

## **Take A Stand against Child Abuse**

Take-a-Stand against child abuse was created in 1996 and has raised more than \$700,000. With our lemonade and t-shirt stands, kids, families, groups, businesses, and individuals keep this effort going. Here are some of the ways your generous donation will help the neighbors in our community:

Kids Harbor Too provides services to children in Phelps County who have been abused. This includes critical emergency response and counseling to children and families. Kids Harbor Too makes these services free to Phelps County children. To learn more, visit: <https://www.kidsharbormo.org>

City of Rolla Fire and Rescue receives funds from PCCAN to provide free car seats for low-income families. They also install them and have free installation for all Phelps County families. The fire department receives minimal car seats from MODOT but the demand is greater than the supply. To learn more, visit: <https://www.rollacity.org>

CASA receives funds for its WISH! program. With this program, children who are separated from their parents, living in foster care, and navigating the court system receive a birthday package with a cake mix, frosting/decorations, books, and gifts to celebrate their special day. To learn more or become a CASA volunteer, visit: <https://www.casascmo.org>

Prevention Consultants of Missouri receives funds to help with parent programs for their Mentoring Makes a Difference program at Truman Elementary, Rolla Middle School and Rolla Junior High. M S & T students and other community volunteers serve as mentors. PCCAN provides funds for their family nights, skating, a play at M S & T, and presentations. To learn more, visit: <https://www.preventionconsultants.org>.

Payer of Last Resort is a fund for families with children in Phelps County. It is a one-time help to meet basic needs such as electric, housing, transportation, and other crisis needs that may cause them to not be able to meet their child's basic needs. Referrals can only be made by a local agency working with the family such as GRACE, St. James Caring Center, MOCA, etc. To learn more, visit: <https://www.pccan.org>

St. James Caring Center supports the St. James backpack program. This collaboration with the St. James Schools provides nutritious food and personal care items every week to students in need. In addition, the backpacks often contain school supplies so these students have what they need in the classroom. To learn more about the St. James Caring Center and the help they provide to local families, visit: <https://stjcsc.org/>

Compass Health/Navig8 program works with adolescents with substance abuse disorders. Money from Take-a-Stand funds a music lab to help with emotional expression, group interaction, and developmental skills that can improve quality of life. To learn more, visit: <https://compasshealthnetwork.org/locations/rolla-navig8-adolescent-treatment-program/>

YEP (Youth Empowerment Program)/Firehouse Coffee Shop program in St. James gives youth volunteers the opportunity to learn job skills by working at the Firehouse Coffee Shop. The kids also volunteer at local agencies in St. James such as community garden, Veteran's home, Animal Shelter, and lawn clean up for the elderly. To learn more, visit: <http://www.firehouse-coffee-shop-yep.weebly.com>

Newburg Children's Museum receives funds to provide enrichment programs to local children through a host of hands-on projects. Students learn more about art, science, nature, and more in safe, fun environment. To learn more, visit: <http://www.newburgchildrensmuseum.org>

Abundant Blessings, a program of Hope Alliance of Missouri, is a shop & resource center located in Rolla that serves foster, relative and other referred or low-income families. Families can obtain new or gently used clothing, toiletries and more as well as referrals or connections to other community supports. Abundant Blessings vision is to cultivate a sense of community in order to support families so they can achieve success and the mission goal is to care for physical needs, connect community members to establish a network of support, cultivate knowledge to empower families and communicate needs to the community. To learn more, visit: <https://www.hopemo.org/abundant-blessings>

Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption uses the money raised from Take-a-Stand to help children who are separated from their parents. Through its Kinship Navigator Program, assistance is given to relatives who serve as foster parents by providing beds, dressers, training for the foster parents, and other essential needs for the child. To learn more, visit: <https://mofosteradopt.com/>