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YOU make the difference

In 1985, Hibiscus Founder LaVaughn Tilton had a dream to protect children. Her hearts cry said, *“What about the children?”*

Immediately, YOU, our generous community responded. Through LaVaughn’s vision and dedication, and the community’s generous support, the Shelter opened its doors on October 12, 1989 with 12 beds.

Three decades later, our 36-bed facility has grown to provide a safe haven and critical services to protect and care for thousands of abused children.

**All because of YOUR support.
Thank you for making dreams come true.**

OUR MISSION

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.

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Hibiscus Children's Center
Saving Children Since 1985



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Providing a
Safe & Loving
home for
abused children

**Tilton Family
Children’s Shelter**

the Big picture:

building stronger futures
for our children

The Shelter program provides each child with services designed to reach identified treatment goals and objectives through a trauma-informed approach utilizing the **Sanctuary Model**.

As an organizational culture intervention, it is designed to facilitate the development of structures, processes, and behaviors on the part of staff, children and the community-as-a-whole that can counteract the biological, affective, cognitive, social, and existential wounds suffered by the victims of traumatic experiences and extended exposure to adversity.



Jason (name changed) is a 7 year old boy who has struggled with reading. His abusive family environment did not help to foster any education-related growth or learning. With the help of Hibiscus' dedicated volunteers and staff, Jason began to significantly improve in reading development, age-appropriate vocabulary and language comprehension skills, and familiarity with the language structure.

The Shelter staff and volunteers were very excited when Jason received "*Student of the Month*" at school.

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Tilton Family Children's Shelter
Located in Jensen Beach and serving the
Treasure Coast (District 19).



Our Home

The Shelter is a 36-bed emergency shelter that opened its doors in October, 1989, to provide a safe haven for abused children.

Our Children

Children, ages birth to 15, are removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect and/or abandonment by the State. The children are placed at the Shelter for a few days, months, or sometimes, even years.

Our Staff & Volunteers

The children are cared for by a group of caring and trained staff and assisted by loving volunteers. The staff provide 24-hour awake supervision. Volunteers enhance care by helping with meals, tutoring, rocking babies, laundry and much more.

Mental Health Services

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. Services are provided by licensed therapists that have been professionally trained and have a true passion for working with children. The children also receive psychiatric services such as medication management in conjunction with our counseling services to ensure the best outcomes.

Medical / Dental Services

Within 72 hours of arriving at the Shelter, children receive a medical assessment and the appropriate services. Medical office staff, located at the Shelter, care for the children's daily medical needs. Children also receive dental services in the community.

Educational Services

The children attend public schools and are encouraged to be part of extra-curricular activities. The Education Coordinator is the liaison with the school counselor and Shelter staff/therapists. After-school tutoring is provided by volunteers and staff.

Literacy Program

Provides individualized assistance to children whose traumatic experiences have virtually halted the educational process. The Literacy Coordinator assesses each child and determines his/her academic level. This program helps to foster a love for reading and provide a fundamental foundation for education.

Enriching Opportunities

The children experience fun and educational outings and activities, including Camp Hibiscus, a ten-week summer camp.