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mission

Tennessee Voices for Children provides leadership, advocacy, and hope to advance the emotional and behavioral well-being of children, young adults, and families.

core values

Family-Driven Services

Access to Services

Family Member/Caregiver Education

Lived Experience/Peer Support

Statewide Presence

Leadership through Collaboration



a letter from the CEO



As we come to the end of another year, I am so amazed at the accomplishments of our organization in 2019. Our staff continue to provide the highest quality services to our community and TVC continues to expand its service base. This year has been a year of reflection and careful planning as we evolve to the next phase of our work. We are grateful to our partners and stakeholders who have supported our efforts along the way. Without you, this work would not be possible!

I am looking forward to 2020 as we share a fresh look and bring new opportunities for service to the people of Tennessee and I hope you are too. We have many exciting things planned. Our goal is to bring about hope and transformation to those we serve.

In addition, there will be many opportunities for us to reach the community and tell more people about the important work we do. TVC has been chosen to be the 2020 beneficiary of Purity's Moosic City DairyPure Dash in April! This race reaches several thousand participants and community volunteers. We are very excited to be able to reach a new audience in such a large capacity.

I wish and your family the very best during this holiday season and I look forward to a wonderful 2020!

Sincerely,

Rikki Harris
Chief Executive Officer

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2019 Green Ribbon Gala

TVC Hosts 4th Annual Green Ribbon Gala

On Saturday, November 9, Tennessee Voices for Children hosted its 4th annual Green Ribbon Gala at the Westin Nashville. Presented by the Westin Nashville, the black-tie affair brought together some of Tennessee's most prominent philanthropists and champions for children's mental health awareness. Those in attendance enjoyed a cocktail hour followed by a gourmet seated dinner, live entertainment, and an exciting live and silent auction. The evening was emceed by WKRN's Hayley Wielgus and WSMV's Lauren Lowery.

Linda O'Neal was honored with the Tipper Gore Legacy Award which recognizes those who embody the mission and values of Tennessee Voices for Children and acts as a champion for children's mental health. Linda is the former Executive Director for the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth and a founding Board Member of Tennessee Voices for Children 30 years ago. She is a current member of TVC's Advisory Council.

Tipper Gore, Tennessee Voices for Children's Founder, attended the event and shared her personal story regarding the founding of the organization. She thanked Mrs. O'Neal for her dedication to Tennessee Voices after so many years. Mrs. Gore also made a generous financial commitment to continue her support of mental health with a multi-year pledge of \$800,000 to create the Tipper Gore Hope Fund. These funds will help provide counseling to those that cannot afford services on their own. Mrs. Gore's commitment is the largest private donation in the history of the organization.

The event was Chaired by Brian Shulman, a native of Nashville, graduating from Franklin Road Academy. He is an active member of TVC's Advisory Council, and strongly believes what makes Tennessee great is our people. In order to prevent long term ramifications, Brian has made it a priority to work to ensure the mental health needs of our communities are supported. Advocating for Tennessee's children and increasing their access to mental health services will help them live happier, more productive lives, and in turn, keep this state the best in the country. As a sign of his commitment to reach more Tennesseans with mental health needs, Brian also made a generous donation of \$25,000.



L to R: Brian Shulman, Gala Chair, Tipper Gore, TVC's Founder, and Rikki Harris, TVC's CEO



Linda O'Neal was honored with the Tipper Gore Legacy Award



L to R: Tiffany Rooney and Joe Don Rooney, Gala guests

Speaking out

TVC Staff Present at the 30th Annual National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Conference



*National Federation of Families
for Children's Mental Health*

The 30th Annual National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health Conference was held in Phoenix, Arizona in November. The 30th Annual Conference featured many great workshops and speakers this year, joining nearly 800 mental health advocates and professionals from across the nation working to educate and empower children, youth, and families!

workshop, Bridging the Gap: Collaborative Roundtable Conversations. This interactive session replicated a problem-solving collaboration that uses real family stories about interactions with the service system. The roundtable of cross system representatives dissects the scenario in a manner that neutralizes defense reactions and replaces them with an identification of issues and the development of next step solution. Roundtable participants examine actions, discuss protocol, and offer best practices to prevent negative results in similar situations. This process results in a better understanding of how and why things are done and minimizes repetition with other families.

Conni Wells, Regional Director for the Statewide Family Network Program, had the opportunity to present a featured

Kathy Rogers co-presented with Brenda Donaldson on Rearranging the Tennessee Musical Notes: Building a Parent Peer Workforce that Responsively Echoes Regional Communities. During this workshop, participants obtained foundational information reflective of Tennessee's infusion of the System of Care core values into its diverse communities; and the supportive steps being taken to assure the Family Peer workforce is efficiently trained and equipped with the appropriate skills to meet the needs of children, youth and families. Participants also obtained knowledge on the intentional redesign of the Tennessee Family Support Specialist workforce that is culturally and community specific.

Mental health challenges are real and treatable.
And we're here to help.

Partnerships

Local Family and Business Partner with TVC & Provide Holiday Gifts for Children and Families

Tennessee Voices for Children was able to provide holiday gifts to over 75 children again this year thanks to the generous support of a local family and a partnering company! The Krebs Family and staff at Qualifacts supplied gifts and fulfilled wish lists for several families statewide again this year. Our staff are able to deliver these gifts to families and help make the holiday season a little brighter for them. We are so grateful for the generous support we continue to receive and that allows us to reach the community in another way.



Molly Rollins receives TVC President's Award

Tennessee Voices for Children's Board of Directors honored Molly Rollins with the TVC President's Award on December 13, 2019. Patrick Sims, Board President, presented the award to Molly in recognition of her ongoing support for TVC over several years. Molly has served as Board President, a member of the Green Ribbon Gala Planning Committee, the Finance Committee, and Marketing Committee. Most recently, Molly serves on the Purity Dairy Dash Planning Committee for the upcoming Purity Dairy Dash that TVC will be the beneficiary for in April 2020. We are truly thankful for Molly's unending dedication and support to the organization.



**No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.*

Community outreach

CycleBar Community Fundraising Ride

On Sunday, October 27th at 3:00 PM at CycleBar Hendersonville, Tennessee Voices for Children had the opportunity to be the recipient of a community ride. Special guests Chaos & Calm joined CycleBar Hendersonville for a ride like no other!



Chaos & **CALM**

Several members of the local community came out to support TVC and learn more about the organization and the mental health resources we provide to the community. This was a wonderful way to provide community outreach in a new setting.



Streets of Indian Lake Community Pumpkin Patch Festival

On October 12, 2019, Tennessee Voices for Children sponsored the Streets of Indian Lake Pumpkin Patch Festival and Community Event in Hendersonville, TN. This is a large event in Sumner County that reaches several thousand people in the area. As a sponsor, Tennessee Voices for Children was able to set-up an outreach booth and promote the programs and services available at TVC.



Events

TVC Staff Partner for the Day of Play

Building Bridges:

Connecting with your child through play



Play Zones will be set up for children and their families including:

- Creative Play
 - Adventure Play
 - Construction Play
 - Story Play
 - Make Believe Play
 - Musical Play
- (Focus on children ages 0-5)

In early November, a group of infant and early childhood professionals came together to host a Day of Play for families and children through the Sumner County Infant-Toddler Collaborative, a cross-agency group that works to advance awareness of children's issues and connect families with valuable resources in their communities. Early Childhood Program staff represented Tennessee Voices for Children at the event, held at New Creation Church in Hendersonville.

In addition to Tennessee Voices for Children, organizational participants at November's Day of Play included: the Regional Intervention Program, the Hendersonville Library, Sumner County UT Extension, Vanderbilt's Maternal Infant Health Outreach Worker Program, the Child Care Resource and Referral Network, Rainbow Early Intervention, and private clinical practitioners. Each group set up a booth that promoted engaging interactions and play between children and their caregivers and shared information around such domains as music play, sensory play, gross-motor play, social-emotional development, ACEs, nutrition, reading, and prenatal and postpartum support. Children of all ages enjoyed wandering through the stations, playing on the floor with their friends and families, while parents and caregivers were given access to resources in their community to assist with any challenges they may be facing at home, in school, or with behaviors. Due to generous donations, each family also left with door prizes like booster seats, boxes of diapers, and bags of books. The Collaborative is planning future events across Sumner County later this spring and fall! If you have any interest in participating in or attending one of the events, please reach out to Early Childhood Programs Coordinator Tori Finch (vfinch@tnvoices.org) for more information.





Our Mission

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April 11, 2020

Tennessee Voices for Children is excited to be the 2020 recipient of Purity's Moosic City DairyPure Dash! This event will take place on Saturday, April 11, 2020 at Metro Center. The race features a 5K, 10K, 15K, and one-mile fun run. There will be events for children and families and race participants will receive Purity products at the finish line!

Register today by visiting www.tnvoices.org!

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