

## **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 background screening for volunteers, mileage reimbursement to workers and memory boxes for the children. These boxes help foster children store and keep family photos (that could get lost during frequent moves). To learn more, 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. Referral to this fund can only be made by a local agency working with the family such as GRACE, St. James Caring Center, MOCA, Salvation Army, etc. To learn more, visit: <https://www.pccan.org>

Healthy Families through the Phelps County Health Department is a home visiting program for expectant and new parents. It helps families with positive parenting, developmental education, and links the family to other support systems. By providing early intervention services, this program helps families become self-sufficient so they have the skills and support systems which decreases their potential for abusing or neglecting their children. To learn more, visit: <https://www.phelpscountyhealth.com>

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>

Sleep in Heavenly Peace builds beds for kids who don't have their own. They believe a bed is a basic need for the proper physical, emotional, and mental support that a child needs. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is 100% volunteer-driven and donation-driven. To learn more, visit: <https://info.shpbeds.org>

Abundant Blessings provides clothing and shoes for foster children and children facing financial hardship within our community. They operate a storefront boutique where children (newborn - high school seniors) are invited to "shop" at no charge. Their mission is to help parents provide stylish and tasteful attire for the children in their care while respecting the child's need for dignity and self-esteem. To learn more, visit: <https://abundantblessingskids.com>

Additional organizations receiving funds in the coming year will include: The St. James Caring Center to assist with the St. James school backpack program, The Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association, and the Project Heal Substance Abuse Recovery Program.