

CAMPAIGN NEEDS TO RAISE \$500,000 MORE TO COMPLETE THEIR CAMPAIGN AND HELP MORE ABUSED CHILDREN (PHOTO)

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Salem, Oregon (Dec. 8, 2014). At its Holiday Soiree Dec. 4, CEO Alison Kelley announced that Liberty House (LH) Child Abuse Assessment Center had received an extraordinary gift of \$1,000,000 from an anonymous source to put toward their capital campaign.

Kelley said, "This gift takes us two thirds of the way toward completing our capital campaign to expand our facility to see more children who are referred for assessment of physical and sexual abuse. We are using this great news to make an urgent plea to the community to raise the rest of the funds before Dec. 31."

The \$1.5 million campaign, Nurturing Growth and Hope, will result in LH being able to help between 200 and 300 additional children who need to be seen each year for assessment of injuries suspected to have been caused by abuse. It will allow the organization to purchase a neighboring building and begin renovation on their existing clinic as well as provide follow-up mental health support for children and their families.

Board Chair Scott Sadler said, "There are many places we can make donations at the end of 2014. I feel this is the most important way we can invest in children; to care for them physically and emotionally and to help them heal and go on with their lives."

Adds Kelley, "Our community is seeing an epidemic of child abuse; the need is greater than ever. This donation is a vote of confidence and the donor wants to see the community help carry us the rest of the way. We plan to do that."

Donations may be made directly by visiting the Liberty House website at libertyhousecenter.org or by calling [503-540-0288](tel:503-540-0288).

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ABOUT LIBERTY HOUSE: Liberty House is Marion County's only child abuse assessment center, the only place providing special medical assessment services for children. It offers a centralized place for children to receive medical and interview services for concerns of abuse. Liberty House serves children of all ages -- from infants to age 18 and assesses children for concerns of sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect. Services are voluntary and free of cost to the family. Liberty House strives to serve as a resource for community education and

information about the issue of child abuse and the protection of children. Over one-half of Liberty House's annual funding comes from charitable contributions by individuals, businesses and foundations.

Liberty House is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. It is a safe and special place for children. When there are concerns about children who may have been hurt by abuse or neglect, Liberty House is here to help. Liberty House is located at 2685 4th St. NE in Salem, [503-540-0288](tel:503-540-0288), www.libertyhousecenter.org

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