# KIDS HOUSE Where Hope and Healing Begins







## HOPE FOR HEALING BREAKFAST

Kids House is gearing up for our Annual Hope for Healing Breakfast! The Hope for Healing Breakfast engages our community introduces them to the critical work we do on behalf of Central Florida's physically and sexually abused children. For more information about our Hope for Healing Breakfast, please

https://www.kidshouse.org/hope4healing

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KIDS HOUSE!

Twenty-Three years ago, on July 31, 1999, Kids House opened its doors. When our doors opened, our Child Protection Team consisted of one Case Coordinator. In 2000, we hired three Child Advocates, a third Case Coordinator, one Nurse Practitioner, and one Sexual Trauma Recovery Counselor, which started our Therapy Program. Today, we are fortunate enough to have four Child Advocates, four Case Coordinators, three nurse practitioners, and two Mental Health Counselors. Kids House has become a premier Child Advocacy Center with a reputation for providing quality services in Seminole County to the children of Seminole County who are victims of abuse.

To make this the most exciting birthday month, we invite you to celebrate with us. But how? By giving \$23 for our 23rd birthday. By donating, you ensure that we can continue providing essential services to our clients. You play a critical role in helping Kids House to meet the needs of our abused and neglected children. Your generosity and kindness go a long way to preventing and treating child abuse.

### KIDS HOUSE ANNIVERSARIES

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#### PARENTS CORNER

#### TEACH CONSENT

Consent is often linked to sex. However, teaching consent to children is identifying and respecting boundaries. Teaching consent at an early age is important because it helps create healthy boundaries. It also allows children to find their own voice and respect others' decisions. Ask your child for their consent when you intend to enter their personal space to ensure it's okay. This practice will help reinforce that they have a say in how and when someone can touch them and allows them to make choices and have opinions. Getting and giving permission will become a habit, and their body belongs to them. Teach them that if at any point they change their minds and want to say "no," it's okay. Allow your child to give physical affection on their terms. It's okay for them to say no to giving hugs, kisses, or handholding. Make sure others respect their decision as well.

#### FOURTH OF JULY

Get ready for the Fourth of July with some yummy treats. Enjoy some festive red, white, and blue fruit kabobs made with blueberries, strawberries, and bananas. Start with some blueberries, followed by alternating the strawberries and bananas to mimic the American Flag. For dinner, you can dye some noodles red and blue to make a delicious patriotic pasta meal! Once your treats are all made, get crafty with your own stylish red, white, and blue tie-dye shirts to wear! While your shirts are drying, prepare your own handmade and reusable confetti poppers to use while your family watches fireworks! All you need is a plastic bottle, tape, a balloon to put over the bottle's opening, and the confetti!



#### GET INVOLVED

#### PROVIDE A SERVICE

Kids House often depends on the kindness and generosity of businesses and individuals who can lend a hand and help with the upkeep at Kids House. Services that include cleaning the gutters, pressure washing, and maintaining Faith's Garden are often in high demand.

https://www.kidshouse.org/volunteer

#### SUPPORT FAITH'S GARDEN

Honor a child whose life was tragically ended due to child abuse or neglect with a Memory Stone in Faith's Garden at Kids House. Learn more about Faith's Garden and how it started at the link below.

https://www.kidshouse.org/faiths-garden

#### MONETARY DONATIONS

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Kids House relies on our donors' kindness and dedication to further our efforts to prevent and treat child abuse. We accept cash, credit, and checks as forms of payment.

#### LEAVE A GOOGLE REVIEW

Share an experience or why you support Kids House on google! It's easy, log into your Google account, go to kidshouse.org, and leave a review. You can add stars, share an experience, and explain why you support Kids House and our mission to prevent child abuse and help child victims and families heal.

#### AMAZON SMILE

Shop using AmazonSmile, and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase every time. Be sure to choose Kids House of Seminole, Inc., as the charity you wish to select.

## -NOTEWORTHY NEWS-

## KIDS HOUSE OPEN POSITIONS

**Grant Manager Mental Health Therapist Advocacy Receptionist** To apply, visit:

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