

AGENCY ENDOWMENT

New Hope, Blount County Children's Advocacy Center Creates Agency Endowment with ETF

The East Tennessee Region is fortunate to have many services provided by extraordinary nonprofit organizations that address a variety of issues and challenges facing our children and young people today. One of the most distinguished of these nonprofit organizations is located in Blount County and is part of a state-wide network of Children's Advocacy Centers. ETF is pleased to have the opportunity to partner again with New Hope, Blount County Children's Advocacy Center (New Hope Center), by being selected to manage the organization's newly created agency endowment.

New Hope Center was a recipient of one of ETF's 25th Anniversary grants recognizing the organization, staff and board for its exceptional work and an unyielding commitment to our children and young people. A long-standing partnership between ETF and New Hope Center has evolved over the years. In addition to being a multi-year ETF grantee, New Hope Center is the lead agency among the 13 Children's Advocacy Centers that will be funded again this year through a two-year \$50,000 grant from ETF's Youth Endowment. Funding will be made available to continue the support of a collaborative that provides training mandated by the State for the Child Protective Investigative Teams operating in each of the 13 Child Advocacy Centers located in ETF's service area.

The mission of New Hope Center is to lessen the trauma experienced by the child victim of abuse by providing a child-friendly center with a warm, home-like, supportive environment where intervention efforts are offered to reduce stress to the abused child and the non-offending parent or adult caregiver.

With great love and care New Hope Center and its Child Protective Investigative Teams provide educational programs to help prevent and identify child abuse. Unfortunately, this is no small challenge with an estimated 1 in 4 girls, and 1 in 6 boys who have been or will be sexually abused before the age of 18. Even more staggering is the number of cases never reported which has reached an estimated all-time high of 9 out of 10 children under age 18.

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New Hope, Blount County Children's Advocacy Center received the ETF \$2,500 25th Anniversary grant award for Blount County.

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