

## December Newsletter

# I recently attended The grand opening

of a new Children's Justice Center in another part of our state. The CJC Director there thanked their new neighbors for literally surrounding them with kindness. It reminded me of how grateful I am for the kindness that surrounds our Washington County CJC.

Kindness and good will are palpable things. Their role in healing broken hearts and creating resilience is as important for child abuse survivors as anything we do here at the Children's Justice Center.

So as this year draws to a close, I would like to thank you, our community, for the very real way you show up for our Washington County CJC kids. You have surrounded us in so many wonderful ways, from support for our many fundraisers to service projects at our CJC; your goodness has made the difference for many lives.

With your support, in the fiscal year 2025, the Washington County Children's Justice Center:

- Conducted 266 recorded interviews, allowing children to tell the story of their abuse in a safe, kid-friendly space.
- Performed 110 child abuse medical exams, assuring children that their bodies will be okay.
- Served 292 children as primary victims and an additional 679 secondary victims, because child abuse affects the entire family, and a child will heal better when their family is also on the path to healing.
- Saved lives by providing trauma and suicidality screening for CJC kids, as well as trauma-focused mental health therapy for them and their supportive family members.
- Worked with Senator Don Ipson to pass the Utah Child Torture Bill (SB24), ensuring that children in the most heinous cases have the opportunity to heal while their tormentors are safely locked away.

As we look to 2026, we have some big goals! We are always seeking feedback from the families we serve and the partners who serve alongside us. We use that feedback to improve supports, provide training for our staff and multidisciplinary team, and ensure that we are always upholding our core values: Safety, Teamwork, Respect, and Optimism.

So here's our ask: we know you value the children in our community and share our dedication to keeping them safe. As you look at your year-end giving, please keep us in mind. We're on Venmo @wccjc or visit our website at [cjcwc.com/donate](https://cjcwc.com/donate).

Thank you for everything you do to surround the children in our homes and neighborhoods with kindness and safety. Together, we can achieve our vision of ending child abuse.

With gratitude,

*Kristy*

Kristy Pike, Director





## 2025 BATTLE OF THE BADGES Chili CookOff

THANK YOU!

Many thanks

to UDK-Utah Disaster Kleenup  
and to the following for the  
yummy chili:

- Hurricane Valley Fire Department
- St George Fire Department
- Utah Tech Police Department
- Washington County Sheriff's Office
- Washington County Fire Department
- Hurricane City Police Department
- Washington City Police Department
- St. George Police Department

Winners:

**Overall Best Booth:**  
Hurricane Valley  
Fire Department

**Judges' Choice Best Chili:**  
Washington County  
Sheriff's Office

**People's Choice Best Chili:**  
Washington County  
Sheriff's Office

## 2025 APPLE FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to:



- Cox Trucking for donating their trucking service to pickup and deliver the apples
- Mountainland Apples for the delicious apples
- The many volunteers and Friends Board for their time
- And for all those who bought apples!!