

Community Choice Credit Union Awards Big Give Grant to the Kids-TALK Children’s Advocacy Center

Farmington Hills, Mich., Sept. 15, 2017 – Through its Foundation, Community Choice Credit Union awarded the Kids-TALK Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) a \$3,000 grant to help fund specially trained registered nurses to assist with medical evaluations for children who are suspected of sexual or physical abuse, severe trauma, or neglect. The grant supports an essential position at the Kids-TALK CAC, ensuring medical evaluations are performed properly and efficiently. The Community Choice Foundation presented the Kids-TALK CAC with its Give Big Grants check Sept., 7, 2017, and also delivered 100 Community Choice Credit Union stuffed animals to kids.

“The Kids-TALK CAC provides a vital service to children and families,” said Robert Bava, Community Choice Credit Union CEO. “The Community Choice Foundation is committed to people helping people, and that is exactly what kids-TALK is doing. The onsite, specialized medical evaluation services they offer are invaluable to these community members, and we are honored to be able to help them in furthering their mission.”

The Kids-TALK CAC, operated by The Guidance Center (TGC) with locations in Midtown Detroit and Southgate, helps children up to the age of 17 (and their families) who are victims of abuse or who have witnessed a violent crime. Approximately 1,900 children are served each year by this critical program in Wayne County.

“The Guidance Center is grateful for this generous grant to help our Kids-TALK CAC provide essential services to families in Wayne County,” said Kari D. Walker, president and CEO of the agency. “Our work through the Kids-TALK CAC helps to protect children from being further traumatized and provides the opportunity to begin to heal. Our agency is grateful for the support of Community Choice Foundation which helps to make this possible.”

The Community Choice Foundation generously supports numerous Michigan non-profits through its Give Big Grants program. Through the Foundation’s giving priorities, health and human services, capacity building, basic needs and neighborhood safety and community development, they identify and support organizations that help strengthen the communities they serve.

For more information on the Kids-TALK Children’s Advocacy Center, visit www.kids-talkcac.org. To assist in funding this critical position, contact Fran Waszkiewicz at 734-785-7705 x 7153 or fwaszkwicz@guidance-center.org.



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About Community Choice Credit Union: *Established in 1935, Community Choice Credit Union is headquartered in Farmington Hills, Michigan and offers a wide variety of financial products and services for both consumers and businesses. Any individual who lives, works, studies or worships in the state of Michigan is eligible to become a member of Community Choice Credit Union. Since 2008, Community Choice has invested more than \$1 million and 20,156 volunteer hours into its charitable Give Big efforts throughout Michigan. If you're looking for an experience that's different from your current banking relationship, let's get together. For more information, visit CommunityChoiceCU.com.*

About Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center: *Since 1958, The Guidance Center has responded to the ever-changing needs of Downriver and Southeast Michigan residents as an innovative leader providing quality behavioral health, substance abuse and community outreach services to children, adults and families. The private, non-profit agency is leading the way in creating new prevention and education models to help children and families deal with these important issues. The agency serves nearly 23,000 children, adults and families each year.*

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