a wonderful start and you are staying cool. Here at SafeSpot, we have embraced the new beginnings that bloomed during the Spring!

As you may remember from our Spring newsletter, we were gearing up to move into our new Center. After a year-long search for a suitable building, months of planning, and construction, I am proud to say that we have officially moved into our new Center! On May 17th, we held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate this tremendous achievement. We were honored to have opening remarks from the Director of Family Services, Dr. Michael Becketts, Virginia Delegate David Bulova, Fairfax County Supervisor Pat Herry, and Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney Steve Descano were among our community of supporters who were in attendance to celebrate this milestone. This move and new space is a testament to our strategic goal of expanding the capacity to promote safety, justice, and healing for more children and families impacted by abuse in Fairfax County. I welcome you to check out a behind-the-scenes tour of our new Center, set to the words of the children and families we serve. This virtual tour was presented at our first-ever Casino Royale All-In for Children Fundraiser on June 1st!



Finally, in June, SafeSpot leadership attended the 2024 All In for Kids NCA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. As the accrediting body for all children's advocacy centers nationwide, the National Children's Alliance is a premier curator of education and best practices in child abuse investigations, trauma-focused treatments, and child and family welfare. The SafeSpot leadership participated in workshops that focused on a wide variety of topics, such as enhancing our relationship with our MDT partners, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives, and strategies to better serve the children and families we see. This comprehensive conference provided leadership with incredible knowledge and resources that our team can use on a daily basis and inspiration for the future of programs and services at SafeSpot.

With Appreciation,
Heather Lyn O'Malley
CEO, SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County

SafeSpot's First Ever Casino Royale Raises Over \$218,000!

On Saturday, June 1st, SafeSpot proudly hosted its first-ever Casino Royale All-In for Children fundraiser at Falls Church Marriott Fairview Park. Guests started the evening with a cocktail reception, followed by tasty bites, dancing, and the opportunity to test their luck at the most popular games, including blackjack, craps, roulette, poker and more.

We are so grateful our generous sponsors and donors, who helped raise over \$218,000 for children and families recovering from abuse, marking our first ever Casino Royale fundraiser an enormous success! We would like to thank our event chair, Kathy Dominguez, Emcee, Phil Simonides, and many incredible volunteers for truly making it a night to remember!



2024 Casino Royale Pictures



Many Hands 2024 Impact Grant



SafeSpot was honored to have been selected as the recipient of the 2024 \$100,000 Impact Grant from Many Hands!

Based in Washington, D.C., Many Hands works to support nonprofits serving and empowering women, children, and families in socioeconomic need in the D.C. area.

On May 29th, SafeSpot Board President Jessica L. Greis Edwardson and I welcomed members of Many Hands to tour the new center and present the 2024 Impact Grant. We are so grateful to be this year's recipient and look forward to building on this partnership with Many Hands!

Click the button under the photo to learn more about Many Hands and the Impact Grant!

Many Hands 2024 Impact Grant

2024 Champion's For Children Tournament

SAVE THE DATE
2024 CHAMPION'S FOR CHILDREN TOURNAMENT, COCKTAILS AND DINNER



MONDAY
OCTOBER 21ST
AT WESTWOOD
COUNTRY CLUB

Join us on Monday, October 21st, for SafeSpot's Annual Champions for Children Tournament, Cocktails, and Dinner! Enjoy a day on the greens, followed by a cocktail party, silent auction and dinner!

Sponsorships and dinner tickets are still available! For more information, click the link below.

2024 Champions for Children

SafeSpot Welcomes New Staff

We are proud to welcome three new employees to the SafeSpot Team!

Kelsey Mulhall

Kelsey joined SafeSpot in April and is the Manager of Marketing and Special Events at SafeSpot. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications from Cleveland State University. Originally

from Cleveland, Ohio, Kelsey has been in the DMV area since the end of 2021. Kelsey has worked in the nonprofit field for almost 7 years, working with missions dealing with substance abuse, intellectual and developmental disabilities, Middle East policy relations, and children with rare and serious diseases. Her background includes marketing, event planning, fundraising, and grant writing. As a mission-driven worker, Kelsey is dedicated to sharing the mission of SafeSpot and being able to be the voice of those we serve at SafeSpot out in the community.

Zoë Levesque

Zoë is a Family Advocate and joined SafeSpot in May. She received her Bachelor of Science in interdisciplinary studies from Portland State University and minored in both English and Women's Studies. Building on this foundation, she pursued a Master of Social Work from Arizona State University, where she specialized in Child Welfare and Gender-Based Violence. She also received certifications to administer intimate partner violence fatality risk assessments during her studies. Zoë has over 4 years of experience working with vulnerable children and families. She has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children within Arizona's Juvenile Court system and worked for the Arizona Department of Child Safety, where she investigated allegations of child abuse and provided support and resources to help strengthen families and ensure child safety. Additionally, Zoë is passionate about social justice and advocating for marginalized populations who have experienced socioeconomic, political, legal, cultural, and/or institutional oppression. In her current position, she aspires to create a nurturing and secure environment where families can access the essential emotional and physical support necessary to begin their healing journeys.

Deborah Correa

Deborah joined SafeSpot in June as the Office Coordinator. She holds her Associates in International and General Studies at Northern Virginia Community College and is passionately working on her Bachelors in Psychology at George Mason University. Deborah has over three years of Office Administrative experience, fulfilling the needs of the Healthcare offices in Northern Virginia. She is a native Spanish speaker dedicated in serving her community. Deborah understands the importance of our work and is committed to making a thoughtful and positive experience for the children and their caretakers.

Our Impact in 2023

This past year's success was only possible with the generosity of our community of dedicated volunteers and donors. Your support and passion for our mission shine through in the positive impact you had on the lives of children and families in Fairfax County.

I am proud to report on SafeSpot's impact and milestones in 2023. Click on the button below for our full 2023 Impact Report!

[2023 Impact Report](#)



The mission of SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center is to provide a safe environment and support services for child abuse victims and their families as they navigate the investigation and aftermath of abuse.



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