

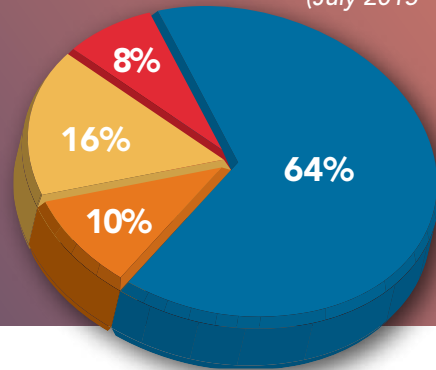
YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

Because of you, between July 2015 and December 2015, BCAC was able to provide:

- Help for 544 children
- 300 forensic interviews
- 397 medical examinations



Charitable Contributions Total*: \$193,154.61
(July 2015 – December 2015)



- Individual Donations: \$125,370.40
- Special Events: \$19,924
- Workplace Gifts: \$31,860.21
- Foundations/Grants: \$16,000

* Does not include restricted gifts.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you have any questions about child sexual abuse or related issues, need to know where to go for services, or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact us.

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YES! Children in Baltimore Can Count on Me!

Baltimore Child Abuse Center

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I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A GIFT OF:

\$25 \$50 \$100 OTHER \$ _____

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Baltimore Child Abuse Center Statistics

July 2015 – December 2015

70%
of children who visited BCAC were female.

70%
of children who visited BCAC were under 13 years of age.

96%
of children who visited BCAC knew the alleged perpetrator.

20%
of children who visited BCAC for a forensic interview were from West Baltimore.

the POINT



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WELCOME TO THE POINT:

BCAC has been advocating for passage of Erin's Law in Maryland since it was first introduced five years ago. Named after advocate and survivor Erin Merryn, it requires the State Board of Education, and certain nonpublic schools, to develop and implement age-appropriate programs relating to sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention programs. Erin's Law has become law in 26 states since 2011, and is one of the best things we can do to protect children from being sexually abused. House Bill 72, Erin's Law, has been introduced again this year by Delegate Eric Luedtke.

We are active participants in the legislative process in Annapolis. Over the last two months, I have had the honor of testifying with Erin Merryn, former Miss America 2013 Mallory Hagan, Delegate Eric Luedtke, and many brave survivors and advocates in support of Erin's Law. Many of you have called and emailed your elected officials and over 1,500 of you signed petitions voicing your support. I'm pleased to report that after riveting and emotional hearings, both the House and Senate committees passed Erin's Law unanimously. The bill passed on the floor of the House 133-6, and just this week it passed unanimously in the Senate. Erin's Law is on its way to becoming a Maryland law.

Once signed by Governor Hogan, the real work begins. BCAC is eager to work with the Maryland State Board of Education, local school boards, and private schools in reviewing and implementing their curriculum. This is the measure many of us have hoped would arrive in Maryland and provides the education and protection all of us have long advocated in favor of. This legislation takes a proactive approach to protecting children and makes schools and the community aware of the crisis of child sexual abuse. Ultimately, it represents the core of BCAC's mission - to prevent abuse.

Thank you for supporting this bill and BCAC.

With appreciation,

Adam Rosenberg
Executive Director



Erin Merryn (center) testifies in Annapolis with Executive Director, Adam Rosenberg, BCAC staff and Board of Directors.

PROTECT KIDS. GET TRAINED.



BCAC offers a variety of trainings to the community at our facility in Charles Village, Baltimore. We hope you can join us!

May 4, 2016 Vicarious Trauma & Building Resiliency- (10am to Noon)

Dealing with traumatic material on a daily basis can cause professionals to feel exhausted and hopeless. This workshop addresses the emotional, mental, and physical toll that is often imposed on those in helping professions. Professionals learn how to strengthen themselves and their organizations against compassion fatigue and burnout. They also learn how to incorporate resiliency into their everyday lives. 2 CEUs.

May 11, 2016 Children Exposed to Intimate Partner Violence- (10am to Noon)

This training reviews the current research, the significance of early Adverse Childhood Experiences study, and why there is consensus in the field regarding the adverse effects of children witnessing violence. Neurobiological, emotional, and psychological factors are discussed as well as parenting in this context and what you can do in your work with families to increase resilience. 2 CEUs.

May 17, 2016 Medical Aspects of Child Sexual Abuse (for Health Professionals)- (9am to 10:30am)

The medical portion of the child sexual abuse investigation can offer useful information to the investigative team. This presentation demystifies the medical portion of the child sexual abuse investigation by discussing conditions sexually abused children present; behavioral concerns, physical exam findings, and sexually transmitted diseases. Cases are presented in the course of the discussion. 2 CEUs.

May 25, 2016 Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children- (5:30pm to 7:30pm)

Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children is the leading evidence based child sexual abuse prevention program in the country. The training program aims to empower adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. *Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children* is open to anyone who wants to make a difference in their community. Registration is \$10. 2 CEUs.

May 31, 2016 Engaging Families in the Mental Health Process- (11am to 1pm)

This workshop shares information about how service providers can engage families in services including ideas, tips, examples, and programming ideas. In this training, individuals learn what resources are most useful to certain clients and how to use these tools. Instructors provide interactive examples of how to successfully engage families and improve outcomes for youth. 2 CEUs.

Contact Rosheda at rharrell@bcaci.org or 443-923-7017 to schedule a custom training for your youth-serving organization. All trainings listed above are FREE to the community and professionals unless specified otherwise, but you can help underwrite the cost with a nominal donation when you sign up for one of BCAC's professional trainings online at www.bcaci.org.



David Warnock talks about his plan for Baltimore with BCAC staff and Board of Directors.

MAYORAL CANDIDATES JOIN THE CONVERSATION AT BCAC

With an important mayoral election upon us in Baltimore, BCAC invited candidates to meet individually with our staff and Board of Directors over coffee each week in our family room. Elizabeth Embry, Carl Stokes, David Warnock, Sheila Dixon, Catherine Pugh, Nick Mosby, and DeRay Mckesson participated. Child abuse is not a topic brought up at any other mayoral forum and we knew had to ensure our next mayor understood the true complexity of this problem that we face. In this intimate setting,

we focused on kids at risk and in crisis and asked each candidate for their response on how to protect and help heal children exposed to such traumas. Our conversations over these last few weeks were frank and enlightening, and we hope our next mayor works closely with us to help us keep protecting children.

For more information, or to join our advocacy e-mail list, contact Kim at ksauer@bcaci.org or 443-923-7005.



Senator Catherine Pugh discusses child welfare with BCAC staff.

COFFEE FOR A CAUSE

Join BCAC for morning coffee and conversation at our office in Charles Village.

April 14th and April 20th 8-9:30AM.

Learn about our work.

Get to know our team.

Tour our facility.

Find out about ways to get involved in our mission to protect children in Baltimore from child sexual abuse, trauma, and other Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Light refreshments will be served. Street parking is available.

BCAC is on the NW corner of 23rd and Charles Streets, facing 23rd.

Contact Melissa at mjencks@bcaci.org or 443-923-7009 with any questions.

We hope to see you there!



Be A Hero, the signature fundraiser of BCAC, is back for its third year!

Join us on Friday, May 13, 2016
at Pazo in Harbor East.



6:30 PM – VIP Reception
7:30 PM – Main Event

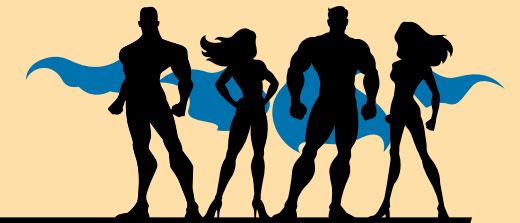
Tickets are on sale now at www.bcaci.org!

\$300 VIP
\$200 Regular Admission

Here is what you can do to help make *Be A Hero* even more successful and help more children in Baltimore:

- **GIVE** a gift in honor of *Be A Hero*. Any amount is appreciated and all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
- **BID** on items in our online auction. The auction will go live on April 22, 2016. You can win sports tickets, wine tastings, restaurant experiences, vacations, and more.
- **PURCHASE** 50/50 raffle tickets for *Be A Hero*. They are on sale now - 1 for \$5 and 5 for \$20.
- **KEEP TALKING ABOUT ABUSE** – Talk = Prevention! Talk to the children in your life and listen to what they have to say.

E-mail Jenny at jtrust@bcaci.org to learn more about the event and how you, too, can *Be A Hero*.



BE A HERO

An event by Baltimore Child Abuse Center
to change the lives of our community's children



SUPER HERO WALK

Join us on Sunday, June 5th for the 4th Annual *Super Hero Walk* at Lake Montebello.



Over the last 3 years, hundreds of parents and kids took a fun, family-friendly romp around Lake Montebello dressed in their finest super hero attire. There was music and dancing. Kids had their faces painted and made their own super hero capes. As families walked around beautiful Lake Montebello, they read signs along the one-mile path that provided tips on how to prevent child abuse.

This year, we want to attract even more members of the community and teach them about preventing child abuse. The walk will include

check points around Lake Montebello where participants can learn about body safety and ways they can prevent child abuse. We are also inviting our non-profit partners to join us so they can share their services with the community. Together, we can make Baltimore a safer place for kids.

This event is FREE to the public.

Sponsorships are now available. Claim yours today at www.bcaci.org

For more information, contact Alyssa at adeiter@bcaci.org or 443-923-7028. or 443-923-7028.