



Annual Report

Fiscal Year 25

JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

Message From The President



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the resilience of our community and the unwavering support of our partners. Thanks to you, the Sexual Assault Center (SAC) has made a profound impact, expanding our programs and increasing access to healing resources for survivors.

In Fiscal Year 2025, we served more than 1,000 survivors of sexual violence, delivered over 13,000 therapy and advocacy sessions, and conducted more than 100 trainings to create a safer community for all.

This year also marked the retirement of Tana Kimbro, our longtime Vice President of Finance, after 9 years of dedicated service. Tana has been a steady hand through many seasons of growth and change, and her legacy will be felt for years to come.

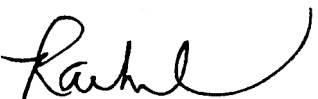
We also saw the power of advocacy in action. Thanks to SAC's dedicated legislative work, and the tireless efforts of many partners and agencies across Tennessee, the Governor added \$20 million to his budget over two years for victims' services — a first in Tennessee history. This addition helps offset devastating federal funding cuts. Still, federal resources have flatlined this year and are expected to decline significantly over the next few years as national priorities shift.

These successes and challenges remind us why our work matters and why your support remains a vital pillar of our mission. Now more than ever, we must rally together to ensure survivors continue to receive the care they deserve, regardless of financial barriers.

Your partnership is the foundation of what we do. As we navigate this period of uncertainty, we ask you to stand with us. Whether through advocacy, donations, or spreading awareness, your involvement makes a difference.

Together, we will continue to bring healing and hope to all who need it. Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.

With gratitude,



Rachel C. Freeman, LCSW



Rachel Freeman

President & CEO
Sexual Assault Center

Mission & Vision

OUR MISSION:

To provide healing for children, adults and families affected by sexual assault and to end sexual violence through counseling, education and advocacy.

OUR VISION:

A world void of sexual violence.

Executive Leadership Team



**President & CEO,
Rachel Freeman**

“ It is empowering and inspiring to watch the positive change that happens as a result of SAC’s programs, and to get to play a small role in that...being a part of healing journeys and working collaboratively to end sexual violence...is the honor of a lifetime.



**Vice President, Operations
Jessica Barfield**

“ Working at SAC allows me to support survivors on their journey to healing and empowerment, helping them reclaim their strength and voice in a safe, compassionate space.



**Vice President, Community
Relations, Lorraine McGuire**

“ I believe in taking action, standing up for survivors, and making real change. The work this agency does matters, and I’m proud to be part of something that challenges injustice and empowers people to heal.



**Vice President, Finance & Administration
Cindy Leonard**

“ I am grateful to be a part of the SAC team and am motivated by our professionals who work tirelessly each day to help victims heal from assault and advocate to prevent future sexual violence.

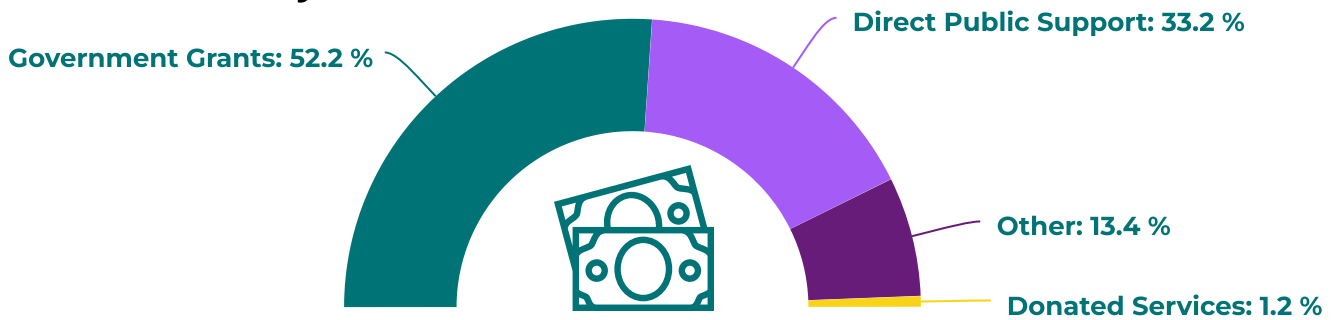

Financial Performance FY25

SAC's 2025 fiscal year was 7/1/2024-6/30/2025

How Each Dollar Was Spent




Where the money came from

FY25 Income Projection
\$4,910,633

FY25 Income Actual
\$4,909,449




FY25 Expense Projection
\$5,057,091

FY25 Expense Actual
\$4,790,275

FY26 Income Projection
\$4,788,582

FY26 Expense Projection
\$4,788,582



Endowment as of June 30, 2025
\$2,994,232

Spotlight: 2025 Legislative Advocacy

● A Historic Investment in Victim Services

For the first time in Tennessee's history, the state has created a dedicated budget line item for victim services. Governor Bill Lee's supplemental budget includes \$20 million over the next two years to support life-saving services across the state.

This is a direct result of sustained advocacy and collective effort. While we had originally called for \$25 million in recurring annual funding, this investment marks a historic and significant step forward — and one we should all be proud of. It sends a strong message that survivors matter and their healing is worth funding.



● SB1645/HB1632 – Statewide SART Coordinator

The Statewide Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Coordinator bill passed with strong bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. The legislation will help establish consistent, coordinated, and trauma-informed responses to survivors across Tennessee by creating a statewide point of leadership and accountability.

Although the bill cleared both chambers and had majority support in committee, dedicated funding was not included in this year's budget. It is currently placed "behind the budget" in the Finance, Ways & Means Committee — meaning that funding will need to be secured in the next session. With the strong backing already shown by lawmakers, we are optimistic and committed to making that happen.

● SB920/HB679 – Rape Kit Access for Minors

SB920/HB679 seeks to guarantee that minors can access rape kit exams without needing parental consent — a vital protection when a parent is the abuser or when involving them is unsafe. Confusion from a 2023 law led some centers to stop offering exams to minors, for fear of being sued. This bill would remove that uncertainty and protect children's rights to immediate care and evidence collection.

As we know, rape kits are time-sensitive. Delays can mean losing evidence and the possibility of perpetrators walking free.

Though considered a longshot at the start of the session, the bill gained powerful momentum:

It passed unanimously in the House without opposition or discussion.

In the Senate Judiciary Committee, lawmakers raised questions, then ultimately gave the bill unanimous favorable support. However, on the Senate Floor the bill face unforeseen objections and was sent back to committee. Because that was done on the last day of session, the bill will not be heard again until the 2026 legislative session.

We'll be back next year to finish what we started.

Programs

SAC's services are offered bilingually and are available to all survivors regardless of background or ability to pay.



Trauma-informed and rooted in research, this program treats the whole person. Therapy includes crisis intervention, individual and group sessions for victims and secondary victims. Therapists specialize in working with marginalized communities.

We Offer Several Modalities:

- EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing)
- Play therapy/CCPT (Child Centered Play Therapy)
- Experiential Therapy
- TF-CBT (Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy)
- IFS (Internal Family Systems)
- SE (Somatic Experiencing)
- And more



Top to bottom: child-friendly waiting area, play therapy room mural, & walking labyrinth in garden

First Response Program (FRP):

SAC's FRP offers 12 sessions of immediate support to address trauma while survivors await ongoing therapy—now a model replicated nationwide



It's not your fault. We believe you. We're here to help.

The SAFE (Sexual Assault Forensic Exam) Clinic is the only 24/7 non-hospital-based facility to receive a forensic exam in the state exclusively serving sexual assault survivors.

We Value Peace of Mind & Security

With its own gated entrance, clients who continue SAC services never have to cross this threshold again.

A Choice to Report, Never Required

The First Responders Room offers a private, comfortable space for survivors to file a police report if they choose.

A Spa-Like Feel

The Clinic feels more like a spa, with warm towels, snacks, and a caring victim advocate to ensure comfort and support.



of clients who received a forensic exam & worked with an advocate chose to report to law enforcement

Nationally, only 30% report.



Any unwanted sexual contact is a form of sexual assault and entitles the survivor to care at SAC.



Victim advocates provide bilingual support and help empower survivors in their journey.

Services are available at SAC's SAFE Clinic, local hospitals, & other partner organizations in Middle TN.

We Help Survivors Through the Healing Process

- Navigate criminal & civil court
- Connect clients to community resources
- Help file victims' compensation
- Help file police reports
- Provide emotional support
- Make civil legal/attorney referrals



*Left: Prison Rape Elimination Act Client, Michael with his SAC Advocates Kate (left) & Genefer (right) on his release day
Right: advocacy offices*



The Statewide Crisis & Support line can be accessed by phone or anonymous online chat and provides assistance for anyone needing help. Open to survivors, their loved ones, anyone looking for information, and referrals, this resource offers an instant point of connection and support.

Here are a few highlights about the service:

- Available 24 hours
- Provides crisis assistance
- A popular tool for ongoing support
- Can connect callers to a variety of local resources
- Does not provide legal advice



Crisis Line: 1-866-811-7473
Anonymous chat: sacenter.org



Training & Prevention

SAC's statewide training team provides specialized programs for the community on topics such as vicarious trauma, child sex abuse, caregiver resiliency, responding to disclosures, bystander intervention, and more to help prevent sexual violence.



Staff in alcohol-serving venues learn to combat sexual violence & safely intervene if they see assault or harassment happening.



Angel shot poster and drug-detecting coasters

SAFE TRACKS

We partnered with CMA and Haley & Michaels to create Safe Tracks, a bystander intervention program designed to stop sexual abuse in the music industry.



of female artist have experienced sexual harassment



of female artists have felt discrimination in the workplace



79 certified Safe Bars across TN



Outreach

Research shows that in Nashville, certain communities experience disproportionately high rates of sexual violence and often face greater barriers to healing. In response, SAC launched specialized outreach and support initiatives to ensure that all survivors receive care that is culturally responsive and rooted in trust.

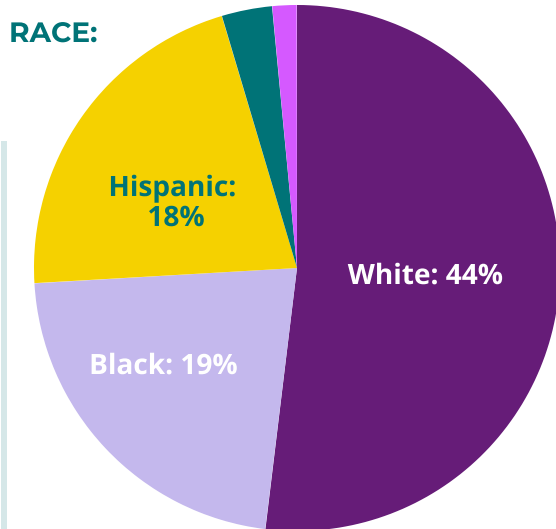
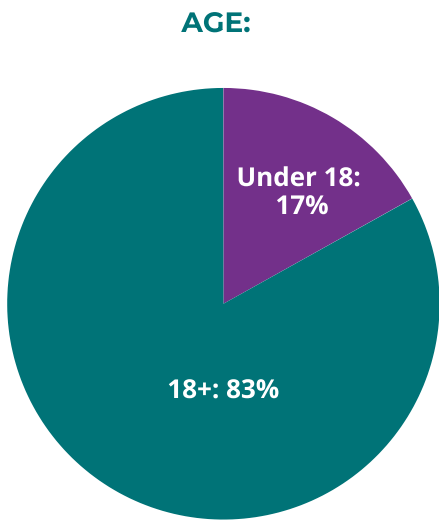


Who We Serve

SAC welcomes all survivors and secondary victims (children, spouses, loved ones of survivors) regardless of their background.

Sexual assault impacts people cross all races, ages, genders, ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, religions, and any other distinction. While certain populations may experience higher levels of it, anyone can be victimized. Because of this, SAC prioritizes an environment where everyone can feel like they belong, are supported, and have a voice.

Here is a breakdown of who we served in FY2025.



American Indian/Indigenous, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: 2%

Asian: 1%

Declined to Specify: 16%

HOUSEHOLD INCOME:

Below \$30K



48% of clients have a household income of \$30,000 or below.

Low-Moderate Income

~75% of clients are considered low to moderate income - their household income is less than 80% of the median household income for the area in which they live.

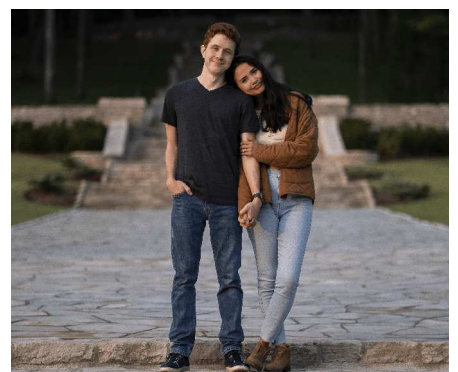
SAC is for Everyone

COUNTIES:

57% of SAC clients are from Davidson County

The remaining clients are from:

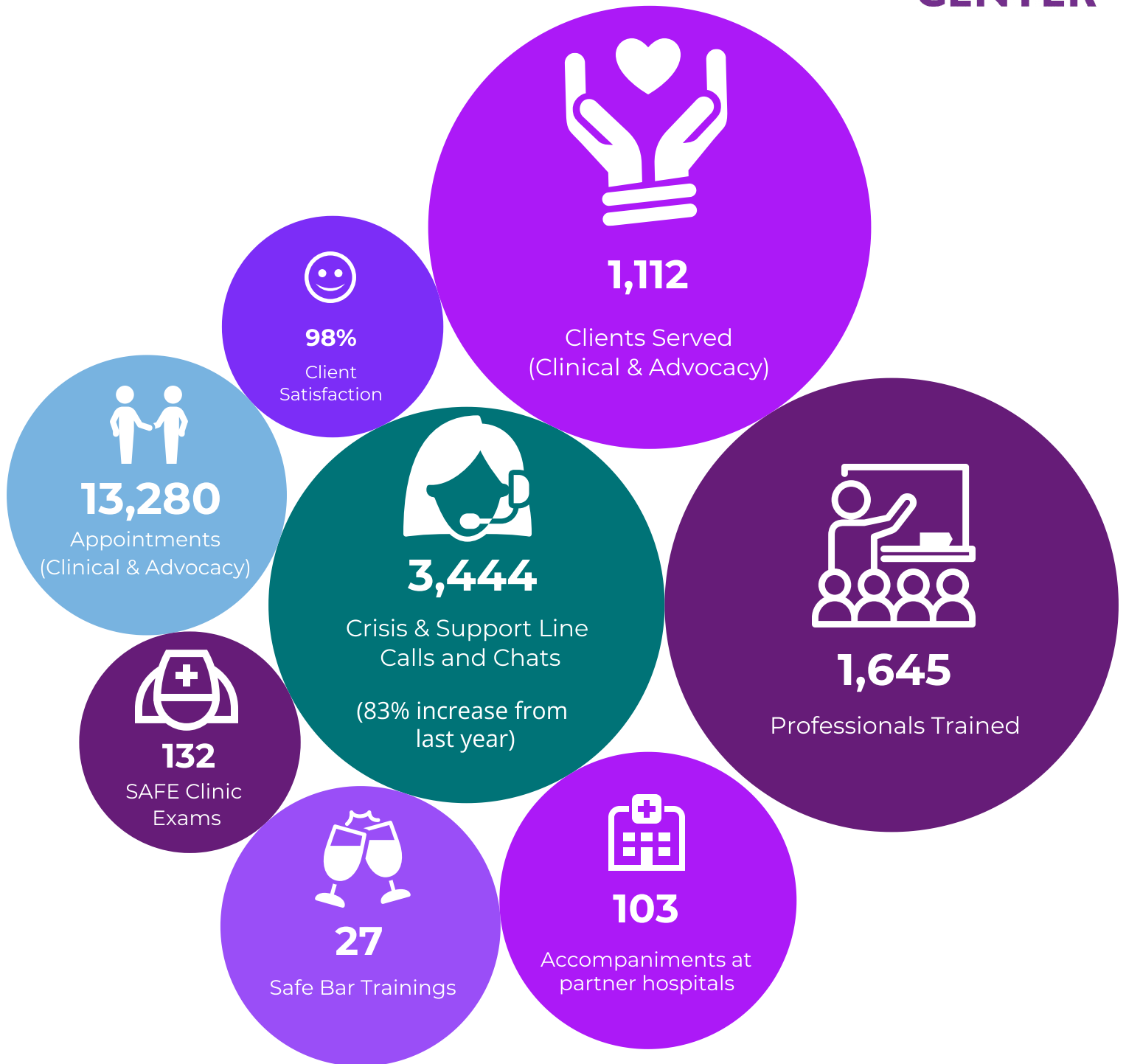
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| Benton | Houston | Sango |
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| Cheatham | Lauderdale | Smith |
| Coffee | Lawrence | St. Martin- |
| Cumberland | Loudon | Louisiana |
| Dickson | Madison | Sumner |
| Dyer | Marshall | Trousdale |
| Franklin | Maury | Washington |
| Giles | Montgomery | Wayne |
| Hamilton | Perry | Williamson |
| Henry | Rhea | Wilson |
| Hermitage | Robertson | Out of State |



Top to Bottom: SAC Victim Advocate Kate with client Michael; Annie (SEEN Survivor*, volunteer & former client); Ginh (SEEN Survivor*); Monica (SEEN Survivor*)

*SEEN Survivors photographed by Dan Heller @danheller.dzhphoto

Year At a Glance



This work was made possible by YOU
Numbers shown are from Fiscal Year 25 (July 1, 24 - Jun 30, 25)

*Of clients who completed a survey

Year in review

Statewide Prevention



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Wendy D'Andrea
Neurobiology of Trauma, Fear and Shame



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Renée Burwell, LCSW, MPA, CST
Integrative Approaches to Treating Trauma



- Monday, May 12th - Wednesday, May 14th**
- 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM CT**
- Online**

Dr. Kasie Lee



Play Therapy: Using Neuroscience in Play

Dr. Yulinda Renee Rahman



Alternative Communities as a Pathway to Embodied Healing

Dr. William Nation



RPGs in Trauma Recovery

Danni Davis



How to Treat Trauma with ITR

451

advocates, professionals, and changemakers empowered through our 2025 statewide virtual conference

Safe Bar & Nashville's Big Bash



We continued the incredible partnership between Safe Bar and the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corps and Metro Council Women's Caucus. For the second year in a row, SAC trained staff for the Big Bash, making it a Safe Bar event.

Highlighted in the News

'Safe Bar' program expands, makes Broadway safer one bar at a time

The program jumped from 71 to 78 certified Safe Bars within a year.



Governor Lee sets aside \$20 million for victim services after advocacy push



New Safe Bars



FY 25 Events

Safe City Breakfast

SAC's annual breakfast fundraiser, Safe City, is dedicated to raising both critical funds and awareness for survivor healing. Hosted at 14Tenn in The Nations, the event featured a panel on public safety and survivor advocacy, moderated by SAC Board Member Brittany Weiner, with speakers Rachel Freeman (SAC President & CEO), Benton McDonough (Metro Nashville Mayor's Office, Director of Nightlife & SAC Board Member), and Chief John Drake (MNPD). Safe City 2025 raised over \$105,000—an impressive 5% increase from the \$100,000 raised in 2024.



From left to right: John Drake, Rachel Freeman, Brittany Weiner, Benton McDonough.

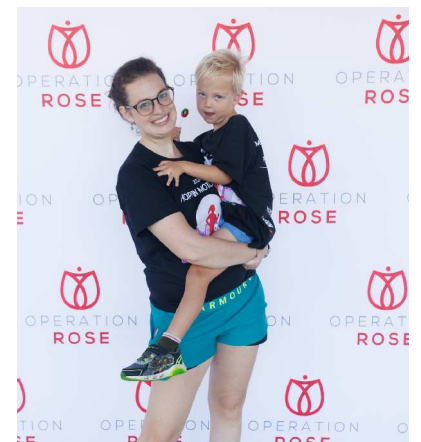


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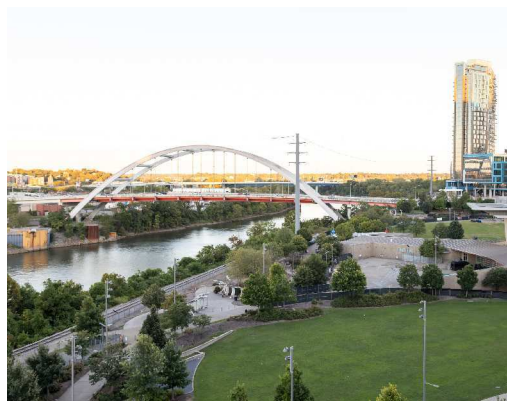
Hope In Motion 5K

SAC partnered with Operation Rose, an anti-trafficking agency, to put on Hope in Motion in Sumner County, TN. This 5K fundraiser brought together **over 150 runners, walkers, and supporters to stand with survivors of sexual assault and trafficking.** Families enjoyed patronizing local businesses, while raising critical funds for emergency support, Safe Bar training, and survivor housing. **Together, we proved that hope is unstoppable by raising over \$15,000.**



Mad Hatter

SAC's annual gala was co-chaired by Katie Marchetti and Monique Villa Capra (top left photo, left and right respectively). The evening featured mission moments, including pieces from "What Were You Wearing?" and an immersive experience with photos from SEEN Survivors. This cocktail-style event at The Four Seasons boasted a hat contest and a moving speech by survivor and legislative advocate for "Danielle's Law", Danielle Pyle. Auction co-chairs Alex Nelson and Erin Di Fiore curated one of the most successful auctions to date. Mad Hatter generated **over \$375,000** and received 2nd place for Best Event Co-Chairs and 3rd place for Most Fashionable Event from nFocus. Thank you to our community for voting for us in these categories. We are grateful for this honor and recognition.



2nd
Best
Event
Co-chairs



3rd
Most
Fashionable
Event



Together We Thrive

Honoring Our Contributors



Stakeholders - Vital contributors of \$10,000 or more in FY 2025

Anonymous	Freeman Webb Companies	Nancy M. and Victor S. Johnson, Jr. Foundation
AE Foundation	Hays Foundation	Office of Violence Against Women
Ascension Saint Thomas	HCA Foundation	Old National Bank
Butler Snow Omara Stevens	Chris Hebig & Shannon Noonan	Susannah Scott-Barnes
Lindsay Chambers	Ingram Industries	Raliance
Amanda Church & Cesar Gueikian	Joe C. Davis Foundation	Surgery Partners, LLC
Chris Coates Barbe Barker Giving	Louise Bullard Wallace Foundation	Taylor, Pigue, Marchetti and Blair, PLLC
Steve & Shannon Cook	LFM Capital	Tennessee Department of Health
Philip & Samantha Baize Creamer	Melkus Family Foundation	Tennessee Office of Criminal Justice Programs
Crowther Foundation	Memorial Foundation	The Carolyn Smith Foundation
Dettwiller Foundation	Mercy Foundation	The Frist Foundation
Katie & Kevin Crumbo	Metro Government	The Healing Trust
Ms. Elcan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metro Council Women's Caucus• Office of Family Safety Center	The William Stamps Farish Fund
First Horizon Foundation		United Way of Greater Nashville
In memory of Mr. Bill Freeman and with gratitude to Mrs. Babs Freeman		Scott & Maureen Vogel
		Yarbrough Family Fund

Partners & Collaborators - Share resources and expertise, working toward common goals and mutual client referrals

ACE Nashville	Jean Crowe Advocacy Center	Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab
AncoraTN	Launchpad	Tennessee Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence
Bridges for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing	Metro Crime Lab	Tennessee Chapter of Child Advocacy Centers (TNCAC)
Buchanan Arts	Metro Nashville Police Department	Tennessee Disability Coalition
Capitol Hill Advocacy	Metro Nashville Public Schools	Thistle Farms
Cherished Hearts	Montgomery County Child Advocacy Center*	Thistle on the Inside*
Country Music Association	Nashville Children's Alliance*	Vanderbilt Medical Center*
Davidson County District Attorney's Office	Nashville General Hospital*	Vanderbilt Owen School of Business
Department of Children's Services	Oasis	Vanderbilt School of Nursing
Family & Children's Services	Our Kids	YWCA
Family Safety Center*	Raiz	
Hispanic Family Foundation*	Safe Bar Taskforce	

*Denotes co-location where SAC staff provide on-site services.

LEGACY WALL

Platinum Legacy Alliance - Lifetime giving of \$1,000,000+

HCA

Memorial
Foundation

Melkus Family
Foundation

Ingram Industries,
Inc.

William Stamps
Farish Fund

Gold Legacy Alliance - Lifetime giving of \$500,000+

The Frist Foundation	HCA Foundation
Joe C. Davis Foundation	Freeman Webb Companies
Mr. & Mrs. Patton	Louise Bullard Wallace Foundation
Hays Foundation	Clarksville-Montgomery County Community Health Foundation

Silver Legacy Alliance - Lifetime giving of \$250,000+

Chris Coates & Barbe Barker Giving	James Stephen Turner Family Foundation
Ms. Martha Ingram	Mercy Foundation
Cal Turner Family Foundation	The Martin Foundation

Purple Legacy Alliance - Lifetime giving of \$100,000+

Mrs. Cynthia Arnholt	First Horizon Foundation	LFM Capital
Ascension Saint Thomas	In memory of Mr. Bill Freeman, with gratitude to	Mr. & Mrs. McLure
Caterpillar Financial Services	Mrs. Babs Freeman	SunTrust Bank
Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee	Juanita Holt Estate*	Mr. Tim Tohill
Steve & Shannon Cook	Junior League of Nashville	Mr. H. Cal & Margaret Turner Jr.
Mr. Franke P. Elliott	Mr. & Mrs. Keeble	United Way of Clarksville
	The Kresge Foundation	United Way of Metropolitan Nashville

*Deceased

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Executive Committee



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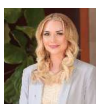
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24 Hour Crisis & Support Line

866-811-7473
Chat online at [sacenter.org](https://www.sacenter.org)

24/7 SAFE Clinic

615-258-5888

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