



Here's why we do what we do...



A child visitor and RCVCC Board President Mike Wolfe try out the sandbox in the new play therapy room.
Wall mural by Hardin-Simmons University chapter of Kappa Pi International Art Fraternity. Other donors who designated funds for our Child Victims of Violence programs and our Play Therapy program: Abilene Founder Lions Club, Community Foundation of Abilene, Dodge Jones Foundation, DCR Enterprises, Hendrick Medical Center, Junior League of Abilene, Julie Merriman LPC-S, Reynolds Manufacturing, Michelle & Scott Senter Family Foundation at the Community Foundation of Abilene, Wal-Mart Southwest Blvd.

The Terrible Thing happened to “Sophie” when she was 11 years old and in the 5th grade. That was three years ago. Even though she visited with one of our counselors at the time and seemed to be doing well, the emotional trauma of the sexual violence resurfaced in the young teenager, causing now 14-year old Sophie to be severely depressed and suicidal. But Sophie knew there was help for her. She showed her school counselor a crumpled business card that she had saved for three years. It was the card of the RCVCC Licensed Professional Counselor who had helped Sophie back then. Not only is Sophie doing well now after visiting with our counselor again, but she told other young girls in the same situation where they, too, could find help.

Sophie’s molester was a trusted friend of the family. He was convicted and sentenced to prison for 7 years. 82% of sexual assaults against children are committed by an acquaintance or family member (U.S. Dept. of Justice, 2008).

Assisting Victims and Survivors of Violent Crime... RCVCC staff and volunteer advocates made a difference in the lives of more than 1000 adult and child survivors of violent crime in our six-county region in 2008.

...and Working to Prevent Violence. RCVCC carried the message of prevention and safety to some 5000 students in local school districts.

RCVCC Statistics	2008
Primary victims served (adult & child victims)	876
Secondary victims (adult/child family and friends affected by the crime)	210
TOTAL	1086
Victims under 17 Yrs of Age	245
Training sessions for Volunteer Advocates	16
Active Volunteers	42
<i>We Help Ourselves</i> Presentations (Elementary Students)	164
Dating Violence Prevention Presentations (High School)	98
K-12th Students Receiving Violence Prevention Education	4955
Violence Prevention Programs (Adults)	29
Professional Trainings	8
Adults taught prevention and professionals trained	980