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REPORT



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A WORD FROM OUR

Chief Executive Officer

December 31, 2025

As I reflect on 2025, I am so proud of the way New Hope Children's Advocacy Center has continued to grow with intentionality. This year, we aligned our efforts around four strategic pillars: Organizational Culture, Sustainable Funding, Program Operations, and Awareness and Engagement. This structure has allowed us to think more broadly about our work and ensure that every decision strengthens not only the services we provide, but also the people and systems that make those services possible. You will see these pillars reflected throughout this report, along with the progress made within each area.

Just as important this year has been our commitment to living out New Hope's five core values. These values have guided our internal culture, leadership decisions, and expectations for how we support one another and for the children and families we serve. From intentional care and strong communication, to adaptability, growth, and a daily pursuit of excellence, these principles have shaped how we work together and how we measure success beyond numbers alone.

I am extremely appreciative for our Board of Directors, who continue to serve as a fully engaged, working board. Their willingness to be present, offer perspective, and actively support the organization strengthens our ability to move forward with confidence.

Our fourteen employees are the collective heart of New Hope. They carry out their work with compassion and consistency, even on days that are emotionally draining. This year, I have been especially inspired by the team's growth mindset and their willingness to lead with influence, take ownership, and truly pursue excellence (not perfection) every day.

None of this work happens in a silo. The impact reflected in this report is made possible through the support of our community partners, donors, and supporters who believe in New Hope's mission. Your support enables us to be the voice for children who do not have one.

On a personal note, I continue to be grateful and humbled to serve as CEO of New Hope Children's Advocacy Center. I hold this responsibility with deep respect and genuine commitment. It is an honor to work with such a dedicated team and to serve a community that so clearly values protecting and supporting its most vulnerable members.

Thank you for walking alongside New Hope. I hope you take time to review the pages that follow, celebrate the great progress made this year, and lock arms with us as we launch into a new year and look toward the important work that still lies ahead.

Gratefully,



Ashley Fontenot

New Hope CEO



MISSION

To restore hope to abused or traumatized children and their families

VISION

All children are free from abuse and trauma

CORE VALUES

Intentional Care and Service to Others
Strong Communication and Collaboration
Continual Growth and Development
Commitment to Adaptability and Innovation
Daily Pursuit of Excellence

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES & GOALS

- A. **ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE:** Commit to intentional collaboration and growth alongside all staff members and partners for the betterment of our team, clients, and community
- B. **SUSTAINABLE FUNDING:** Pursue and maintain multiple streams of healthy funding so our focus can be to scale up rather than down
- C. **PROGRAM OPERATIONS:** Offer a full range of top-tier services to child abuse victims and their non-offending families, adapting and innovating as needed to meet the need and allow for sustainability
- D. **AWARENESS & ENGAGEMENT:** Immerse ourselves in the community to reflect the organization's good work and need of time (tour, train, volunteer), talent (skills, abilities, services), and treasure (donations and funding)

This Year

AT A GLANCE



2025 BUDGET: **\$1,178,846**



579

CHILDREN
SERVED

336

FORENSIC
INTERVIEWS

426

CHILDREN SERVED
THROUGH
ADVOCACY

1,438

ADVOCACY
SERVICES
ADMINISTERED

254

TOUR
ATTENDEES

15

MEDICAL
EXAMS

57

PATHLIGHTERS

130

CHILDREN
TRAINED IN
ROAR

149

CHILDREN SEEN
IN THERAPY

2,412

THERAPY
SESSIONS

48

THERAPY
GRADUATIONS

2,087

ADULTS
TRAINED IN
STEWARDS

STRATEGIC PRIORITY A: ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE

Commit to intentional collaboration and growth alongside all staff members and partners for the betterment of our team, clients, and community

2025 Objectives & Outcomes:

A1: Match responsibilities with talent, skillset, and passion

- Reviewed and updated all job descriptions to align with the actual expectations and responsibilities of each role.
- Established emergency succession plans for all leadership positions to ensure operational continuity in unexpected circumstances.
- Updated all job titles and department names for consistency, clarity, and alignment across the organization. Examples include changing Challye's title to Director of Forensic Interview Services, updating the rest of the Forensic team's titles to Forensic Interviewer and Advocate to reflect their cross-training, and renaming the administrative department to the Advancement Department.
- Expanded the role of Clinical Director Lindsay Preskenis, who now also serves as Care Coordinator. This role helps strengthen organizational culture through intentional care, coordination of birthday and milestone celebrations, and team recognition efforts.
- Structured internship positions to assist with reception and lobby coverage, expanding overall programmatic capacity and providing valuable professional experience for interns.



A2: Invest in training and development opportunities

- Encouraged leadership participation in relevant leadership trainings, workshops, and conferences, both locally and virtually. Collectively, the leadership team attended more than 30 leadership-based workshops or trainings.
- Across the organization, all 14 staff members collectively attended more than 230 total trainings, workshops, or conferences, demonstrating New Hope's strong commitment to continual learning and professional growth.
- New Hope staff maintained active participation in all Blount Partnership-affiliated Power Connect Lunches, representing the organization and building meaningful community connections. These events provided valuable opportunities for networking, increasing awareness of New Hope's mission, and strengthening staff confidence in sharing our story. Four team members - Chelsea, Lisa, Becky, and Anna - participated throughout the year, each returning with new contacts, collaboration ideas, and a deeper sense of pride in being visible representatives of New Hope in the community.
- The entire New Hope team attended the Everyday Heroes United Conference in October alongside law enforcement and Child Protective Services partners.
- Hosted New Hope's first annual staff retreat on October 30, focused on leadership development and teamwork through the lens of the organization's five core values. Sessions included an equine-assisted learning experience at Raised Valley Ranch, an inspiring talk on the Daily Pursuit of Excellence by Dr. Nancy Scott, an interactive LEGO leadership exercise by Paul Boyles, and a VIVID team color analysis by Vanessa Painter. Staff described the day as "energizing," "meaningful," and "unifying."
- Expanded monthly leadership meetings from one hour to two. The first hour focuses on leadership development through reflection on "Responding with Courage" prompts and quarterly book discussions; the second hour is dedicated to strategic planning, brainstorming, and problem-solving.
- Leadership team books this year included:
 - Q1: *The Heart of Leadership* by Mark Miller (Haley, Challye); *The One Minute Manager Meets the Monkey* by Ken Blanchard (Anna); *How to Win Friends and Influence People* by Dale Carnegie (Lindsay, Becky, Ashley)
 - Q2: *Win the Heart* by Mark Miller
 - Q3: *The Secret: What Great Leaders Know and Do* by Ken Blanchard & Mark Miller
 - Q4: *Lead Every Day* by Mark Miller and Randy Gravitt
- All therapists completed Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) training, leading to the...



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2025 Objectives & Outcomes: (continued)

- ...creation of a new DBT group for high school students. The group currently has five regular attendees and has experienced tremendous success in helping participants build emotional regulation and coping skills. Plans are underway to launch a similar group for middle school students next year.
- All therapists completed an 18-hour training on Recognizing and Treating Youth with Dissociation, a common trauma response in which individuals disconnect from the present to cope with danger or distress. This training enhanced clinicians' ability to recognize dissociative symptoms, apply grounding techniques, and equip parents with tools to support their children's healing process.
- First Horizon Foundation provided funding for two Forensic Interview team members to attend the Crimes Against Children Conference in Dallas, which is the largest national conference for professionals addressing child abuse. Beyond professional learning, it was a time for the team to reconnect with their "why," returning inspired, refocused, and reenergized in their mission to serve children and families.
- Licensure was secured for two therapists, with both working through credentialing. New Hope now has three licensed therapists and two actively working toward licensure.

A3: Cultivate strong relationships with partners and supporters

- Hosted a successful Board Retreat in January at The Shed to begin the year with renewed focus, collaboration, and strategic alignment around New Hope's mission and vision.
- Launched a Board and Staff Matching Program in January to strengthen relationships across the organization. This initiative fosters connection and understanding by pairing each staff member with a board member - encouraging mutual learning, relationship building, and greater cohesion between staff and board.
- Hosted a Celebration Reception on September 18 to commemorate paying off the building. Capital campaign donors, past and current board members, and other key supporters were invited to celebrate this milestone. During the program, seven speakers shared New Hope's story and highlighted the ongoing need for community support.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY B: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING

Pursue and maintain multiple streams of healthy funding so our focus can be to scale up rather than down

2025 Objectives & Outcomes:

B1: Reorganize and stabilize the yearly budgeting process to better steward both planned and actual funds

- Fully migrated from QuickBooks Desktop to QuickBooks Online, streamlining processes and improving efficiency.
- Consolidated and reorganized budget line items to reflect true income and expense categories, allowing for clearer financial tracking and analysis.
- Added restricted funding sections within the budget to improve planning and ensure proper allocation of designated funds.
- Integrated Bill.com with QuickBooks Online for faster reconciliation and a more transparent, receipt-backed transaction record.

B2: Facilitate more frequent, structured, goal-oriented Finance Committee meetings

- Welcomed two new board members to the Finance Committee, bringing fresh insight and strengthening financial oversight.
- Completed the final payment on New Hope's building loan, marking a major financial milestone and reinforcing long-term sustainability.
- Explored alignment of the organization's fiscal year with key grant cycles and, after careful evaluation, chose to pause this transition to maintain budget stability.
- Held nine Finance Committee meetings, each with structured agendas focused on high-impact items and clear follow-up actions from Haley (Finance & Administration Director) and Katie (Treasurer).
- Completed a full account review at Renasant Bank with the entire Finance Committee, ensuring transparency and alignment on financial goals.
- Reviewed and updated financial controls to strengthen organizational accountability and sustainability.
- Created a new account dedicated to facilities maintenance, allowing New Hope to proactively save for building needs as they arise.
- Opened a stock transfer account to enable donors to contribute through stock gifts, creating a new and exciting avenue for giving.
- Implemented a new staff retirement plan that offers improved long-term benefits and flexibility for employees - a major milestone for both staff and the Finance Committee.

B3: Increase community fundraising efforts so that federal and state funding makes up less than 30% of the budget

- The Fundraising Committee implemented several community engagement and fundraising initiatives throughout the year, expanding awareness and diversifying funding sources.
 - Partnered with the Knoxville Ice Bears for two Hockey for Hope events, including a ticket sales fundraiser in April (raising \$350) and a Chuck-a-Puck event in December (raising \$144.60).
 - Hosted three community blitz days to engage local businesses and individuals in supporting New Hope's mission.
 - Conducted tours for local churches (five churches, 10 attendees), resulting in six individuals committing to partner with New Hope in prayer.
 - Partnered with The Vineyard Springbrook Church, which invited New Hope to speak to their congregation in December and set a goal to raise \$5,000 during the Christmas season.
 - Hosted a small business tour (12 attendees), with all participants expressing interest in sponsoring a future fundraising event.
 - Organized Dine Out Days at Panera and Blaze Pizza, raising \$305 collectively.



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2025 Objectives & Outcomes: (continued)

- Benefited from several community-led fundraising events, including:
 - *Shining a Light on Hope: Choose You First Gala* (January) – \$12,679
 - *Tap Into Hope* (February) – \$1,039
 - *100 Women of Blount County* (February) – \$4,464
 - *Neighborly Books' Independent Book Store Day* (April) - \$1,000
 - *Springtime in the Smokies* (May) – \$2,500, plus an additional \$500 car-sale donation
 - *Pints for a Purpose* (June) – \$1,986
 - *Statemint Maryville* (August) – \$900
 - *Ladies of Harley* (August) – \$1,025
- Monthly recurring giving increased over the year (\$8,905). Although growth was below the \$10,000 goal, several donors transitioned from monthly to annual giving, maintaining overall donor commitment.
- Applied for more than 16 new grants, furthering diversification of revenue streams.
- The 13th annual Tennessee Winter Beer Fest raised \$26,000 in support of New Hope, featuring 23 local breweries. We are deeply thankful for the generous brewers, partners, and the dedicated committee members who truly make this event happen year after year.
- Hosted The Young Fables Benefit Concert (March) – \$3,255
- Hosted our sixth annual Heroes for Hope 5K & Fun Run. It was the most successful yet, raising an incredible \$30,525 with support from 22 generous sponsors - the highest total in the event's history. A record-breaking 320 runners joined us for the race, filling the day with excitement and community spirit. New additions this year included a sponsorship from Amazing Athletes Knoxville and a kid-friendly obstacle course that was a huge hit. We also introduced face tattoos as a fun, fast, and cleaner alternative to traditional face painting. The enthusiasm and energy from our community made this year's Heroes for Hope truly one to remember.
- Hosted our second annual Feast for Hope fundraiser. It was a tremendous success, raising \$52,336 in support of New Hope's mission. Guests raved about the creative dishes prepared by 11 talented chefs, each showcasing their culinary expertise and passion. A new VIP ticket level was introduced at \$500 each, with 14 sold. The evening brought together new faces and meaningful connections, making this year's Feast for Hope not only a fundraising achievement but also a true celebration of community, generosity, and great food.
- Hosted by PCS, Inc., the second annual Tee Up for Hope Golf Tournament was a tremendous success, raising \$19,237.37 - doubling last year's total! The event featured both morning and afternoon flights, welcoming more golfers and creating smoother play for everyone. It was a memorable year with lots of fun and friendly competition.
- Hosted our twenty-third annual Black Tie & Blue Jeans Gala. It was an extraordinary evening, raising a record-breaking \$269,125 in support of New Hope's mission. New this year was the use of RT Lodge's beautiful new Meeting House for our Bourbon Pull and silent auction packages, which added a special and elevated touch to the event. We also introduced a plated dinner, which guests absolutely raved about. The night's energy carried into the program, where the live auction raised an impressive \$83,800, contributing to our most successful gala to date. The evening brought together longtime supporters and new supporters alike, creating an incredible atmosphere of excitement and celebration of New Hope's mission and future.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY C: PROGRAM OPERATIONS

Offer a full range of top-tier services to child abuse victims and their non-offending families, adapting and innovating as needed to meet the need and allow for sustainability

2025 Objectives & Outcomes:

C1: Intentionally search for new and more efficient, cost effective ways of doing things

- Implemented a new phone system and upgraded Wi-Fi to support faster, more efficient, and reliable communication across the organization.
- Explored and implemented text reminders in the therapy department using NCAtrak. Families have reported that reminders help improve attendance, and the therapy team continues to utilize this feature to support client engagement.
- Evaluated multiple electronic health record (EHR) systems, including Simple Practice, Therapy Notes, and Empower DB, to identify the best fit for New Hope's clinical program. Exploration continues to ensure a solution that enhances efficiency, security, and coordination of care when future grant opportunities arise.
- Fully transitioned from physical HR files to BambooHR, centralizing employee data in an online platform.
- Streamlined the employee onboarding process, allowing each director to manage their portion of onboarding with oversight from the Finance & Administration Director and CEO.
- Consolidated VOCA tracking into a shared spreadsheet, simplifying quarterly reporting and ensuring accurate documentation.
- Established key performance indicators (KPIs) for staff roles, defining metrics of success and providing a framework for end-of-year evaluations.

C2: Expand and enhance current programs and methods

- Reviewed National Children's Alliance (NCA) standards across all departments to ensure alignment, providing self-assessment sheets for each applicable position. Work continues to not only meet but exceed NCA standards in preparation for reaccreditation in 2027.
- Expanded Facility Dog Peyton's reach and impact, training three of four Forensic Interviewers as handlers and incorporating visits with therapy clients when appropriate. Peyton supported 76 client interactions this year, offering comfort, stability, and a sense of safety during some of the hardest days in children's lives. Feedback from clients included, "He is exactly what we need," and "It made me feel better to go back to school." New Hope is grateful to Smoky Mountain Service Dogs for providing Peyton's services and to Ronald McDonald House Charities for funding his care and presence.
- Strengthened the advocacy program by increasing family assistance resources. Expanded community partnerships included donations from Fowler's Furniture and Carhartt, with Carhartt also introducing the Wishmas List program to support families and agency needs during the holidays. Volunteer Denise Westin donated professional attire for clients who have court dates. Funding from the Thompson Charitable Foundation Grant provided backpacks and school supplies for students.
- Developed a comprehensive family resource directory, building on work started by a prior intern. A Spring 2026 intern will continue this project in collaboration with Clinical Director Lindsay Preskenis and Advocates Celina and Maddie to create a thorough and practical resource for families and staff.
- Met with Victim Witness Coordinators to identify strategies for supporting children in court, including collaboration on cases, preparation for court appearances, and guidance for testimony day.
- Strengthened the forensic interview process by implementing pre-interview phone calls to prepare families, creating a streamlined request form to improve scheduling and coordination with law enforcement and DCS, and developing a partner feedback survey to guide continuous quality improvement and enhance collaboration.
- Enhanced therapy services through a SMART Modality Enhancement Project, funded by a \$16,000 grant from Simmons First Foundation. This initiative provided new outdoor SMART equipment and inside SMART room enhancements that support sensory regulation and...



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2025 Objectives & Outcomes: (continued)

- ...trauma recovery for children, improving both therapeutic outcomes and overall client experience.
- Therapy garden continues to flourish as a space for healing and reflection. Longtime volunteers Nancy Sentell and Cathy Martin maintain the garden, while Victoria Conforti, Allison Pearson, and Gina Barnett have adopted it as an ongoing project, planting bulbs and perennials donated by Pope's Plant Farm. Coning Farm Produce contributed festive fall décor, and Wade Richardson completed finishing touches on a handcrafted swing set. New Hope also thanks Caylor Landscaping for discounted maintenance services and Harvest Thyme for donating three garden sensors. Collectively, these contributions make the garden a serene oasis for clients and staff alike, reflecting New Hope's mission and community spirit.

C3: Secure talent and partners where needed

- Engaged volunteers through bi-weekly tours, securing dedicated individuals who assist with lobby coverage during extended therapy hours, including evenings and Fridays as needed.
- Advanced legislative advocacy by building relationships and sharing New Hope's needs with policymakers. CEO Ashley Fontenot attended Hill Day in Nashville with the Tennessee Children's Advocacy Centers (TNCAC) Chapter in March, meeting with legislators to discuss funding priorities. All legislators supported the Savannah Grace Copland Act, contributing to an increase in Department of Children's Services (DCS) contracts.
- Hosted a legislative tour for Senator Tom Hatcher, Representative Tom Stinnett, and Representative Jerome Moon with his wife Debbie Moon, a former board member.
- Acknowledged community partners and donors who contributed their time, services, and resources to support the September 18 Celebration Reception. Special thanks to Brittanie Kline & Frosted Creations, Castone, Foothills Plants & Produce, Hilton Knoxville Airport, Johnathon Fontenot, Lizzy Bloom, Mark Nunn, Michelle Bishop, Mitchell Bain Photography, Murlin's Music World, Panoramic Video & Drone, Tennessee Exterior Cleaning Services, The Pour Guys, PrintFX, Random Acts of Flowers, Steve Hays, and Tip Signs for helping prepare the building and garden, enhance the event experience, and celebrate New Hope's accomplishments.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY D: AWARENESS & ENGAGEMENT

Immerse ourselves in the community to reflect the organization's good work and need of time (tour, train, volunteer), talent (skills, abilities, service), and treasure (donations and funding)

2025 Objectives & Outcomes:

D1: Enhance stakeholder communications

- Sent quarterly impact reports to donors and partners promptly after each quarter, receiving 34 response emails congratulating New Hope on accomplishments and expressing appreciation for the updates.
- Delivered over 50 personalized "Thank You" videos via email and text to Monthly Partners (Pathlighters) in May, deepening engagement with supporters who give on a recurring basis.
- Shared the Celebration Reception video with more than 2,000 email subscribers, allowing the broader community to participate virtually in the special event.
- Launched a quarterly impact report video series on social media, receiving strong positive feedback from followers for the first release and increasing visibility of New Hope's work and outcomes.



D2: Increase community awareness of New Hope through tours, consistent branding, and refreshed public-facing communications

- Collaborated with Board Member Sarah Merrell to update the website's backend, enhancing keyword searches and SEO. Explored changing the website URL but paused the project due to cost considerations.
- Hosted tours for large groups outside of normal hours, reaching more than 140 people, including TN College of Applied Technology, McNabb Center, Blount County Circuit Court, Blount County Schools Abuse Coordinators and Counselors, Leadership Blount Class of 2026, and Blount County Schools Classified Leadership Academy. In total, more than 250 people have attended a tour this year.
- Updated tour script to reflect new roles, grants, and services.
- Expanded speaking engagements throughout the year to increase awareness and community connection, including:
 - Choose You First Gala (January, spoke and TV interview)
 - Orange Hat Chili Cook-Off TV interview (February)
 - Walland Elementary School (February)
 - Tennessee Winter Beer Fest TV interview (February)
 - Aktion Club (May)
 - 100 Women of Blount County (April)
 - St. Paul Church (April)
 - Heroes for Hope TV interview (April)
 - Pints for Purpose at Cycology (June)
 - Alcoa Kiwanis (June)
 - Total Networking Team meeting (June)
 - Blount County Schools Stewards of Children trainings (July)
 - Feast for Hope TV interview (August)
 - Arconic on behalf of United Way (September)
 - Publix on behalf of United Way (September)
 - All Alcoa and Blount County Schools Abuse Coordinators (September–October)
 - Blount British Car Club at Blount County Public Library (October)
 - Vineyard Church Maryville (December)



D3: Showcase the need for New Hope in the community by way of prevention

- Educated 2,087 Blount County adults in Stewards of Children trainings with the support of 10 volunteer facilitators - an all-time record for New Hope!
- Met with Abuse Coordinators from Blount County and Alcoa City Schools to explain laws...

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2025 Objectives & Outcomes: *(continued)*

- ...reporting expectations, and New Hope's services. Feedback indicated participants found it helpful to understand how cases reach New Hope and the distinct roles of DCS, law enforcement, and the agency.
- Spoke with elementary students at Walland Elementary in February about New Hope's support. They had great questions including what services look like for children with disabilities. Students were excited to learn about Facility Dog Peyton and the sense of safety he provides.
- Piloted ROAR, a child sexual abuse prevention program for second graders, at John Sevier Elementary with Volunteer Facilitator Sharon Earley, reaching 130 children. Plans are in place to continue at John Sevier and launch at Foothills Elementary in 2026, along with Blount County Schools. ROAR is generously sponsored by Vanessa and Kevin Painter.
- Distributed 3,000 blue pinwheels throughout the community during April for Child Abuse Prevention Month, engaging schools, churches, businesses, nonprofits, and community members in raising awareness about child abuse and the importance of prevention.
- Laid groundwork for a comprehensive awareness and prevention campaign generously funded by Amy Buckner Chowdhry to strengthen community understanding of child abuse, trauma, and New Hope's role in response and recovery. Efforts focused on research, message development, and forming strategic partnerships in preparation for launch.



Know the signs. Make the call. [Be the hope.](#)



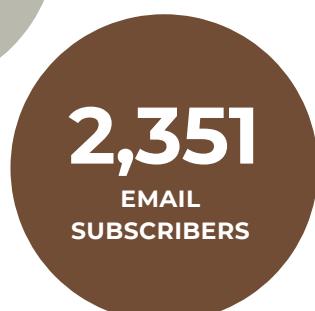
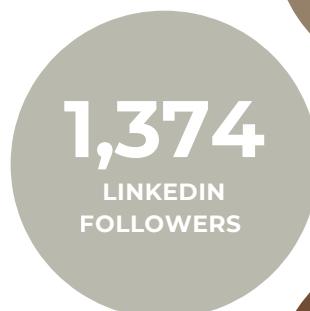
Digital Media



► SOCIAL MEDIA

We have seen a significant increase across all social platforms this year:

- Our Facebook following has increased by 8.9%
- Our Instagram following has increased by 11%
- Our LinkedIn audience has increased by 42.2%



A SPECIAL 'THANK YOU' TO OUR 2025

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A SPECIAL 'THANK YOU' TO THOSE WHO COMMIT TO GIVING EVERY MONTH



Pathlighters

Thank you for lighting the path to hope and healing for so many children.

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