

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
CROSSES ALL
SOCIO-ECONOMIC LINES
IN OUR COUNTY.

**What's more important
than saving lives?**



Montgomery County Family Justice Center Foundation
Supporting the lifesaving work of the Family Justice Center



Help us strengthen the lives of families affected by domestic violence and relationship abuse.

Statistics tell the story. Domestic violence is the leading cause of injuries to women, more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined. And nearly 1 in 5 teenage girls in a relationship report that a boyfriend threatened violence or self-harm. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that in more than half of families affected by domestic violence, the children witness the abuse and are at greater risk of entering the juvenile justice system and child protective services.

The Montgomery County Family Justice Center (MCFJC) Foundation was founded in 2009 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports the lifesaving work of the Family Justice Center to keep families safe from physical, emotional, and psychological abuse, give them hope, and a new start. In its first four years alone, more than 5,000 families from over 100 countries of origin have been assisted by the Center.



The Montgomery County Family Justice Center (MCFJC), a seamless scope of services under one roof at no charge.

Prior to the opening of the Center in 2009, abuse victims would have to visit as many as 18 different sites around the County to receive the comprehensive services they needed.

The Center is a partnership of public and private agencies, including prosecutors, Sheriff's Deputies and victim assistants, police officers, attorneys for protective order hearings, community-based advocates, therapists, and our Foundation— in a family-friendly atmosphere staffed by professionals who can comfort, advise, and protect. All conveniently located close to bus transportation and the Rockville Metro station at 600 Jefferson Plaza, 5th Floor, Rockville, MD, near Route 355 at the intersection of Rockville Pike and Jefferson Street, in front of Richard Montgomery High School.

The mission of the MCFJC Foundation is to provide enhanced funding and services, community advocacy, awareness, and volunteers.



EACH DAY BRINGS GREATER NEEDS AND NEW CHALLENGES.

Here's how the MCFJC Foundation meets them.

- Funds therapeutic services for child counseling
- Funds emergency services, including gasoline cards, grocery cards, and taxicab rides for clients who have no other means to come to the Center or other critical appointments
- Funds training for Center staff and volunteers
- Funds the award-winning annual “Choose Respect” Teen Conference and prints thousands of brochures and palm cards in English and Spanish
- Collects new stuffed animals and books so every child that visits the Center leaves with something of their own to love
- Conducts outreach and communication efforts, jointly with the Center, through our quarterly newsletter

Unfortunately domestic violence is not going away anytime soon. If anything, the numbers of victims are increasing. Your support is critical to our mission. Please help us help them.

More than 1000 donors, partners, individuals, non-profit associations, corporate sponsors, and family foundations have supported the MCFJC Foundation since our inception. The scourge of domestic violence demands our attention on all fronts.

MCFJC FOUNDATION ONGOING INITIATIVES

Lawyers Initiative

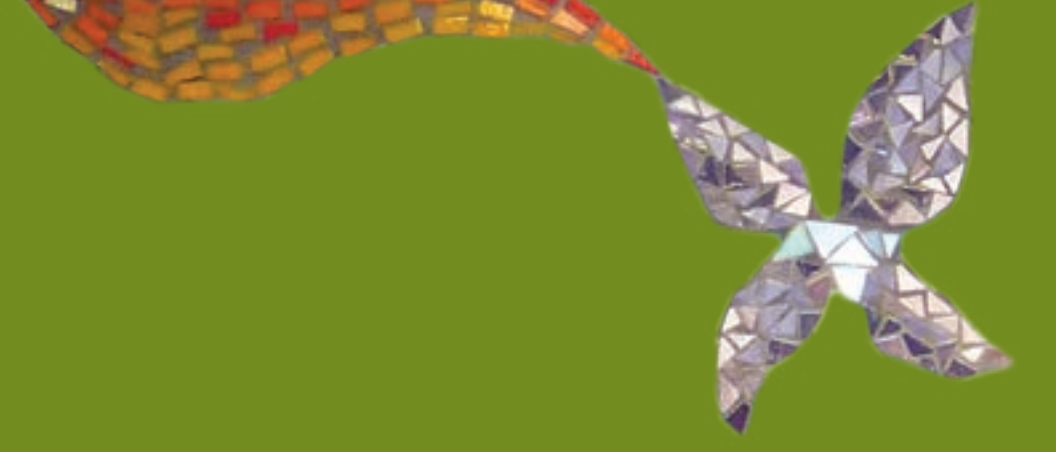
The Foundation increases awareness within the legal community about the work of the MCFJC and the Foundation and seeks out additional attorneys to add to the roster of those who provide pro bono services to the Center's clients.

Business Initiative

The Foundation partners with dozens of companies that offer financial support and in-kind services, among them:

- *Verizon Wireless Foundation* funded the technical equipment for the Center's closed circuit television system that enables clients to communicate with a judge through video conferencing to arrange for an initial temporary restraining order without leaving the Center.
- *GEICO Philanthropic* and *Kaiser Permanente* provided funds for the Center's comfortable, warm, and home-like furnishings, creating a welcoming family environment.
- *Panera Bread's* "Doughnation" project provides weekly fresh breads and pastries not otherwise sold, providing heartwarming quality food to those most in need.





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Community Initiative

Foundation Board Members have established partnerships with community-based nonprofits, including:

- *Women Who Care Ministries* that provides snacks and drinks for the Center's pantry so clients and their children can enjoy them when they're at the FJC, without having to leave the building.
- *American Sewing Guild* that sews stuffed animals for the children who come to the Center as well as window treatments that create a home-like setting.
- *Montgomery County Commission for Women* that donated hundreds of new books to the Center's children's library.
- *Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Eta Pi Zeta Chapter* that donates 100 Build-a-Bears annually.
- *Arts on the Block* that created the signature mosaics in the reception area of the FJC.
- Dozens of area artists and photographers that donated their original works hanging throughout the Center to brighten everyone's day.

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Educational Initiative

Specific skill sets and advanced education enhance the ability for victims of domestic violence to be financially self-sufficient.

Montgomery College has partnered with MCFJC Foundation to:

- Provide scholarship funds so they can gain technical skills or reach higher educational levels.
- Provide Guidance Counselors to work directly with Family Justice Center clients attending the college.
- Outreach to young men through the Coaching Boys to Men Program.



BECOME A SPONSOR

We gratefully thank our family foundations, corporate sponsors, and individual donors that enable us to continue to provide services to the FJC clients free of charge. Sponsorship opportunities are available on our website at www.mcfjcfoundation.org or by emailing us at mcfjcfoundation.org@gmail.com

MCFJC FOUNDATION LIFELINE CAMPAIGN

Families fleeing abusive relationships often leave with just the clothes on their backs and little or no access to funds for their most basic and urgent needs.

Here's how you can help. Your contribution to our Lifeline Campaign can directly impact a survivor in need and provide a lifeline of hope for the future, for example:

- \$250** can provide for a family of four to purchase winter coats, blankets, and basic hygiene products.
- \$100** can provide groceries for a week for a family of four.
- \$75** can provide funds for emergency transportation to and from the hospital, Center, or court dates when needed by a client.
- \$50** can provide backpacks, school supplies, diapers, and pajamas.
- \$25** can provide gift cards for use at CVS, Walmart, Target, etc. for basic everyday necessities.

Please circle the amount of your donation and mail this form together with your check to MCFJC Foundation P.O. Box 10692, Rockville, Maryland 20849. Or contribute online to a secure site at www.mcfjcfoundation.org

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