

### Hands & Hearts Table Captain's Needed

This year, Hands & Hearts will be held on Friday. May 1st at Embassy Suites. During the fundraising luncheon, guests will enjoy a complimentary lunch, receive agency updates and gain valuable insight into the service and programs we provide.



As we begin planning and preparing, we are looking for community members to serve as Table Captains.

Table Captains are an essential element for a successful event, as they help us share our mission with the public and raise funds for our agency. Serving as a Table Captain is easy – simply invite your friends, co-workers or loved ones to join us on May 1<sup>st</sup> and encourage them to learn about CCFI. It's that simple! To learn how you can get involved, please click the link below.

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# **CCFI Kicks Off New Trauma Program**

CCFI, in partnership with Sooner Theatre, Norman Public Schools and the OU Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work with the Knee Center for Strong Families, is excited to announce the formation of an improv acting troupe: In Good Company. In Good Company was adapted from Trauma Drama, an evidence-informed, improvisational theater-based psychosocial intervention for youth who have experienced or are at risk of exposure to trauma and other forms of life adversity.



The 16-week pilot program will offer programming at two different sites in Norman: Norman High School and Dimensions Academy. CCFI's vision for bringing this intervention model to Norman is to encourage vulnerable youth to move safely beyond their trauma history toward emotional regulation, healing and growth through therapeutic use of improvisational theatre and cooperative play.

In Good Company officially kicked off on January 28<sup>th</sup> and was an immediate hit with students! Some of the initial comments included "I love being able to just be myself" and "I feel like I can be silly and have fun without anyone judging me."

Click the link below to learn more about this unique and captivating new program!

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### Youth Volunteers Complete Service Project at CCFI

Just after the New Year, we welcomed an enthusiastic group of 5th and 6th graders from New Life Bible Church who worked on a service project for the CCFI Baby Pantry. This group was non-stop fun and worked extremely hard to create nearly 50 care packages to hand out to Baby Pantry guests. Each care package included items such as snacks, toys, diapers and wipes to provide extra support to our families. They even had a little extra time to clean and organize our play rooms!

We can't thank this group enough for helping us carry out our mission!



To learn more about our volunteer opportunities, please <u>visit our website</u>.

# New Therapist Joins CCFI

We would like to introduce Bob Hamm, the newest member of our

Counseling team. Bob has a Masters in Human Relations and is also an LPC-Candidate. A proud Okie from Muskogee, Bob enjoys volunteering at Adams Elementary with the WatchDOGS program, spending time with his family, watching movies and playing video games.



### Celebrating 50 YEARS of Healing, Empowering & Strengthening

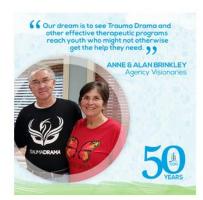
Over the past five decades, our work has transformed countless lives. While we can't tell each and every victory, we would like to highlight 50 of these inspirational stories, which serve as a true testament to our mission. View our latest stories below!





Learn more about LAUREN

Learn more about BRIANNA





Learn more about ANNE & ALAN

Learn more about JENNIFER

## 2020 Corporate Sponsorship Opportunities

Corporate partnerships remain vital to the continued success of our agency and can help transform countless lives throughout our community. We are honored to show appreciation to the following local businesses and organizations, whose support has made it possible for us to provide comprehensive services to heal children, empower youth and strengthen families across Norman and Cleveland County.

## **NEW Advocate Sponsors**



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# "Shop with a Smile" to Help Fulfill Our Wishes

When you make purchases through AmazonSmile, 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases is donated directly to CCFI. To help fulfill our wishes, watch for "Wish for Wednesday" posts on social media or shop our agency wish lists today!





### Thank You to Our Recent In-Kind Donors

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