



## June Newsletter 2021

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“Working together, creating pathways to safety and hope”

We are open to the public. Stop by, come in and see the changes that are happening.

## From the Director

Spring comes to a close offering a chance to reconnect after being isolated for so long. This is happening on the homefront, at the office, in places of worship and we are sharing activities we haven't been able to do in over a year.

The Chattanooga Hamilton County Family Justice Center has been hosting meetings and tours and it has been great to see old friends and make new ones. Being able to serve others in person can make a difference to a survivor in need of connection and emotional support. Our mission is to meet people where they are and provide inclusive survivor centered services that promote healing, transformation and hope for the future;

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and drive social change through education and coordinated community collaborations.

We are so grateful for the commitment our partners have to serve victims throughout the pandemic. CPD Victims Services, Partnership Domestic Violence and Rape Crisis Center, Legal Aid of East Tennessee and the Children's Advocacy Center (just to name a few) have remained available to support those experiencing acute need due to their trauma.

If you are interested in supporting this work and making a community wide impact or requesting training, please connect with us at [www.fjc.chattanooga.gov](http://www.fjc.chattanooga.gov).

*Regina*

# Welcome to Tea Time

Where we dish the tea on current  
topics and events



## Deana's Nugget

I wanted to share a comment from a previous client who is a survivor of IPV and is now divorced from her abuser, has her dream job and is living in a different county. She reached out to me and told me that she appreciated every small kindness she was given while going through such a traumatic experience and she said she will never forget it.

From a former  
client:

"I think of you every day and how thankful I am that you came into my life when you did. I'll never forget your kindness to me and my child. I know to you, you were doing a job. But you changed our lives and set us on our way to the new one that we have now. It's a beautiful peaceful life for me and my child that we've never had before. I just wanted to say thank you."

I remember working with this young mother and going through all the steps it took just to make her a client and then working with her while she navigated through the justice system, divorce court, child care, relocation, and stability. It wasn't easy, as none of these cases ever are, and we do our jobs because of our passion for our work. We never expect to be acknowledged or even appreciated but when someone reaches out to say thank you, it does something special to my heart. I am grateful we have opportunities to help people and are given the opportunity to continue to help. This for me, like so many others, is my passion and I am thankful everyday that for this fortuity.

If you would like to learn more about the Chattanooga Hamilton County Family Justice Center and how to get involved, please connect with us at [www.fjc.chattanooga.gov](http://www.fjc.chattanooga.gov)

# Happenings

## May 2021

McNabb Center hosted a stock party May 18 to celebrate the opening of the Watkins Street Park Little Free Library.

The Family Justice Center hosted the kickoff for the VOICES Survivor Advocacy Network May 25, 2021. For more information on membership, contact [pchilders@chattanooga.gov](mailto:pchilders@chattanooga.gov)

## June 2021

June 18th 9-2:30 will be the Elder Conference hosted by the FJC. For more information, contact [dklane@chattanooga.gov](mailto:dklane@chattanooga.gov).

## May 6-12th was National Nurses Week



For National Nurse's Week we would like to recognize and honor all nurses but especially the Partnership for Families Children and Adults' Rape Crisis Center's

SANE nurses Lee Preston and Priscilla Sims Roberson for their dedication and hard work in the distinctive area of their profession. They have a passion for helping people who are victims of sexual violence and balance their medical treatment with a trauma informed approach, all while gathering information on what happened to help the patient with evidence gathering, healing and holding the offender accountable. They are frontline in the work of trauma. We would like to sincerely say, Thank You. and Happy National Nurses Week.

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## May 9-15th was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Week



We want to recognize and honor all of our incredible law enforcement. May 9-15th is National Law Enforcement Appreciation week. We are humbled and grateful for the dedication and service of our law enforcement who sacrifice and put their lives on the line to make our communities safe. On behalf of the Hamilton County Chattanooga Family Justice Center our law enforcement has our undying support and gratitude. Thank you.

## June is National Juneteenth!



On June 19, 1865, enslaved African-Americans in Galveston, Texas, were told they were free. A century and a half later, people in cities and towns across the U.S. continue to celebrate the occasion.

**Juneteenth**, an annual holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, has been celebrated by African-Americans since the late 1800s. It will be celebrated in Chattanooga this year on June 19 officially for the first time.

## We Planting Beautiful Plants at the FJC!

We are working hard to make the outside of the FJC as beautiful as the inside!



June is National Pride Month



During LGBTQ+ Pride Month, we recognize the resilience and determination of the many individuals who are fighting to live freely and authentically. We believe in the dignity of all people and dedicate ourselves to protecting the most vulnerable among us.

# Community Happenings

A few of you have asked about **local markets**, so we made a list of the **tried**

and **true** + some that are **new**.



[Brainerd Farmers Market, 20 Belvoir Ave.](#) | Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | April-December | *A food and craft market that accepts EBT + many vendors have Square for card purchases — bring cash just in case.*

[Chattanooga Market, 1829 Reggie White Blvd.](#) | Sundays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | May-December | *The largest producer-only arts, crafts, and farmers market in the region, the Chattanooga Market opens every Sunday with vendors, food trucks, drinks, and live performances + themed market days and festivals.*

[Chattanooga River Market, 1 Broad St.](#) | Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. | May-October | *This market is in the*

Tennessee Aquarium Plaza and has live music, arts + crafts, and local food.

[Exile x Chi Farms Marketplace, 1634 Rossville Ave.](#) | Saturdays, 3-6 p.m. | Until it gets cold | *Shop Chi Farms and other local vendors + grab a bite to eat from Final Girl Vegan Food and a beer from Exile.*

[Lookout Farmers Market, 8645 E. Brainerd Rd.](#) | Tuesdays, 3-6 p.m. | Stay updated on open dates via [Facebook](#) | *You will find fresh vegetables and fruits, local growers and artisans, homemade baked goods + more at this market.*

[Main St. Market, 1804 Chestnut St.](#) | Wednesdays, 4 p.m. | Year-round | *This is the only food-focused market in Chattanooga.*

[Ooltewah Farmers Market, 5829 Main St., Ooltewah](#) | Thursdays, 3 p.m. | Year-round | *A producers-only farmers market featuring only locally grown food.*

### Grand Openings in June

- **Millennial Nail Bar** is a new downtown nail salon that will offer monthly [memberships](#) (which are 20% right now) + the [option to book](#) nail technicians who will travel to you. The **grand opening** of the salon will be on **June 5 at 818 Georgia Ave.** (beside Lil

Mama's where The Palace



Theater used to be).

- There's a **new coffee shop** coming to downtown Chattanooga, and those who know *there's no such thing as too many coffee shops* can **join us in our excitement**. There's no set opening date yet, but [Culture Coffee Co.](#) will be located at [610 Georgia Ave.](#) (where Jefferson's used to be).



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**All information for these events can be found on Event Brite**

**June 17th 8:30-am 10am** Intro to Forest Bathing: "Belonging" Have you ever tried "forest bathing"? Want to experience nature in a deeper way? Join us for an upcoming forest bathing walk at Beaubien Woods Forest Preserve!

**June 19th 6pm** The Southern Summer Sensation Celebrity Fashion Expose!  
Chattanooga Convention Center • Chattanooga, TN Starts at \$25.00

**June 19 7pm** Juneteenth Celebration 2021  
Sat, Jun 19, 7:00 PM The Renaissance Center • Rossville, GA Starts at \$45.00

