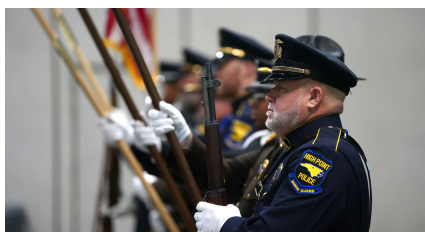


## INNOVATION & CONNECTION: NC FJC AND COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

On November 13-14, we hosted the 6th North Carolina Family Justice Center and Collaborative Communities Conference. Over 500 gathered for this dynamic learning event. Presenters included Questyn Hinton (17 yrs), a Camp HOPE program participant since 2017, a multitude of survivors sharing their truth and insight, FJC founders Casey Gwinn and Gael Strack, and an array of professionals in child and elder abuse and domestic and sexual violence. In her opening remarks, Questyn shared a phrase she learned at Camp HOPE, "My VOICE has Power." In many ways, these words became a mantra for the event as speakers amplified the importance of using one's voice to create positive change.



The first NC FJC Conference was held in 2017 at the International Civil Rights Museum. The goal was to inspire communities to collaborate and create FJCs, best practices, and life-saving models for providing wraparound care for survivors and increasing accountability for those who harm. As a result of our work here in Guilford County, we have inspired the development of 8 additional FJCs in our state!

Our partnership is proud to share the collective impact of our work, and are reaffirmed time and time again through the stories of survivors who highlight the long-term effects the FJC partnership has had on their lives.

This event was the second-largest gathering of FJC professionals in the country. We certainly have much to celebrate. We also know that many obstacles still exist, and our work must continue to charge ahead, innovate, and advocate for the needs of survivors and their families.



## SURVIVOR SPOTLIGHT

### Karshena "Storm" McCain

*Survivor, Camp HOPE Parent, Volunteer Court Navigator*

For years, Karshena suffered from emotional and financial abuse in silence. As the abuse in her home escalated, Karshena attempted to share her pain with loved ones in her family and faith community. When asked if her husband ever hit her, she replied no, and was given the advice to stick it out. Karshena felt trapped. She had given up everything for this relationship, and now her husband controlled everything, like her access to money and if she was allowed to spend time with friends and family.



It wasn't until her ex-husband turned his abuse on their 11-year-old son that Karshena learned about the Family Justice Center. After coming to the FJC, Karshena shared that it was the first time in her life that she didn't feel shame or blame for seeking help. She filed a restraining order and worked with the DA's office and law enforcement to hold her abuser accountable. This marked the beginning of her transformation from a victim to a survivor. Karshena and her son started a new pathway of hope and healing. She shared her inspiring story with an audience of over 500 at last month's NC FJC Conference! Today, Karshena and her son are thriving as active members of the FJC's Camp HOPE program. Karshena even volunteers as an FJC Court Navigator to support other survivors!

# OUR TOP TEN : LIGHT AND IMPACT

WE ASKED OUR TEAM ABOUT THE MOST IMPACTFUL MOMENTS OF 2024.  
HERE'S WHAT THEY HAD TO SAY.

## HONORING A SUPERSTAR

No doubt this was one of the hardest years for our partnership as we grieved the tragic death of Sgt. Philip "Dale" Nix. We navigated the pain by leaning into the FJC Family and allowing our community to care for us and for us to care for one another.



## GROWING WITH FAMILIES

Camp HOPE was record-setting, with our biggest number of overnight campers and volunteers to date! Hope came full circle as we welcomed back two former campers who served as Camp HOPE Counselor volunteers.



## SHARING EXPERTISE



FJC team members shared about our work at the National FJC Conference and through an international learning exchange with leaders from Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Cambodia. The "Guilford

County Way" has traveled across the country and as far as Eastern Asia, solidifying our expertise as among the best in the world.

## ADVANCING ELDER JUSTICE



Supported by the NC School of Government our Elder Justice Committee drafted legislation on establishing elder abuse multidisciplinary teams across the state to enhance the safety of

vulnerable adults. The Committee also held the first ever "Day of Service" with Meals on Wheels in High Point and Greensboro.

## EXPANDING THE PARTNERSHIP

With a specialty DSS Aging and Adult Services team and Eligibility Services joining onsite and a DA, medical provider, and GPD joining us at camp, our partnership continues to grow to meet the needs of our community.



## EMPOWERING SURVIVORS

VOICES led a dynamic training on domestic violence in the Workplace for a packed room of leaders and local employers, while also teaming up with the FJC to support survivors in the courtroom with the new Volunteer Court Navigator program.



## MODELING COLLABORATION



Hosting our 6th annual NC FJC and Collaborative Communities Conference brought more than 500 professionals to Guilford County to learn from each other, gather in shared community, and exchange

innovative strategies for advancing work across the state.

## VOLUNTEERING FOR IMPACT



Hope is growing and so are the number of volunteers dedicating their time and talents to the FJC. This year more than 120 volunteers supported FJC operations, training and outreach, court navigation, Camp

HOPE, and mental health counseling!

## CELEBRATING SERVICE

Honoring Commissioner Cashion's more than 40 years of dedicated public service to children and families, the 201 S. Greene St building in Greensboro was renamed the "Guilford County Katie S. Cashion Building."



## REACHING THE COMMUNITY

We trained thousands of professionals and citizens this year through more than 200 outreach efforts in person, virtually, and through social media, including developing new training for EMS

professionals on recognizing and responding to Elder Abuse.







# HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

## GRATITUDE FOR GENEROUS PARTNERS

It is the season for giving. As the Director of the FJC, I witness daily the outpouring of support, care, and connection among our staff, partners, survivors, and community.

It's hard to believe that in June 2025, we will celebrate 10 YEARS of giving hope and healing to our community. We could not have done it without the generous support of our partners and community members and the trust given to us by the nearly 100,000 survivors served.

Together, we are transforming lives and giving thousands HOPE, making the FJC a special place! Our impact is a source of inspiration.



*The FJC relies on donations from the community to support our specialty programs for children and older adults impacted by trauma and abuse. Here are some ways that you can join us in making a difference.*

**\$1000** funds overnight camp and year-round mentoring for a child.

**\$500** funds 6 weeks of horseback riding and leadership development.

**\$350** sponsors lunch for elder justice professionals working to increase access to services for vulnerable adults experiencing abuse and exploitation.

**\$100** Provides a healthy meal for children attending a mentoring program.

**\$50** Sponsors holiday gifts for a child in need of new clothes.

**\$25** Provides healthy snacks and hospitality items for a day at the FJC for victims in crisis.

**Donate online at:**

[www.guilfordcountync.gov/fjc](http://www.guilfordcountync.gov/fjc)

**Checks should be made payable to:**

Guilford County Family Justice Center  
201 S. Greene St.  
Greensboro, NC 27401

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