



# Bivona

CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

*trust. healing. justice.™*

# 2022

## ANNUAL REPORT



# OUR VISION

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

# OUR MISSION

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





# A MESSAGE FROM

OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

While 2022 was a year of transition for Bivona Child Advocacy Center, the multi-disciplinary team of amazing professionals did not miss a beat in their service to the children and families of our community. Bivona Child Advocacy Center is the resource in our community for children who have experienced the unimaginable trauma of abuse. Now, more than ever, our children need our support. At Bivona Child Advocacy Center, we have a model that relies on the power of partnership to provide a comprehensive response to help children and their families heal and thrive. Our 23 partner agencies share a long-standing and deep commitment to creating hope and to having a vision that our community is a place where children are safe and free from abuse.

When a child comes to us hurting, it is our goal to restore hope. Hope is the light in a child's eye that is a spark for their entire future. That light is the beacon that determines what paths they go down, how they spotlight success, and how they experience happiness. We see the outcomes every day in our community of what is happening to children who grow into teens and young adults without this hope being fostered and restored. The team at Bivona Child Advocacy Center works together as a collective each day to restore hope to the children we interact with.

We provide this report to the community and urge a continued call to action because we are not done yet. There is so much work to be done and we must double down on how we support the restoration of hope for our children. We want to reach more children, parents, and all professionals working with children and youth to push harder on prevention efforts.

As we enter a new phase of planning responsive and proactive strategies to keep children safe, the team at Bivona Child Advocacy Center is here. They never stop working, and each day reaffirms our pledge to be the ONE safe place that children can come to get the abuse to stop, justice to be served, and healing to begin. How we treat our children is how we want our world to be. I hope you will continue to join us in prioritizing the children in our community.



*Daniele*

**DR. DANIELE LYMAN-TORRES**

PRESIDENT & CEO

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## SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dr. Daniele Lyman-Torres  
*President & Chief Executive Officer*

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*Vice President of CAC Operations*

Jaime Anderson  
*Vice President of Development, Strategy, and Policy*

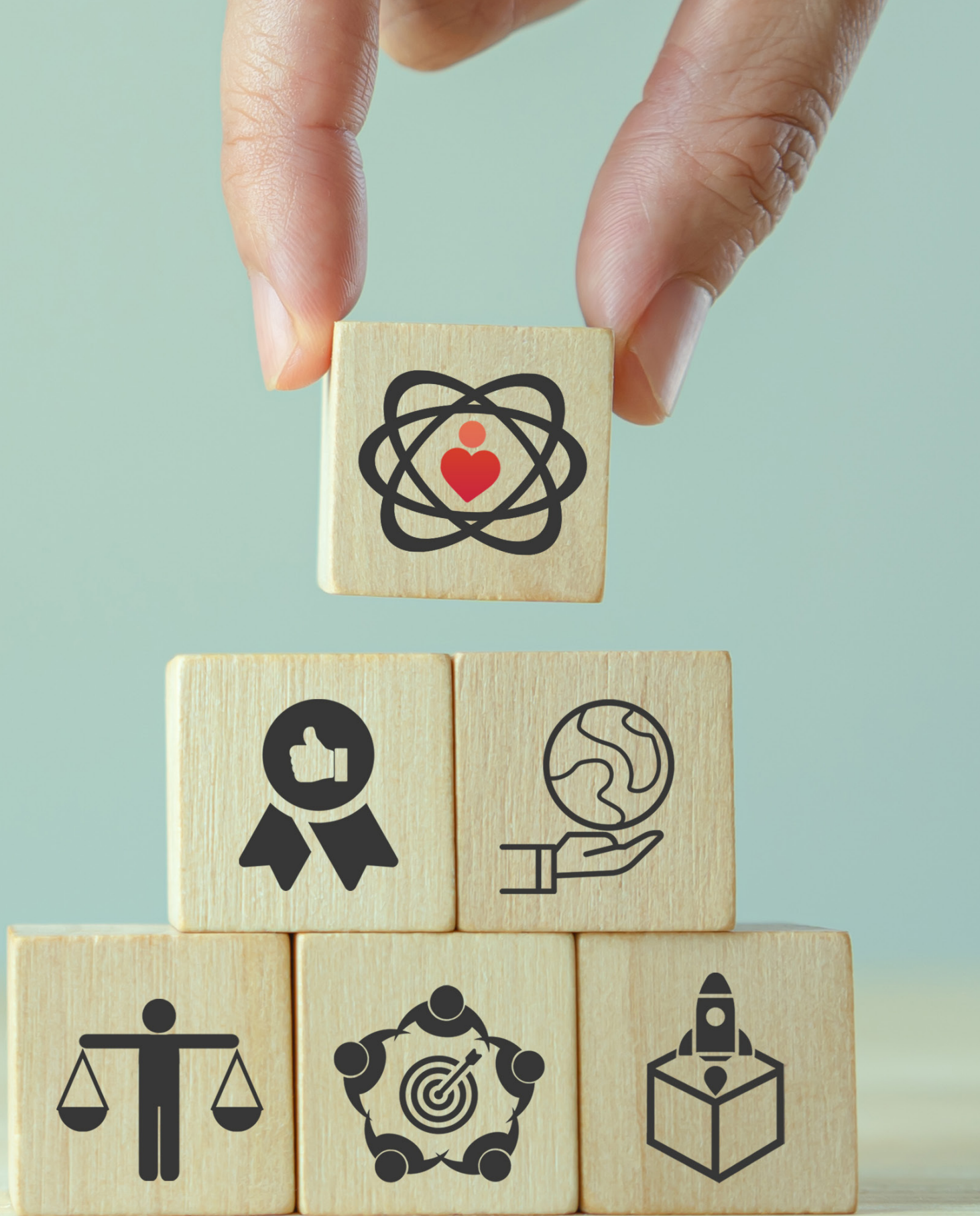
Sheila Girard  
*Vice President of Finance and Administration*

Stefanie Szwejbka  
*Director of Community Education*

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU  
TO THE 23 PARTNER AGENCIES  
BIVONA CHILD ADVOCACY  
CENTER IS PROUD TO  
PARTNER WITH.**

### OUR PARTNER AGENCIES:

Bivona Child Advocacy Center  
Brighton Police Department  
Brockport Police Department  
Catholic Charities Family and Community Services  
East Rochester Police Department  
Fairport Police Department  
Gates Police Department  
Greece Police Department  
Irondequoit Police Department  
Monroe County Department of Human Services  
Monroe County District Attorney's Office  
Monroe County Law Department (Children's Services Unit)  
Monroe County Office of Probation-Community Corrections  
Monroe County Sheriff's Office  
New York State Police  
Ogden Police Department  
Planned Parenthood of Central and Western New York Inc.  
(RESTORE Sexual Assault Services)  
REACH Program of Golisano Children's Hospital at the  
University of Rochester  
Rochester Police Department  
Rochester Regional Health  
Society for the Protection and Care of Children (SPCC)  
Villa of Hope  
Webster Police Department



### **OUR STAFF**

We know our staff is our most valuable asset, and we take care of them so they can take care of the children and families we serve.

### **OUR MDT (MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM)**

Our Multidisciplinary Team is built on respect — for each other, survivors, and our shared vision to eliminate child abuse.

**THESE ARE OUR  
VALUES & GUIDING  
PRINCIPLES THAT  
DIRECT US IN OUR  
WORK AT ONE MOUNT  
HOPE AVENUE.**

### **CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

Children and families always come first. We support those who come seeking hope and healing.

### **GETTING IT RIGHT**

We are driven to get things right. We take pride in our practice, knowing it comes from the latest and best knowledge in our field.



# Youth + Caregiver Feedback

Bivona Child Advocacy Center maintains accountability to our mission and standards by surveying clients and multidisciplinary team members on a regular basis. What does this mean for children and families? It means all of us are working together to provide the support children and their caregivers need to thrive and heal.

*"In the waiting area, the toys, decor and the colors make the space feel welcoming and safe."* - Youth

*"At the time of our first visit, although it was very difficult, the staff was excellent and very supportive."* - Caregiver

*"I liked that they had drinks and snacks in case I was hungry."* - Youth

*"They made me feel safe."* - Youth

*"I appreciate that my child was made to feel safe and comfortable at all times and knew she could reach out anytime she needed to talk."* - Caregiver



# 23,380

TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES IN 2022

Bivona Child Advocacy Center served 1,791 children in 2022 who directly experienced abuse. In order to help those children and their family members, we offer a wide range of services. Here are all of the ways we helped children and families.

**9,363** INFORMATION & REFERRALS

This includes information regarding the criminal justice process, victims' rights, referrals to other victim services programs, and referrals to other services.

**1,925** INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY

This includes medical accompaniment, forensic interviews, intervention with employer, creditor, landlord or academic institution, child or dependent care assistance, transportation assistance, and interpreter services.

**3,754** EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

This includes crisis intervention, individual counseling, support groups, therapy, and emergency financial assistance.

**8,338** ADVOCACY & ACCOMPANIMENT

This includes notification of criminal justice events, victim impact statement assistance, advocacy and accompaniment with District Attorney interviews, Law Enforcement interviews, and criminal justice advocacy and accompaniment.

## ETHNICITY

White/Caucasian	34%
Black/African American	37%
Bi-Racial	10%
Hispanic/Latino	15%
Asian	1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
American Indian/Alaska Native	<1%
Other	1%
Unknown/Not Reported	2%

## ALLEGATION/VICTIMIZATION TYPES

Child Sex Abuse	63%
Child Physical Abuse	3%
Secondary to Alleged Victim	23%
Child Neglect	9%
Child Fatality	1%
Other*	1%

\*Includes; Adult SA, Drug Endangerment, and Witness to Violence

## AGE AT INTAKE

0-6 years	29%
7-12 years	38%
13-18 years	32%
19 & over	1%

A Bivona Child Advocacy Center client is any child victim of sexual or physical abuse, and child family members, who have received services as defined by the MDT Guidelines at Bivona Child Advocacy Center or off-site locations at any one or more of the collaborative partner agencies (identified as signatories on the MOU).



# OUR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

In 2020 Bivona Child Advocacy Center adopted a three-year strategic plan, strengthening our mission and expanding our services. We have been committed to these five strategic initiatives through the end of this year.

## Here's what we did in 2022...

1

### EXPAND TRAUMA-SPECIFIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE POPULATION SERVED

We continued to grow priority-referral relationships with qualified mental health providers to support children who need healing services.

2

### MAINTAIN AND GROW A STABLE AND HIGH-PERFORMING STAFF

We committed to providing a robust Human Resources function to support our growing staff and ongoing recruitment efforts.

3

### DIVERSIFY AND GROW FUNDING STREAMS

Our partnership with Monroe County continued to grow in support of our Mental Health Services. Additionally, we were awarded a federal earmark in support of our Community Education Program.

4

### ENSURE COMMUNITY ACCESS TO MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM SERVICES

We made sure all clients were seen at the facility despite several partner agencies experiencing staff vacancies. We put extra effort into working closely with family advocates so that families had the appropriate support as soon as possible while they navigated the process for healing and recovery. This contributes to the accessibility and streamlining of important services to families struggling with where to turn for help when they learn a traumatic event may have occurred.

5

### INCREASE THE ORGANIZATIONAL ROLE IN ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION

Community Educators provided the Monique Burr Foundation's Child Safety Matters® curriculum to 22 school districts during the school year to reach 50,000 students. We recognized the need for a children's curriculum for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We created an I/DD Facilitator Adaptation Guide to accompany the lessons and piloted the material with 600 students.



Teaching child abuse prevention =  
**KEEPING KIDS SAFE!**

**CHILD SAFETY MATTERS®**  
**22 DISTRICTS**  
**85 SCHOOLS**  
**50,000 KIDS SERVED**

“ The Golisano Foundation is dedicated to making the world a better place for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We're grateful that Bivona Child Advocacy Center and The Monique Burr Foundation for Children have prioritized the safety of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. All students, regardless of ability, deserve to be educated and empowered with information and strategies to prevent, recognize, and respond appropriately to unsafe situations.”

- Erica Dayton, Executive Director,  
The Golisano Foundation



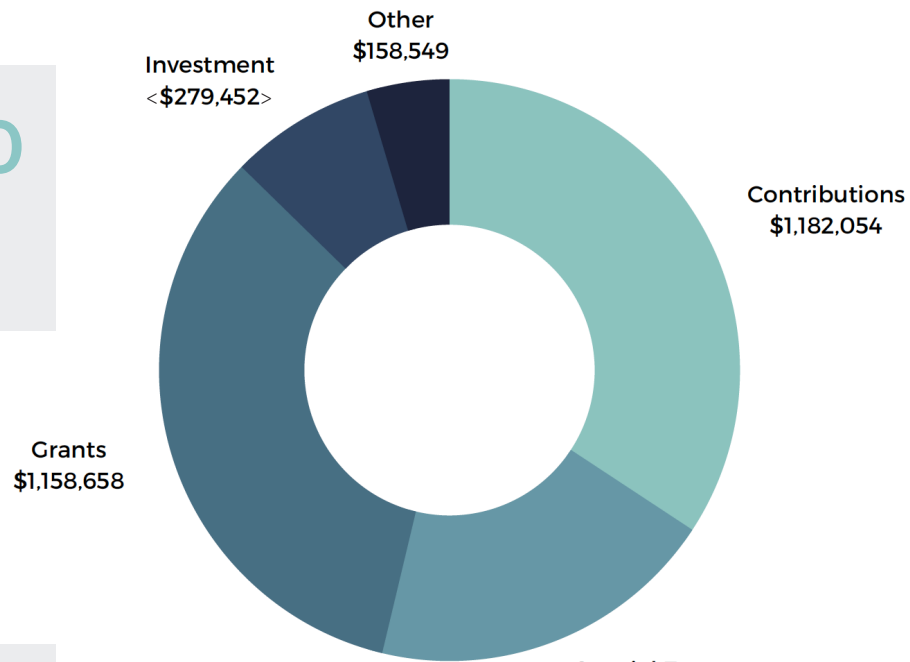
# 2022 FINANCIALS

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

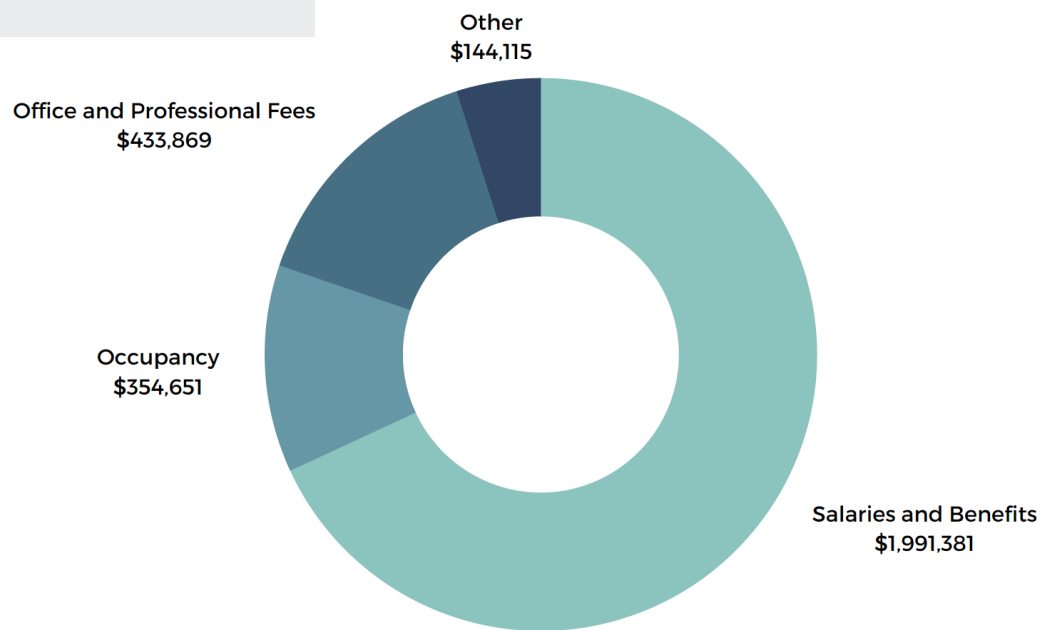
● **\$9,278,800**  
TOTAL LIABILITIES/NET ASSETS  
BEGINNING OF 2022

● **<\$31,996>**  
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS/CAPITAL

**\$2,892,020**  
REVENUE



**\$2,924,016**  
EXPENSES

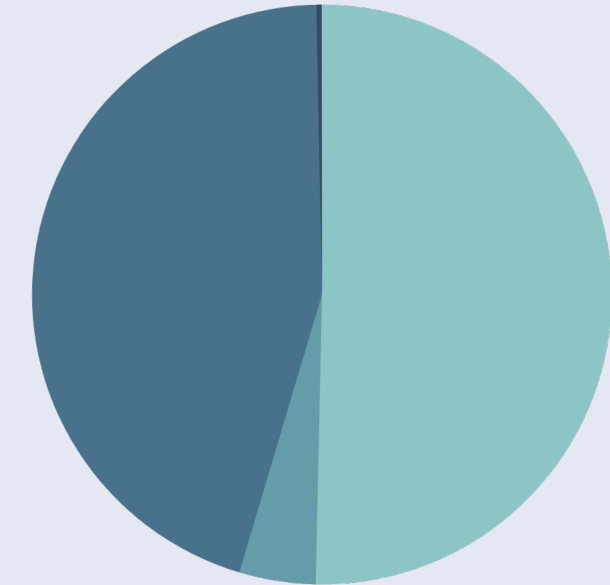


## BALANCE SHEET

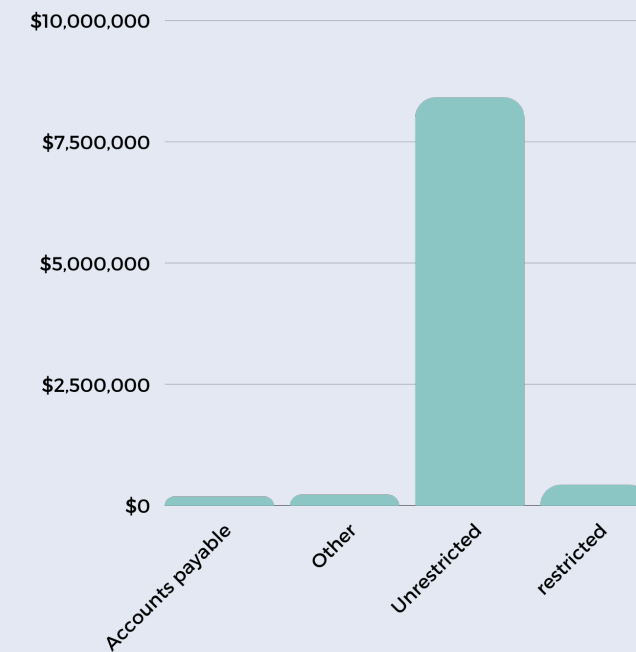
**\$9,278,800**  
ASSETS

Property and Equipment  
\$4,162,962

Other  
\$28,359



**\$9,278,800**  
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS/CAPITAL



The financial information included in this Annual Report is an audited summary of the financial condition and results of operations for Bivona Child Advocacy Center and Affiliates for the 2022 fiscal year. A copy of Bivona's IRS Form 990 and Audited Financial Statements can be found on Bivona's website at [www.bivonacac.org](http://www.bivonacac.org).





CHEERS FOR CHILDREN



HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR



- ▶ HOPE RISING GALA  
\$416,560
- ▶ GOLF TOURNAMENT  
\$113,466
- ▶ CHEERS FOR CHILDREN  
\$140,609



GOLF TOURNAMENT



HOPE RISING GALA



- ▶ HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR  
\$52,190
- ▶ CHILD ABUSE SUMMIT  
\$161,612



# 2022 SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

**\$884,437\***

\* GROSS AMOUNT RAISED





ANNUAL DINNER



# THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 CIRCLE OF HOPE MEMBERS

The Circle of Hope recognizes donors who make annual gifts to Bivona Child Advocacy Center for a three-year commitment.



## GUARDIAN

Wayne and Judy Holly\*  
Brennan and Heather Redmond  
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Dr. Daniele Lyman-Torres and Eric Torres

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*\*Indicates a founding member of the Circle of Hope*







We are proud to share that Bivona Child Advocacy Center has earned our ninth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Only 5% of the charities evaluated by Charity Navigator have received at least 9 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

This is the highest possible rating and indicates that our organization adheres to sector best practices and executes our mission in a financially efficient way. Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that Bivona Child Advocacy Center exceeds industry standards and sets us apart from our peers and demonstrates to the public our trustworthiness.



Bivona Child Advocacy Center has received a Platinum rating from Guidestar. The Platinum Seal of Transparency is the highest level of recognition and is only designated to 15% of charities nationwide. GuideStar is the world's largest source of nonprofit information.



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