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35.3% of Iowa women and 29.3% of Iowa men experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes.

Sabrina* didn't believe that her life was that different from most of her friends', which is why she was blindsided when the Department of Human Services contacted her. That call started an investigation and eventually led to the removal of her children.

When she put her life under a microscope things weren't as normal as she wanted to believe. She did sometimes overindulge with cocktails, and she didn't have any self-confidence. The biggest secret of all was that her partner was often verbally and sometimes physically abusive.

Sabrina was devastated when the children were removed from her care. This created a determination to adjust

her life that had not been there before. Her first call was to CFI's domestic violence shelter. She started with her sobriety and then began working with CFI on the steps that she needed to take to make reunification possible and prevent removal from happening again. She started to chip away at the layers of assistance that were needed to put her family back together, including counseling, stable employment, and the successful lease of an apartment. Although this process took time, Sabrina and her children are on their way to a much brighter future.

With the assistance of donors like you, CFI was able to help over 4,000 individuals fleeing abuse last year. They were able to start the healing process and find safe, self-sufficient lives for themselves and their children.

**Name changed to protect client confidentiality.*



Donor Appreciation



Nationwide awarded CFI with a grant of \$65,000 to support CFI's domestic violence services. CFI provides great value to our communities by helping vulnerable families and children access the resources and opportunities they need to build a better future. CFI's domestic violence services help enact this by empowering victims of domestic violence to recover and rebuild after leaving domestic violence.



EMC Insurance awarded CFI a grant of \$20,000 to support CFI's child development center. Funding for the center ensures that each child receives high quality, safe childcare, and early childhood education. CFI's Child Development Center offers a variety of screening and supportive services onsite. This allows parents to continue to work while their children improve their skills with specialized services. Screenings include academic, social/emotional, dental screenings, hearing screenings, and vision screenings.



Facebook/Meta awarded CFI a grant of \$14,000 to support technology needs at the child development center. Funding will provide technology enrichment to enhance classroom resources making it possible to utilize customized dual-language resources for diverse learners; and promote connectivity for clients, staff, and community members.

General Mills/Global Hometown Grant awarded CFI a grant of \$7,500 to be utilized at the child development center.

Boone County awarded CFI a grant of \$3,080 to be utilized for at-risk Iowans.

Meier Bernstein Foundation gifted CFI with \$51,600 for a variety of programs for at-risk youth.



On Friday, May 3, the Foundation for Children & Families of Iowa held its annual Tango Gala at the historic Tea Room in Des Moines. Funds raised at the Tango Gala help fund essential programs serving CFI clients.

The Tango Gala was a huge success this year, with over 250 attendees, 40 dedicated volunteers, and 22 generous sponsors.

We would like to thank Jeremy Harder, Chair of the Events Committee, for serving as MC and donating production of an informational video featured at the event. Our appreciation goes out to event committee members Brian Beckett, Chris Frazier, Gabe Nelson, Tony Ranniger, and Ann Smisek.

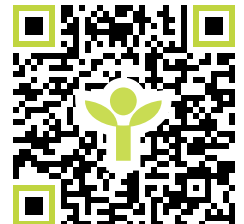
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