

# THE CHILDREN'S CENTER OF HAMDEN

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## From Jim Maffuid, Chief Executive Officer

Last week The Children's Center was filled with caring community members and staff who held a wonderful trunk or treat event for the children. The atmosphere was fun and exciting! Dressed in costumes, children were wearing masks and makeup and I thought about how, every day, our staff help individuals work through the challenges of overcoming trauma. They see each child behind his/her mask, often masks of anger and aggression. Our highly skilled staff see children who need support, consistency, caring and love. Staff, across all programs, compassionately bring their hearts to their jobs, helping those we serve heal. Our teams create Mission Moments.

Over the past year we have accomplished much. We have strengthened our services and staff have transitioned to new opportunities, both inside and outside our organization. These transitions have offered opportunities for advancement and growth. One such opportunity involves Jessica Klouda. In her new role as Clinical Coordinator, Jess brings her contagious enthusiasm. Along with our entire Psychiatric Residential Treatment team, Jess has solidified our census, allowing us to provide care to more youth than last year at this time. Raynetta Thames-Ford is the new Principal at Whitney Hall School. The Center's mission resonates with Raynetta, who chose to work with us because she wants to impact children's lives. And she is! The tremendous efforts of all our teams has culminated in the Center being selected as the Service Organization of the Year by the Hamden Chamber of Commerce. I am incredibly grateful to our employees. Their dedication has contributed to how far we have come. I am truly excited for what the next season brings.

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## Halloween Trunk or Treat was Spook-tacular!



Thank you to the Hamden Women's Club,  
Burzenski and Company, Quinnipiac University Sorority,  
Fraternity and Athletic Teams, Spring Glen neighbors,  
Liberty Bank and numerous employees!

## BECOME A STAR...

A "STAR" is any person, business or group who wants to brighten the life of a child at The Children's Center of Hamden during the holiday season.

The girls and boys are making their wish lists of the gifts and activities they would enjoy. You can make a wish come true by becoming a STAR!

Please send a contribution payable "The Children's Center of Hamden" to STAR, 1400 Whitney Ave, Hamden CT 06517 or donate by credit card on our website [www.tccoh.org](http://www.tccoh.org)

Donations in any amount are most appreciated, \$100 recommended

## AND MAKE A WISH COME TRUE!

PLEASE "LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK  
AND  
"SHARE" WITH OTHERS!



# 2023 GOLF CLASSIC

Annual fundraiser for  
The Children's Center of Hamden

## A Great Success!

*Thank you to players and sponsors for participating in our 2023 Golf Classic at the New Haven Country Club*



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The Children's Center of Hamden is a behavioral health organization dedicated to helping individuals of all cultural backgrounds achieve their highest level of functioning through quality treatment, education and care.

## Mission Moments Make Magic!



The Quality Parenting Center provides a homelike setting for children in foster care to visit with their families. Donors have contributed toys, games and even a rocking chair for children to enjoy with their families.

The young women who reside at the agency group home compete in Special Olympics. One event enjoyed is Golf, thanks to the generous donor who contributed clubs !



Therapist Renee Hausman Is helping a teenage mom make healthy life style choices. The teen is now employed, experiencing more success at school and is on track to gain custody of her infant. Great job, Renee! Thank you to IKEA for designing the outpatient clinic!



**We are grateful to have so many wonderful friends in the community!**

**Your generosity has provided great opportunities for even greater kids!**

**Thank you for continuing the legacy of our founders,  
who gave both time and funding to care for all children of the next generation.**



The Center's gardening program ended the growing season with a market. The children sold vegetables, baked goods, pickles and crafts.

## The Children's Center's 190 birthday party!



The 190th party included a Calypso band and dancing, strolling magicians, free books from Read to Grow, relay races, games, face painting, ice cream and so much more! The campus was filled with laughter cheer and lots of hugs from adults who were helped by the Center during their childhood!

The party was funded by Kappa Delta Sorority of Quinnipiac University and Arts for Learning, CT



*Thank you!*



Jim Maffuid bows down to Iric Bradley, Transportation Coordinator in the Extended Day Treatment Program. While this photo captures Jim having some fun, he is 100% serious in his expectations that all staff at the Center be respected for all they do to contribute to the lives of children. On behalf of all the employees, thank you to our donors who help us help the children. Your donations and gifts create festive holiday and birthday celebrations, expose the children to new hobbies and so much more!

## Can you create a Mission Moment?

Mary Monarca Webb created so many memories for the children by engaging them and their families in games and fun.

*Thank you Mary for donating your time!*



Thank you to the Quinnipiac University Men's Basketball team for being great sports while the children wrapped you with toilet paper during a relay race! Your encouragement made every child feel like a winner!



Ian works part time as a member of the Center's janitorial team. His artistic talent and big heart are decorating the campus! Whenever Ian learns of someone's favorite character he surprises the employee with a drawing.



Thank you Ian for inspiring us to be our best!

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Our treatment services range from 1 hour a week outpatient appointments and afterschool programs to overnight stays lasting a few days to a few months. We also have a special education school for grades K-12. Much like the wide range of services we offer, the children and teens we come to know are unique and represent a variety of needs.

Please learn more about The Children's Center of Hamden at [www.tccoh.org](http://www.tccoh.org) or call us at 203-248-2116

★ **Our outpatient clinic**, accepts referrals from parents/guardians and those calling on their behalf. We help 3-18 year olds who are struggling with anxiety, depression, low self-esteem or social concerns, bullying or being a bully, trauma, grief and loss, anger, fear, problems in school and more.

★ We also have a team that specializes in teen substance use.

★ A psychiatrist is available for psychiatric evaluations, consultations and medication management.

*Please call us if you know a young person in need of help.*



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