

Saying Goodbye to 2021 and HELLO 2022!

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(This should be read like 'Twas
the Night Before Christmas')

It's the holiday season and all
through the agency,

everyone is busy working, and
our services are free.

All the stockings were given
with care,

in hopes everyone has enough
to share.

The staff is accommodating
with hospitality and cheer,

while visions of self-care are
remembered all year.

FJC cares about partners and
clients,

that is why we are trauma-
informed compliant.

Compassion fatigue is not what
we want,

so self-care is so very
important.

If there's a need for service or
chatter,

come to the FJC and we will
see about the matter.

Away to the partners, referrals
for all,

and no warm hand off is too
small.

We are all on the same team,

We are quickly approaching the new year of 2022 and saying goodbye to 2021. This year we were required to have meetings virtually, wear masks, and stay home. Then we were able to meet in person with required masks and social distancing. And finally, with most of us vaccinated, we were able to toss the masks and meet in person. (Hugs were such a welcome and much needed part of my life and I was overjoyed to give and receive them)

As we have come to the end of 2021, it looks like the pandemic is walking with us into 2022. Here at the FJC, we have not and will not be closing because victims/survivors are still a priority whether there is a pandemic or not. Ninety Tennesseans were murdered in domestic violence incidents in 2020. Firearms were used in approximately 60% of these homicides. We are aware that these numbers have possibly raised in our current year and are awaiting the 2021 statistics from TBI. We are here and committed to providing safe spaces where survivors' needs are met, children protected, and hope realized. FJC staff, community partners, and allies work together with transparency, respect, and trust. We share goals that ensure all voices are represented, promote healthy safe families, engage neighborhoods and schools, and drives social change and justice for survivors and their families. Our mission is to meet people where they are and provide inclusive survivor-centered services that promote healing, transformation, and hope for the future; foster public safety, offender accountability and drive social change through education and coordinated community collaborations.

We appreciate all of our community partners , onsite and off, and our allies for all the services they have given to survivors and all the hard work they have done in 2021: Chattanooga Police Department, Children's Advocacy Center, Legal Aid, Mental Health Court, Nurture the Next, Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults, Helen Ross McNabb Center, Helen Ross McNabb Behavioral Health, Street Grace, Southern Adventist University School of Social Work and Nursing, Her Song, Chattanooga Public Library, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, State of Tn Child Protective Services, State of Tn Adult Protective Services, Hamilton County District Attorney, McKamey Animal Center, Love's Arms, Rise Up, RCYC, Camp Hope, Centerstone Behavioral Health, Hamilton County Health Department, UTC Social Work Program, Chattanooga State Human Services Program, Red Bank Police Department, White Oak United Methodist Church, Silverdale Baptist Church, and Alcoholics Anonymous.

so partnering feels like a dream.

Welcome to the Chattanooga Hamilton County Family Justice Center, regardless of age, religion, orientation, race, or gender.

We are here to serve and support,

and our beautiful, calm atmosphere feels like a resort.

Come, sit, have coffee or tea

with Regina, Patti, Wendy, Deana, Kim, Stephanie, Elisa, or Kelsie.

We can talk collaboration of all the organizations,

information, and education.

To the top of social media, from the FJC,

we hope to inform our community about more than just DV.

Human trafficking, elder abuse, child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault,

are all things addressed and survivors are never at fault.

So welcome to the non-judgement zone,

Where survivors are heard and are not alone.

And then when needs are met,

Don't worry, we aren't done yet.

We follow-up with survivors and agencies

To ensure wrap around services is key.

So as we close this year and walk into a brand new one,

2022 will be a great year full of good things by the ton.

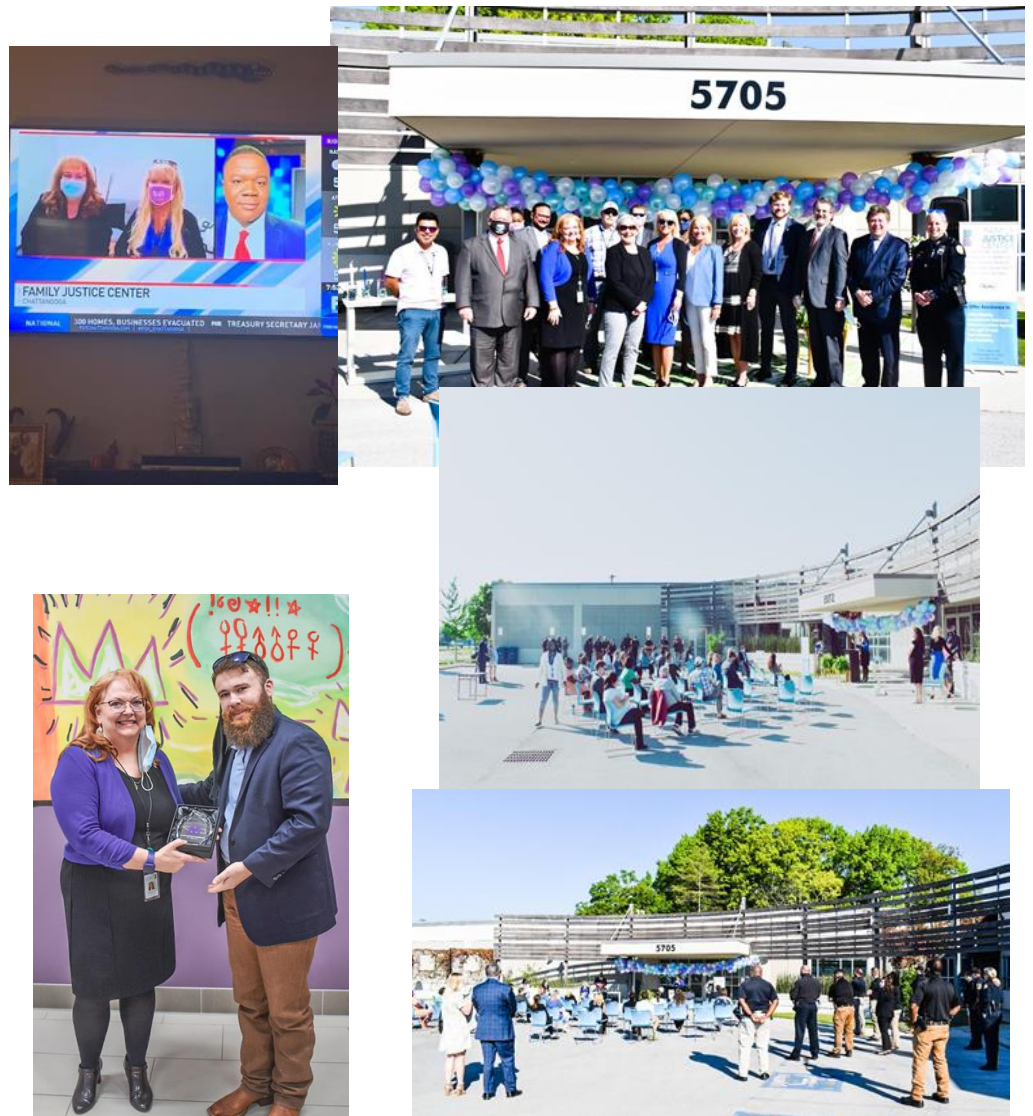
Happy Holidays from the Chattanooga Hamilton County Family Justice Center,

As we are all working together creating pathways to safety and hope, we are educating and bringing awareness to victimizations that in the past were considered to be surreptitious and muted. Through our continued collaborations we are paving the way for survivors to not only survive but to thrive, seeing them from trauma to stability-even through the pandemic.

We have made a lot of changes to and around the FJC and we are very excited to have a brand new logo very soon! Visit us in person or on our website and social media in the new year and see all the new things we have going on!

We are highlighting some of our most memorable events from this past year in this newsletter and we hope you enjoy our recap.

APRIL 2021 Media, tours and National Crime Victim's Week



We are all looking forward to a self-caring, affirmative, encouraging 2022 adventure!



MAY 2021

Car Safety Checks for our community, Student Volunteers, Self-Care, and Compassion Fatigue Help!



JUNE 2021

Tours, Visits, and Education!



JULY 2021
Celebrations and Awareness Events!





AUGUST 2021
Loving Our Jobs Every Single Day!



SEPTEMBER 2021

We Love Football Season and Celebrating Our Favorite Teams, Conferences, and Our Pets!

People grow when they are loved well. If you want to help others heal, love them without an agenda.

Mike McHargue



From a former client:

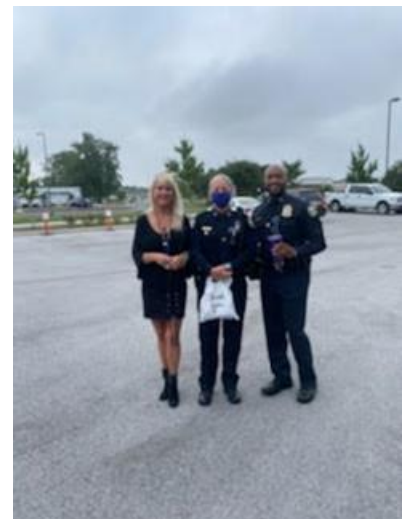
"I think of you every day and how thankful I am that you came into my life when you did. I'll never forget your kindness to me and my child. I know to you, you were doing a job. But you changed our lives and set us on our way to the new one that we have now. It's a beautiful peaceful life for me and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



OCTOBER 2021

Domestic Violence Awareness Month was filled with Judicial Officials, Officer and Advocate Appreciation, Awareness Events and the FJC Training Conference.





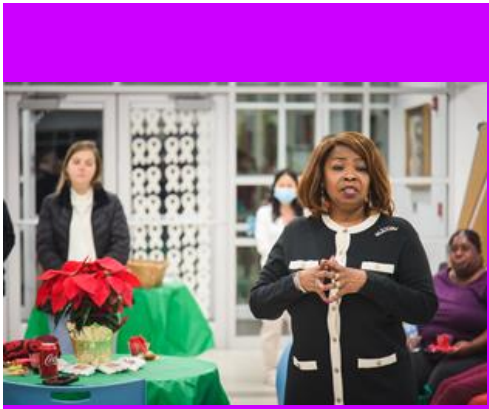




NOVEMBER 2021



DECEMBER 2021

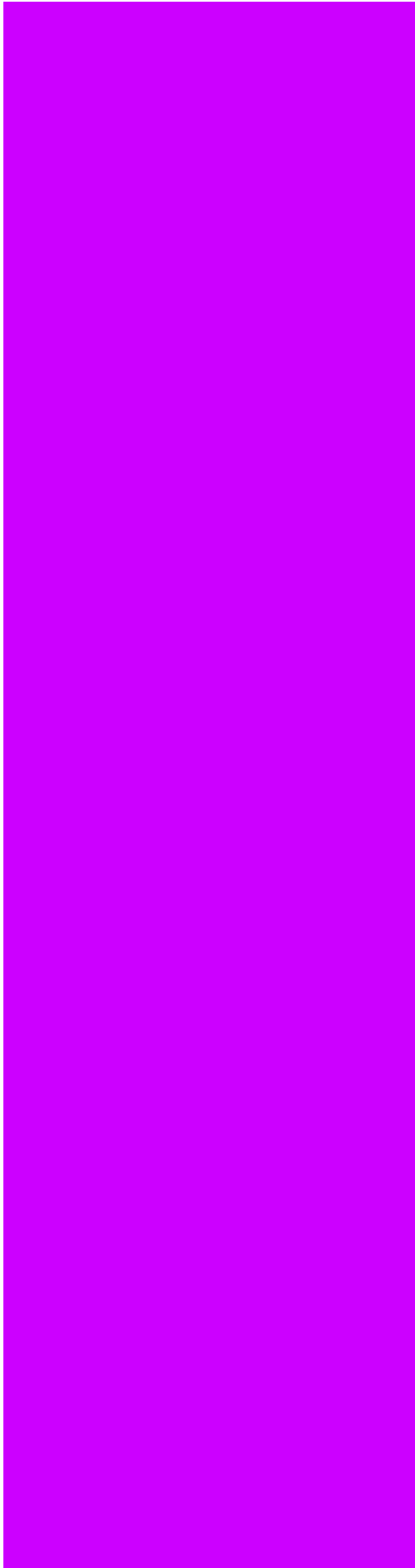




Happy New Year from Our Family to Yours!



We hope your new year is filled with joy, happiness, and love!



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