



JUNE is NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

Hibiscus Children's Center has been keeping children safe for 35 years.



Thirty-five years ago, a local philanthropist was deeply affected by the lack of safe placements for abused children removed from their homes. LaVaughn Tilton and her family galvanized a community to build what was affectionately known then as "Hibiscus House". Over three decades later, more than 3,000 abused, abandoned and neglected children have received safe haven at the Tilton Family Children's Shelter in Jensen Beach and Hibiscus Village in Vero Beach, which opened in 2004. Our children arrive at Hibiscus Children's Center scared and traumatized. For 35 years, they have been welcomed by caring staff and volunteers and have received over **375,000 safe nights**, mental health, educational and medical

services, trauma-informed care, career training and hope for a brighter future. Just ask Chloe Henry, a former youth who lived at the Shelter in 1997. "When I was first removed, I did not want to be there at the Shelter. I just chose to see the bad in everything. I was angry, scared and overwhelmed and made bad choices. I didn't trust anyone. But, after a little while, it started sinking in that the staff and volunteers were good and cared about me. **I knew this was a safe place and that they loved me – they never gave up on me no matter what I did or said to them.** Hibiscus has served thousands of children like Chloe who were traumatized but found a safe haven that continues today to promote growth, foster learning, create a sanctuary culture, facilitate healing and provide the resources and skills for successful transition into adulthood.

Sanctuary Model



Hibiscus utilizes the Sanctuary Model, which is a trauma-informed client treatment organizational change model. The Sanctuary Model organizes both our treatment and the way we run our organization. Sanctuary is an inclusive model because it is a way of guiding leaders, staff, clients, and families to share the same language.

Our organization is redefining what safety means –**SAFETY** is taking care of your body and your self: Physically, Psychologically, Socially, and Morally.

- **Physical Safety:** Being safe in your body and safe in the world.
- **Psychological Safety:** Being safe with yourself.
- **Social Safety:** Being safe with other people.
- **Moral Safety:** Being safe with a guiding value system.

The **7 Sanctuary Commitments** that we practice daily throughout the agency include Social Learning, Open Communication, Social Responsibility, Democracy, Growth & Change, Nonviolence and Emotional Intelligence.

Donor Advised Funds (DAF)



People of all ages are establishing a DAF and using them to do more good than ever before.

A donor advised fund (DAF) is a charitable giving program that allows you to combine the most favorable tax benefits with the flexibility to support your favorite causes. If you have a donor advised fund, DAF Direct enables you to recommend gifts to Hibiscus Children's Center, directly from your DAF (as long as your DAF's sponsoring organization is participating). A DAF is set up through a community foundation or a national company like Fidelity Charitable, Schwab, etc. *Please speak with your advisor on how to get started setting up a DAF.*

How Does It Work?

Donate cash, stocks or non-publicly traded assets such as private business interests, cryptocurrency and private company stock to be eligible for an immediate tax deduction. A contribution to a donor-advised fund is an irrevocable commitment to charity; the funds cannot be returned to the donor or any other individual or used for any purpose other than grant making to charities.

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2. Please send us a note at mking@hcc4kids.org when you've made a gift so we can make sure to thank you and ensure that your gift gets to where it is intended.
3. You can consider naming HCC as the designated beneficiary of your DAF.
4. Your Donor Advised Fund gifts can be matched by employers. Does your employer do matching gifts?
5. You can make a gift through your DAF before September 30, 2020 and nominate HCC to receive 1 of 100 gifts of \$10,000 through the #halfmyDAF challenge. [Click here for more details](#)

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