

# Shared Hope



#### From our Board Chair and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

2016 was a year of new beginnings.

Having spent over a year firmly rooted in our new home—The Skalny Building at One Mount Hope Avenue—we have embarked on a path to greater community partnership and engagement. Thanks to the support of our generous donors, and the continued dedication of our tremendous Team at Bivona, we are ready to face the exciting challenges ahead.

In the past year, over 1,900 children were helped on the path to healing. We have now evaluated more than 17,000 children since we opened our doors in August of 2004. We announced the creation of the I/DD Alliance of Greater Rochester, an endeavor within our community to combat the prevalence of child sexual abuse for children with disabilities. We made a significant change to our website, www.BivonaCAC.org, resulting in our winning not one, but two 2016 Best of the Web Awards, and we asked the community to "Think About It," "Talk About It," and "Do Something." at the November 5th TEDxFlourCity. National Children's Alliance (NCA) notified us of re-accreditation and, among other accolades based on the work of our phenomenal Team, named Bivona a "top child advocacy center in the country." Our beautiful new home received a 2016 Landmark Society Award of Merit, and we began to utilize video recording software in forensic interviews to allow our Team the ability to access this emerging technology in child abuse cases.

As you read on in our 2016 Annual Report, you will see that our hope is shared with so many of you. Our community, consisting of valued friends, donors, partners, staff, and volunteers, working together is at the heart of Bivona – and it is what guides the dedicated work done to help children heal each and every day.

With immense gratitude and respect,



Dan DeLaus, Jr. Board Chair



Mary E. Whittier
Executive Director

#### A note from Mary ...

In December, I announced that after 15 years, I will be stepping down as Executive Director. I want to take this opportunity to thank you—all of you—for your support, commitment, and dedication to Bivona. Whether you are the soldiers on the front line, the donors supporting our Team, volunteers that help leverage our incredible talent, or an ambassador spreading the word about child abuse, THANK YOU. I say this often...it takes an army of people to do this incredibly difficult but inspiring work. And together we have made a true impact in the lives of more than 17,000 children. I hope you are proud.

The privilege and honor of working with each and every one of you has been all mine.

- Mary

# **About Bivona Child Advocacy Center**



Bivona Child Advocacy Center is a safe, welcoming place where children who have endured the trauma of sexual and physical abuse can begin their journey of healing.

At Bivona, we put children first. Our 22 partner agencies provide critical, comprehensive services all under one roof in a safe, child-friendly environment. We work together to protect, evaluate, treat, and counsel children who have endured the trauma of abuse and neglect. Our streamlined approach minimizes trauma to children and preserves the best evidence for investigators.

**Mission:** Bivona Child Advocacy Center delivers excellence in child abuse response, healing, and prevention through collaborative service, awareness, education, and leadership.

**Vision:** A community where all children are safe and free from abuse.

## **Bivona's Staff**

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# Champions for Children

#### Sue VanStrydonck, Committee Member



The 2016
Diane Larter
Champion for
Children Award
recipient is Sue
VanStrydonck.
Sue played a
significant role in
helping to build
the foundation
of what Biyona

Child Advocacy Center is today. Her knowledge of Bivona includes roles on the Steering Committee, as a member of Bivona's staff, and on the Program Committee. Sue began her career in the Child Protective Services field in the 1970s, a time when there was minimal awareness and education on child sexual abuse. For three decades, she worked tirelessly to educate the community on how to identify child sexual abuse, establish treatment services for children and their families who were victims of child sexual abuse, and implement a coordinated intervention response among law enforcement and CPS.

While working as a Child Protective Administrator, Sue was instrumental in establishing a foundation for Rochester to open a Child Advocacy Center, at a time when few existed in the United States

Sue's selfless dedication and passion to help children who have endured the trauma of abuse are what make her an outstanding recipient for the Diane Larter Champion for Children Award. Her years of commitment and work exemplify Bivona's mission and values.

"To receive an award named after Diane Larter is absolutely amazing," said Sue. "She has been my mentor and is an incredible advocate for kids. She is everything anyone would ever want to be (that is) in the field of human services."

The **Diane Larter Champion for Children** Award is awarded to a community member in honor of his/her selfless dedication through community support and volunteerism. Nominated by his/her peers, the **Team Champion for Children** Award is given to a member of Bivona's multidisciplinary team who goes above and beyond for children each and every day. Both awards are given at Bivona's Annual Dinner in September.

#### Kyle P. Rossi, Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, Rochester Office



Bivona Child Advocacy Center's 2016 Team Champion for Children Award recipient is Kyle P. Rossi, Assistant United States (U.S.) Attorney.

Kyle knew at a young age it was his civic duty to use his talents and abilities to help those in need. Kyle worked for a civil law firm immediately out of law school in 2006 and it was not until August 2007 that he found his passion when he was hired as a Monroe County Assistant District Attorney (ADA).

In 2011, Kyle was promoted to the position of Senior Assistant District Attorney in the Child Abuse Unit. Although he knew working in the field of child abuse would be tough, he found it to be the most honorable work that could be done in law. While in this position, Kyle worked closely with other members of Bivona's team to investigate and prosecute major child abuse cases, including homicides of children.

"I would like to use this award to raise awareness, take people out of their comfort zones, and motivate them to combat this issue," said Kyle. "I will always be motivated to protect children in my career."

Kyle has dedicated the last 6 years to prosecuting major felony child abuse cases as a Senior ADA, and in November of 2016, he was appointed as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York, Rochester Office.

"People do unimaginable things to children," said Kyle. "I am proud to be part of the team who fights back."

# 5 Big Things YOU Helped Us Achieve in 2016

Re-accreditation
by the
National
Children's
Alliance



The work done by our phenomenal Team led to Bivona's re-accreditation by the National Children's Alliance in December 2016. The National Children's Alliance (NCA) is the national association and accrediting body for Child Advocacy Centers (CACs). With a focus on teamwork, the NCA's CAC model places an emphasis on putting the needs of children who experience sexual or physical abuse first.

I/DD Alliance of Greater Rochester



In 2016, Bivona and member agencies announced the formation of the I/DD Alliance of Greater Rochester to the public. The I/DD Alliance was created in September 2015 to improve communication and training opportunities for professionals working with children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Children with disabilities are 3-6 times more likely to endure the trauma of child sexual abuse than their peers.

# Landmark Society Award



On November 13, Bivona received a 2016 Landmark Society Award of Merit in recognition of the outstanding rehabilitation of the Skalny Building at One Mount Hope Avenue. Bivona's new home is the oldest surviving industrial building, formerly the "Old Stone Warehouse," in Rochester. Thank you to our team of experts including project architect Norbert Hausner, C.P. Kelly & Associates, Saralinda Hooker, owner's representatives Carl & Tara Maier, and the many supporters of our Building Hope Campaign!

Best of the Web



In late 2015, we updated our website [BivonaCAC.org] to better meet the growing needs of the community. We were thrilled to be nominated for the 2016 Best of the Web Awards presented by the Rochester Business Journal, and we are proud to say that we won the top award overall as well as the award for Best of the Human Services category. Thank you to our designer, Andrew Soucier, and our wonderful marketing team for all of their hard work!

"Think about it. Talk about it. Do something."



On November 5th, Bivona posed three simple actions to the 2016 TEDxFlourCity audience; Think About It. Talk About It. Do Something. We discussed the prevalence of child sexual abuse in our community, demonstrated why using appropriate terminology and being aware of warning signs is important, and finally, we asked everyone to "Do Something" and share their knowledge with three people. Today, we ask the same of you. View the TED talk online at www.BivonaCAC.org/tedx and share this important message with three people today.



# Shining a Light

## **Community Events**

Support Bivona by hosting your own event! You will help raise awareness about child sexual and physical abuse, and your support will help Bivona provide critical



2016 Midtown Thanksgiving Yoga Event

programs and services for our community's children. For more information, contact Donna Lipari, Special Events Manager, at dlipari@BivonaCAC.org or 585-935-7831.

#### Volunteers

Bivona volunteers dedicate thousands of hours each year to help our children. We could not do the important work we do without them. Depending on the amount



Community volunteers at the 2016 Day of Caring

of direct contact you would like to have with children, volunteer jobs require different levels of training. Our intention is to provide a meaningful, productive experience for all involved. If you are interested in becoming a Bivona volunteer, contact Molly Snell-Larch, Volunteer  $\theta$  Administrative Specialist, at msnelllarch@BivonaCAC.org or 585-754-9366.

#### Alicia's Circle

Alicia was the very first child to receive support and services from Bivona. We celebrate her courage and honor her story with Alicia's Circle. Bivona's Planned



Alicia's Circle members Gigi and Doug Lamb

Giving program, designed to help all child victims that enter our realm today and in the future. To become a member of Alicia's Circle is to leave your own legacy to thousands of children just like Alicia—a legacy of trust, healing, and justice. For more information on Planned Giving contact Cynthia Pacia, Director of Development, at cpacia@BivonaCAC.org or 585-935-7838.



## 2016 at a Glance



#### JANUARY & FEBRUARY



the kidnapping and death of his son in 1981.



#### NOVEMBER

On November 29, you ROC the Day campaign. By days end, new friends \$10,000 was raised!



this month is the blue ribbon.









Volunteers from Excellus BlueCross



Rochester was publicly



#### SEPTEMBER

Our Annual Dinner was held to thank our wonderful Team, Board





# **Our Generous Supporters**

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"As an active volunteer for more than ten years, I give back to Bivona because of the amazing work they do for children in our community. I have come to

understand that with shared hope comes shared responsibility to increase awareness and education about child abuse, and even though I do not have children, I share this hope and believe in the vision of a world free from abuse and neglect."

— Britton Lui *Human Resources Committee Member* 

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"Kids come to Bivona from all aspects of life and they all need a little help, hope, and someone to believe in them. As an employee, I love that even though we're a team from

very different disciplines, we are a family. We are Bivona, and we are all here for the kids."

- Sue Sidore

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"Hippocrates said, 'Healing is a matter of time, but also a matter of opportunity.' Never is this more true than in the care of children. No where else have I

experienced the ability to take all the time I need with families and have access to a huge variety of support services all under the same roof."

— Dr. Elizabeth Murray REACH Program, Bivona Team

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"My entire adult life has involved providing help and hope to children. My wife and I have raised six children, two of which are adopted, and we have cared for over

50 babies through foster care in the last 17 years, and continue to do so. Working with Bivona allows me another way to help our community's most vulnerable children – children who have been traumatized by sexual or physical abuse."

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Green Eyed Girl Jewelry Party

**Greek Festival of Rochester** 

Cornells Jewelers Watch Batteries Give Back Program

Lakeview Community Church

**Chandeliers** Shopping Night

Davie Kaplan Jeans Friday

East Rochester Jazzercise Co-Ed Class

**NHRA** Holiday Party

**Nox** Trivia Night

Southco Employee Fundraiser

Rustic Village Dress Down Day

Parkview Pediatrics Matching Program

Faraci Lange Jeans Friday

First Niagara Jeans Day

<sup>\*</sup> Bonnie DeVinney began her term as Program Chair in September 2016

#### Gifts in Memoriam

In Memory of Baby Josilynn Jack & Cathy Dinaburg

**In Memory of Tyler Davis** 

Jeffrey & Aimee Falzoi

In Memory of Katherine M. Gladstone

Susan Beberfall

Neil Botwinoff

**In Memory of Shirley Jones** 

Tracey Fuller

Robert & Kathleen Vanschaick

In Memory of Rosann Taddeo Lill

John Gerlach

In Memory of Maureen Locke

Women Gynecology & Childbirth Associates

In Memory of Kim Mastrangelo

Paul Mastrangelo

In Memory of Dianne Morganti Hughes

Larry & Kathleen Davies

In Memory of Cyrus Mead

Sylvia Rosello

In Memory of Brian O'Reilly Beth Platt

**In Memory of Sammy Pierson** 

Jake & Kerry Pierson

In Memory of Kimberly Polisseni

Kevin McMillen

In Memory of Eleanor Schaeffer

Petracca, Regina

In Memory of Phyllis Schiff

Stephen Sulkes & Melissa Schiff

In Memory of Kimberly Ann Smith

Harold & Ann Smith

**In Memory of Chad Standish** 

Gary & Colleen Standish

In Memory of Leah Theofanis

Anonymous

**Timothy Beers** 

Rocco Capobianco

Frank & Kathie Capozzi

William Carmichael Patricia Clark Constellation Brands, Inc.

Walter & Lisa Critchley

Mary Darcangelo

Dan and Mary Duprey

Patty Duprey

Florie Eaton

John Ellis

Dennis & Kelly Gagan

Robert & Mary Ann Hoag

Doug & Joann Jurusik

Katafiaz Family

Dave & Sondra Lamb

Kristen Lenn

Brian & Patricia McCarthy

Peter & Tina Mentis

**Betty Pappas** 

Mark & Lisa Schnorr

Christina Schweitzer

Mark Shepard

Mollie Sixour

#### Gifts in Honor

In Honor of All the survivors

Becky Knauf

**In Honor of Andrew** 

Susan Mello

In Honor of Deborah

Megan Walters

In Honor of Children of Greater Rochester

Cvnthia Pacia

In Honor of Robert Bartolotta

John Gerlach

In Honor of Ken Desrosiers

Beth Arndt

Jody Belcher

Harold & Terri Bobry

Ihor & Tatiana Bojcun

Marc Brown & Susan Taylor-Brown

Suzanne Clark

William Cochran & Margaret Humphreys

Helene Coon

Roger & Gail Dowler

Laurie Frantz

Raymond & Debra Goulet

Richard & Susan Griffin

Kim Harwood

Charles & Jill Jacobs

Kathleen Kilmer

Joy Krokenberger

Joy Mokemberger

Gary & Nancy Kuter

Elizabeth Lange

Elaine Lennox

Mark & Bernadette Lodico

Kenneth & Claire Marold

William Martin

Virginia Mossgraber

Steve & Nina Posnick

Betty Anne Riley

Steven & Grace Rothstein

Kristen Shaw

Tammy Shaw

In Honor of Debbie Haen

David & Donna Friedlander

In Honor of Wayne & Judy Holly

Victoria Ferren

In Honor Dr. Thomas G. Irons

Carlos & Sarah Marques

**In Honor of Tim Jones** 

Jeffrey Balcom

Sean Bolin

Donna Gorney

Melissa Heavern Pamela Hokanson

Leslie Mahoney

Matthew Nagowski

Lvnn O'Connor

David Rubin

Ciara Ryan

Karen Stuhlmiller

In Honor of Doug & Gigi Lamb

Brian & Patricia McCarthy

In Honor of Randi Moss Lattimore

Susan Barnett

In Honor of Karyn Pelton Lederman

Susan Barnett

In Honor of Patty Lovallo

Jocelyn Goldberg-Schaible

In Honor of Tad Mack

David Garretson & Rita Eygabroad

In Honor of Dr. Elizabeth Murray

Vincent Esposito & Jennifer Johnson

In Honor of Charles Pfeffer

Robert Marcus

In Honor of Gary & Alanna Polisseni

Kevin McMillen

In Honor of Inv. David E. Simpson, RPD

Tracey Fuller

In Honor of Scott & Jeanie Smith

Rosamond Blakeslee

In Honor of The Bivona Team

John & Samantha Standing

In Honor of Webster Little League Softball

**Coaches** 

Dan & Jessie Keating

**In Honor of Mary Whittier** 

**Greg Soehner** 



## 2016 Financials

#### **Balance Sheet**

#### Assets

Cash & Investments	\$ 1,809,567
Receivables	949,259
Property & Equipment, net	5,206,598
Other	46,743
Total Assets	\$ 8,012,167

#### Liabilities & Net Assets/Capital

Accounts Payable &		
Accrued Expenses	\$	75,177
Other Current Liabilities		78,205
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		153,382
Unrestricted Net Assets		3,112,477
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets		785,495
Members' Capital		3,960,813
Total Liabilities &		

\$8,012,167

197,261

### **Statement of Activities**

**Net Assets/Capital** 

Change in Net Assets/Capital

#### Revenue

Total Support & Revenue	\$ 1	L,611,043
Other		209,667
Government Grants		485,949
Special Events, net		534,958
Contributions	\$	380,469

#### Expenses

Salaries and Benefits	\$ 856,244	1
Occupancy Expenses	374,802	2
Office Expenses & Fees	143,660	)
Other	39,076	5
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 1,413,782	2

\*The financial information included in this Annual Report is an unaudited summary of the financial condition and results of operations for Bivona Child Advocacy Center and Affiliates for the 2016 fiscal year. For more information, a copy of Bivona's IRS Form 990 and Audited Financial Statements can be found on Bivona's website at www.bivonacac.org. The Bivona 990 can also be found at www.quidestar.org







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