

# HEROES OF HOPE

YOUR IMPACT ON THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AT THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

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## Rebecca's Story

“Six years ago, when I was pregnant with my youngest daughter, Honesty, I fled with my children from their father to a domestic violence shelter. We were there for awhile but our allotted time to stay was running out and I didn't know what to do. We ended up setting up residence in an abandoned Detroit home.

At that point, all I could think about was bringing my family to safety and stability. That's when I went to The Children's Center for help.

My son, Darryl, who is now 11, used to have violent outbursts and disregard for authority. I believe it was because of his father's substance abuse and physical abuse towards me. Through Darryl's work with his therapists at The Children's Center, he has come so far. He is now a very polite young man.

While my family's emotional health was improving, I was still being discriminated against due to our

living situation and poverty. I fought with Child Protective Services for two and a half years. The Children's Center was there for me the entire time. They helped to advocate for me and prove that I was doing everything in my power to keep my children safe, happy, and healthy. I truly believe that The Children's Center is the reason my family is still intact.

Eventually, I obtained the deed to my home and fought the state successfully to keep my children with me. It has been a tough battle.

Our time at The Children's Center has taught me that if you think there is no way out, reach out for help. The Children's Center can bring things to the table you didn't even know you needed. **As much as you're willing to fight for your own child and your own family, The Children's Center is willing to fight that much for you too.”**



## A Mighty Men Scavenger Hunt

Last month, the families in our Mighty Men program competed in a fun-filled Scavenger Hunt at the Henry Ford Museum. Each family explored the museum for clues from historical moments – from Rosa Park's bus protest to Abraham Lincoln's assassination. Children and parents socialized, learned, and even scored a free Target gift card for participating. **This memorable day was made possible by YOU and the generosity of the Henry Ford Museum!**



## Helping More Families Every Year, Thanks to You!

Advocating for children and families is a top priority at The Children’s Center. You help more and more families every year with your support – whether that means keeping a family like Rebecca’s together, or moving a child out of danger and into a safe environment.

Therapists at The Children’s Center know our families very well – making them expert guides, devoted to child and family well-being. They are able to provide the most accurate information to child and government services, enabling the right decisions to be made regarding the safety and happiness of our children and families.

Take Rebecca’s family. Her clinicians were able to show that although her family was living below the poverty line, she was connecting with resources that allowed her to provide her children with everything they need. For healthy families like Rebecca’s, The Children’s Center fights for their rights to be together.

However, we unfortunately also run into too many cases of abuse and neglect. When a child’s safety is in jeopardy clinicians fight to get the child into a safe environment immediately. You make sure that every child is growing up in a safe, loving home by making sure we have the right staff and resources to get the job done.

It’s because of you that the well-being of children and families comes first – you keep children safe, happy, healthy, and loved.

## Trunk or Treat!

It was a Happy Halloween at our annual Trunk or Treat event, thanks to you. Sixty of you generously volunteered to decorate your cars and pass out treats to 550 children. You transformed your cars into puppies, monsters, under-the-sea-scapes, and fiestas that excited children and parents alike!

Because of you, this wonderful event provided a safe and accessible Halloween celebration for children and families. We appreciate all of our volunteers who dressed up, decorated, and passed out candy. We are so thankful for you!

Check out our website for more photos of this fun filled day!





## Therapy Wish List

Our therapists frequently use tools and activities to engage and reassure children receiving treatment. You can help them create a comforting space for children by making a gift from our therapy wish list:

- Noise-Cancelling Headphones
- Weighted Blankets
- Toys with Glitter, Sand, or Play-Doh
- Large Building Blocks
- LEGOs

Check out our Amazon wish list to order and send items directly to our campus:

<http://bit.ly/TCCWishList>



## Do You Believe in Possibilities?

Rebecca had many people in her life telling her she could never overcome the challenges in her life. When she found The Children's Center, she was finally able to silence those voices and prove them wrong. Our monthly giving program, Believers, shows mothers like Rebecca that you see their potential. **Sign up for a monthly donation today to show more families that you are committed to building brighter futures.**

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