Tilton Family Children’s Shelter
Providing a safe haven to abused children for 30 Years

Brighter Futures Makeover Campaign

Renovating their home
Changing their lives
Dear Friends,

Hibiscus Children’s Center would be honored if you would consider partnering with us for the “Brighter Futures Makeover Campaign” at the Hibiscus Shelter in Jensen Beach.

The Makeover Campaign for the Shelter Complex addresses all of the critical issues that 30 years of experience serving abused, neglected and abandoned children has shown us. Children severely victimized by physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse are in dire need of services that foster a sense of security, feeling worthwhile and overall well-being. Our goal is to provide these vulnerable children with the highest level of care that meets the specific needs of at-risk and sexually abused children. Just a few of the key elements of the Hibiscus Shelter Makeover include, a more welcoming environment for the girl’s and boy’s wings, a new kitchen and cafeteria, new laundry facilities, and private rooms for children in need of higher behavioral supports. Educational opportunities are also a critical component needed to address the needs of abused children and our innovative technology enhancements will provide crucial resources to meet this important need. Other expanded services include new treatment rooms to help traumatized children begin their path to healing. We’re also expanding opportunities for play therapy, exercise therapy, and pet therapy through our new recreation, outdoor activities center, and park that will help to improve our children’s overall well-being. We’re also providing therapeutic gardening with the addition of our Geodesic Gardening Dome.

As you can tell, we are very excited that our Shelter Complex will provide a solution to all the issues that abused children tragically face and it is my hope that you will be an integral part of this exciting initiative.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about the children we serve and our important mission to make a meaningful difference in their lives. When an abused child comes to Hibiscus Children’s Center, we are truly their last resort. I look forward to our partnership to continue providing these precious children with safety, love and hope in a beautifully renovated home.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Sexton, President/CEO
Hibiscus Children’s Center
OUR MISSION & VISION

The Mission of Hibiscus Children’s Center
Is to maintain a safe shelter for children who are abused, abandoned and neglected by providing prevention, early intervention, and advocacy in quality residential, assessment and recovery programs.

The Visions of Hibiscus Children’s Center
is to eliminate child abuse, neglect and abandonment.

The Beginning
The Tilton Family Children’s Shelter opened its doors on October 24, 1989, to the first abused child who needed our services.

30 Years Later
Hibiscus Children’s Center has provided over 300,000 nights of safety to abused, abandoned and neglected children across the Treasure Coast.
THE NEED ... A Place Like Home

The Shelter is a 36-bed emergency shelter that provides a safe haven to children, ages birth to 15, who have suffered severe abuse, abandonment and neglect and have been removed from their homes. The children are cared for by a group of caring and trained staff and assisted by loving volunteers, and are provided 24-hour awake supervision.

Professional therapists provide on-site services to children, specializing in the treatment of trauma-based disorders, behavioral health, infant mental health, and healing victims of sexual abuse. Our counselors are trauma-trained to provide the highest level of care to our fragile children.

Last year, over 230 abused, abandoned and neglected children were cared for and given safe shelter at Hibiscus Children’s Center.

The children’s home is the last resort for these children who have endured so much trauma, tragedy and pain in their young lives. Providing the necessities and basic care are not enough.

The children need – they deserve – to have a bright, welcoming home they can be proud of and state-of-the-art technology that will enhance their educational services and give them opportunities to explore and grow. Expanding our services is paramount to helping additional children and providing the best environment possible to meet the specific needs of abused children. Victims of sexual abuse and at-risk children will have their own private rooms to assist in their recovery.

Children who have experienced living in facilities and group homes often feel like they are in an institutionalized setting. The Shelter Makeover will provide a loving and warm home atmosphere for the children that will greatly benefit their emotional and mental well-being.

DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, 50,000 of Florida’s children were victims of abuse and 5 children die every day from abuse.
The Shelter has provided a safe and loving home for almost 30 years to children. Help us provide another 300,000 Nights of Safety, Love and Care to abused children at the Shelter.

- **Provide a beautifully renovated shelter that the children can proudly call home**
- **Create a new 2,000 sq. ft. Guild & Community Center**
- **Expand services to include “private” sanctuary rooms for victims of sexual abuse & at-risk children**
- **Create a Technology & Innovation Center to enhance the children’s education**
- **Create a welcoming environment filled with warmth & love that is non-institutional**
For almost 30 years, abused children have called the Shelter home. Children who have suffered the trauma of physical, sexual, emotional and mental abuse, neglect and/or abandonment. The loving staff and volunteers, along with our supportive community, have helped to protect, nurture, guide and save thousands of precious children.

Every day, up to 36 children are cared for at the Shelter – for almost 30 Years.

Children receive loving care beyond the basic necessities:

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<td>Professional Mental Health Services</td>
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<td>Helps children begin to heal</td>
<td>Medical evaluations within 72 hours</td>
<td>Literacy Services</td>
<td>Outdoor playgrounds</td>
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<td>Reduces trauma</td>
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Over 30 years, abused children have received the highest level of care when their parents/caregivers could not provide it.

The Shelter staff and volunteers have ensured these precious children received all the necessities while in our care and feel like the Shelter is home.

**TAKING CARE OF THE LAUNDRY**
Over 1 Million Loads of Laundry!

**PROVIDING NUTRITIOUS MEALS**
Nearly 1 Million Meals!

**COMFORTING BOO-BOO’S**
Lots of Band-Aids & Hugs
Broken Toys & Well-used Playground Equipment!

**KEEPING UP WITH GROWTH SPURTS & SKINNED KNEES**
Crayon on Walls & Well-used Furniture!
OUR KITCHEN NEEDS RENOVATING!
TILTON FAMILY CHILDREN’S SHELTER

Every day, Hibiscus provides healthy meals for every child who calls the Shelter home.

30 CHILDREN (AVERAGE)
Served Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
=32,850 MEALS PER YEAR!

30 years of service = Nearly 1 Million Meals!

WHERE THERE’S KIDS ... THERE’S DIRTY LAUNDRY!
TILTON FAMILY CHILDREN’S SHELTER

The average family of 4 does 10 loads PER WEEK.

THE SHELTER LAUNDRY ...
10 loads PER DAY
70 loads PER WEEK

= Average of 3,650 loads PER YEAR!

Hibiscus takes care of children as if they were our very own.
That includes clean socks & underwear every day!

PLEASE HELP US RENOVATE OUR LAUNDRY ROOM & PURCHASE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR OUR KIDS!
The Needs

- Expand Services
- No private rooms to meet the specific needs of at-risk/sexually abused children
- Enhance Therapeutic Interventions
- Additional Administrative Offices
- Upgrade Necessary Equipment for increased efficiency & cost-savings
- Not enough recreation/play space
- Unique Enhancements

Challenges with Existing Shelter
**Shelter Enhancements:**

- Expanded capacity for 42 abused children
- 1500 Sq. Ft. Kitchen/Cafeteria and Multi-Purpose Room
- Expanded Laundry Room with prep area
- 6 Private Rooms (3 Girls Wing, 3 Boys Wing) to increase treatment options
- Baby Changing Station
- More Therapy Rooms
- Development/Visitor Suite
- More Employee Offices
THE SHELTER COMPLEX
OUR VISION FOR THE SHELTER

All Renderings by Braden & Braden A.I.A., P.A.
Shelter Exterior
Recreation & Activities Area
BEDROOM WING
Naming Opportunity Signage

Guild & Community Center

Donated by
Hibiscus
Children's Center
Guilds
1. Better Brain Cultivation
Hands-on experience toiling in a garden is giving your brain an added boost. Gardening has also been identified as a positive, natural therapy for kids with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (or ADHD).

2. Weed Out Stress
Being in nature and gardening significantly reduces cortisol levels, improves mood, lowers irritability, reduces headaches and pain.

3. Deep Rooted Connections
In addition to the beautification and nutrition benefits, community gardens are making my city a safer place for kids, encouraging more activity outside, and fostering a more socially-engaged and connected community.

4. Nurture Mental Health
Being in nature and gardening is an affordable and effective way to prevent depression and other mental health disorders. Nature has a vital role in mental health and well-being.

5. Dig the Physical Benefits
Gardening has been linked to reducing the risk of several disease and the digging, planting, weeding, shoveling, and watering of gardening provides a total body workout with serious aerobic benefits.

6. Grow and Eat What You Grow
If you grow tomatoes, you’re more likely to eat tomatoes…it just makes sense. Individuals who put effort into growing and harvesting their own produce are way more likely to eat more of those fruits and veggies. Really, gardening promotes better nutrition from peak season produce bursting with nutrients.
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TILTON FAMILY
CHILDREN’S SHELTER

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
GOAL: $1.3 Million
PLEASE JOIN US

Hibiscus Children's Center will continue to provide life-changing services to our children on a daily basis.

Please join the “Brighter Futures” Campaign to Makeover the Tilton Family Children’s Shelter and help Hibiscus provide another 300,000 nights of safety – nights without fear or trauma – to abused children.

For more information:
(772) 340-5750
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Thank you for giving us HOPE!