

# IN THE LOOP WITH SUNLIGHT

## SUNLIGHT CHILDREN'S SERVICES



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### CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH RECAP

In April we observed Child Abuse Prevention Month and facilitated numerous activities to help spread awareness! We participated in El Dorado Chamber's Thankful Thursday on April 1<sup>st</sup> with a booth at Great Beginnings. This helped kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month and get us out in the community to share our mission. We had many individuals in the community participate in our #243Strong Challenge on Wear Blue Day to help us represent the 243 children the CAC served in 2020. Legacy Nutrition in Andover showed support by creating a blue 243-Tea and El Dorado Middle School colored Pinwheels for Prevention to help spread awareness. Staff also passed out signs, pinwheels, and cookies to agencies to help promote Child Abuse Prevention Month. We had a busy month and are grateful for the amazing community we live in who helped us recognize and spread awareness about such an important issue.

### BUCKAROO BALL

We have never been more excited to be in a room full of people! What makes it even better is that all of those were supporters that help us carry our mission forward. This year's Buckaroo Ball seemed just a little sweeter after having to cancel in 2020. We would like to thank everyone that helped to make this happen, and we would like to say THANK YOU for making it such a success. Even though we were limited in our numbers this year, we were able to raise \$138,000 to provide safety and support to child victims of abuse and neglect.

We would like to thank renowned artist, Rachel Kice, for being our special guest at the Buckaroo Ball. Rachel painted live for guests of the Ball and auctioned off her works. Her masterpiece, Red & Yellow, Black & White, was purchased by Scott and Jenny Hatchett and then donated back to the Sunlight Children's Home where it will take pride of place to inspire the children that visit our Home.



### NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Sunlight Children Services is excited to welcome Lauren Griffith to our team! Lauren is joining Sunlight Child Advocacy Center as a forensic interviewer/family advocate. In December 2019, Lauren graduated from Purdue University receiving a degree in Social Sciences with a focus in Psychology. She is currently in graduate school at Wichita State University pursuing a Master of Education in Clinical and Mental Health Counseling. In her free time Lauren enjoys kayaking and spending time with her friends and family (especially her corgi, Bonnie). Lauren says she is excited and honored to start her career as a Family Advocate!



### CURRENT NEEDS FOR SUNLIGHT CHILDREN'S HOME

Currently, the Children's Home needs cream of chicken soup, canned fruit, dry erase markers, spaghetti sauce, pasta all shapes, white gravy mix, pancake mix, and canned vegetables. *For more information please contact us at 316-733-6700 or [uhliks@sunlightkids.org](mailto:uhliks@sunlightkids.org)*

### CURRENT NEEDS FOR SUNLIGHT CAC:

Currently, the Child Advocacy Center needs individually wrapped snacks, juice boxes, bottles of water, and paper towels. *For more information please contact us at 316-313-4107 or [sunlightcac@sunlightkids.org](mailto:sunlightcac@sunlightkids.org)*



## Children Served at Sunlight Advocacy Center

ANDOVER	270	72	LEON
AUGUSTA	192	39	POTWIN
BEAUMONT	2	10	ROSALIA
BENTON	56	125	ROSE HILL
CASSODAY	5	113	TOWANDA
DOUGLASS	133	33	WHITEWATER
EL DORADO	651	53	ELK CO.
ELBING	1	110	GREENWOOD CO.
LATHAM	9	312	OTHER
TOTAL		2,186	

**Children served at Sunlight Children's Home-** Sunlight Children's Home has served a total of **150** children since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, with residents ranging from newborn to 17 years of age. SCH continues to provide resources and supplies for our many residents including clothing, toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. Thanks to generous donations from the community, we have been able to provide all the needs for our children. SCH has provided shelter to over **3,346** residents from **74** Kansas counties and **2** contract agencies since opening. SCH has been able to continue to stay open and care for children in need during the COVID19 pandemic due to the diligence and determination of our staff and administration. We are beyond grateful for the continued support and kindness that our community has shown us during these times.

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