



Amplifying  
the voices  
of the most  
vulnerable

2024 Report to the Community



## From our EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



*“I hold their  
stories close to  
my heart.”*

As I look back on fiscal year 2024 at Canopy Child Advocacy Center, I think of the more than 3,000 children who have courageously come to tell their story since we opened our doors in late 2018. I can recall memories of the first youth and families that we served, and I hold their stories close to my heart. We were privileged to amplify their voices then, and we are privileged to amplify the voices of others now.

This amplification has happened in many more ways than just telling their story and receiving the care and support they deserve. We amplified their voices when:

- The full implementation of the Child Protection Team, an intentional partnership with Cuyahoga County to expand to serve severe physical abuse, saw more than 100 children served who previously would not have had access to the Center.
- The 2nd annual One Place One Time Gala attracted a sold-out crowd of 440 guests, raising \$187,000 to serve more children.
- Canopy received the inaugural *Early Childhood Team Innovation Award* from Cuyahoga County Invest in Children, and proclamations from both Cleveland City Council and Cuyahoga County Council recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The amplification of the voices of the most vulnerable in our community will be evidenced throughout this annual report. We hope you will be inspired by the expansion of community support, partnerships, and funding as we work to continually reach even more children and families who need our canopy of care, support, and advocacy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer L. Johnson, MSSA, LISW-S  
*Executive Director*



## Child Protection Teams

“Child Protection Teams (CPT) are a proven tool for helping communities address cases of child abuse and neglect. I am excited to see Cuyahoga County launch our own team at the Canopy Child Advocacy Center. *This is difficult but crucial work: bringing together professionals from various child-serving, medical, and law enforcement systems to collaborate with one goal in mind—protecting vulnerable children who cannot protect themselves.* I am confident that as the team continues to develop, it will be instrumental in helping us build a healthier, safer community for all our children.”

— Jacqueline Fletcher,  
Director, Cuyahoga County Division  
of Children and Family Services



## Mission and Vision

Canopy’s mission is to serve children and families affected by child abuse through a multi-disciplinary partnership focused on safety, healing, and well-being. We envision a community where children are safe, families are resilient, and those affected by child abuse are empowered to heal and thrive.

Our multidisciplinary team conducts case reviews and meets with Cuyahoga County families from the beginning of their engagement with Canopy to the end of their journey towards healing. This ensures that the child has all the support from law enforcement, medical, therapy, child protective services, victim advocacy and prosecution as they have to tell the worst story of their lives.





The 2nd Annual One Place, One Time 2024 Gala was held at The Old Courthouse in downtown Cleveland and was a resounding success. Tickets sold out within 48 hours of being released and the fundraiser was attended by 440 guests. Community stakeholders, businesses, multidisciplinary partners, and friends of Canopy heard from Melanie Sachs Barton, a survivor of

## “One Place, One Time, One Evening to Make a Difference” 2024 Gala



child abuse and professional speaker supporting the efforts of Child Advocacy Centers across the United States, Mandy Copeland, local advocate and survivor, David Merriman, Director of Health and Human Services for Cuyahoga County, and a video message from Mayor Justin Bibb of the City of Cleveland in support of Canopy.

Canopy is grateful to Planning Committee members Stacy Loizos, Maria Melacrinos, Mandy Copeland and Lia Spithas and to Gold Sponsors RPM International Inc and Peter and Jen Kyriakodis for helping make this event a success.





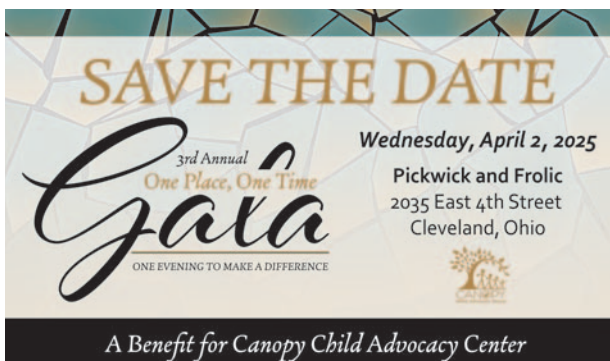


## Early Childhood Team Innovation Award

Canopy was joyfully surprised and deeply grateful to receive the Early Childhood Team Innovation Award from Cuyahoga County Invest in Children. This inaugural award celebrates Canopy's ongoing commitment to excellence and service to the most vulnerable in our community.

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# Canopy by the Numbers

July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024

Canopy experienced a 20% increase in the number of new children served over the previous fiscal year. Numbers continue to grow and we are reminded that each and every number reflected in the report below is a child with a name, a life and a future. Of the 426 children served, 294 received forensic interviews. Victim Advocacy, which can include providing information and referrals to beneficial resources and supporting victims as they engage with the criminal justice and social service systems, was provided 2,841 times and youth received therapy 640 times.

## GENDER

Male: 144

Female: 282

## AGE

0–5: 156

6–10: 169

11–17: 99

18+: 2

## RACE OR ETHNICITY

Black or African American: 190

Unknown: 132

White: 60

Hispanic or Latino Hispanic: 31

Multiple Races: 11

Other Race: 2

## ALLEGATIONS

### Sexual Abuse: 244

Canopy is fully accredited through the National Children's Alliance. In 2023, nearly two-thirds of all cases handled in Child Advocacy Centers involved child sexual abuse.

### Problematic Sexualized Behavior: 38

Problematic sexual behavior (PSB) is behavior that is outside of what is considered developmentally appropriate among children ages 17 and under. Youth with PSB develop the behaviors for a variety of reasons, but it has been found that less than 3% of youth with problematic sexual behaviors who receive intervention and treatment reoffend.

### Human Trafficking (Sexual): 16

Children may become victims of human traffickers. According to the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, sex trafficking occurs among all socioeconomic classes, races, ethnicities, and gender identities in urban, suburban, rural communities, and on land-based nations and other tribal communities across the U.S. Canopy partners with Northeast Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, other local law enforcement, and child serving organizations to serve these youth.

### Internet Crimes Against Children: 3

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) is a nationwide network of 61 coordinated task forces developed to respond effectively to technology-facilitated child sexual exploitation and internet crimes against children.

### Physical Abuse and Neglect: 122

In early 2023, Canopy partnered with Cuyahoga County to create the Child Protection Team and expand services to severe physical abuse. This expansion has allowed us to go from serving one child in 2022, to serving 121 children in fiscal year 2024.

### Other: 3

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# Financials

	FY23 ACTUAL	FY24 ACTUAL
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Foundation Grants	\$ 480,339	\$ 318,378
Government and Contracts	517,266	1,429,894
Corporations, Individuals, Events	25,147	204,456
Other Donations and Income	13,938	5,109
In-Kind Program Revenue	122,607	122,886
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,159,297</b>	<b>\$ 2,080,723</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Direct Personnel	\$ 472,315	\$ 1,025,799
Contractors/Professional Fees	365,497	444,354
Indirect Personnel	27,717	89,136
Legal/Audit/Technology Expense	24,706	181,193
Occupancy/Maintenance/Insurance	85,926	72,030
Program Supplies/Client Assistance	(390)	45,750
Depreciation	20,018	3,326
Fundraising Expenses		57,720
In-Kind Program Expense	122,607	122,886
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,118,396</b>	<b>\$ 2,042,194</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 40,901</b>	<b>\$ 38,529</b>





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*To raise awareness, in April Canopy collaborated with University Hospitals, Cleveland Clinic, and MetroHealth to plant blue pinwheel gardens: the symbol of Child Abuse Prevention Month.*

Our roles as the Chairs of Pediatrics for Cleveland's major hospital systems are to ensure that every child receives our very best no matter where they seek care. For difficult cases, working together with Canopy Child Advocacy Center, we are able to share information as well as provide a more coordinated approach to identifying and treating physical and sexual child abuse. Using a universal health record and Canopy's medical suite allows us to better gauge patterns of sexual and/or physical abuse. The collaborative efforts between our health systems and Canopy helps all of us improve our efforts to keep children safe from harm and allow them to heal, supporting trauma informed care approaches that enhance psychological safety.

—Rita Pappas, MD,  
*Chief of Cleveland Clinic Children's Institute*

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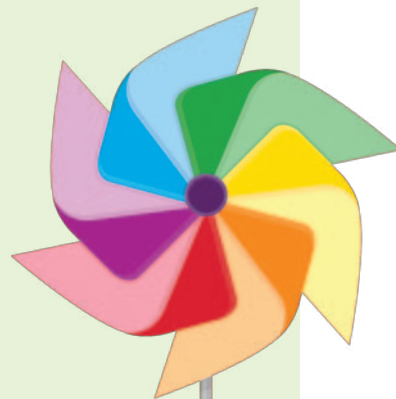
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