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Dear Friends:

When I contemplate the essential services we provide at our Center, my mind invariably turns to a former client named Amy. Amy was a tiny, timid, soft-spoken five-year-old when she first appeared before us, the victim of repeated acts of sexual battery committed by a once loved and trusted family member. As with many survivors of abuse, Amy expressed reluctance over identifying her perpetrator and detailing the trauma to which she had been subjected. Our conventional interventions, including a forensic interview, a medical examination and crisis counseling, would not initially shake that reluctance. Subsequently, Amy received several months of trauma-focused counseling, and time passed. When hope of bringing Amy's perpetrator to justice was all but abandoned, Amy unexpectedly appeared before us once more. This time she presented with a louder voice, an assertive tone and a new-found confidence. It would seem that Amy was living testimony to the power of therapy. Though she admitted to being "scared to tell everything", Amy named body parts, sexual acts, and, ultimately, the offending family member. It took two full years from our first encounter with Amy, but she finally got her day in court. With a trusty therapy dog by her side, she courageously faced down her perpetrator and recounted his heinous acts. And when it was done, Amy's vicious attacker received a series of consecutive life sentences – all because of the compelling testimony of a brave little girl who found her voice and the justice she so richly deserved.



We are privileged to facilitate recovery for at-risk children as Amy every day at our Center. In fact, last year we provided life-changing services to over 1,000 children, including forensic interviews, medical examinations, crisis counseling and therapy. Amazingly, we provided all of these essential services at absolutely no charge to our families. It is through your generous financial support that we relieve families of financial burden and permit them to focus on their children's trauma recovery.

We invite you to help us once again. Our annual Bids for Kids virtual fundraiser shall open for bidding on Thursday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m. and shall remain open until Saturday, March 13 at 8:00 p.m. We ask you to become a Corporate Sponsor at one of the levels listed on the attached sponsor agreement form. Your kind sponsorship shall help us continue to provide the necessary healing services to child survivors of abuse. We appreciate your generosity, compassion and support. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Brenda S. Crellen, Executive Director

Text LSCAC to 24365 to give now. Thank you for your support!

