



Lighting the Way

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FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

Success!

The opening of our new office/cottage was a wonderful success with many stakeholders taking time out of their day to come tour our new space. We have 3 floors of varying sizes for one-on-one therapy, group therapy, an art therapy room with a walk-out flagstone patio, and our upstairs houses a collective of amazing child serving professionals. All of this healing in a comfy, safe, historic cottage adjacent to Treehouse World Park! It is the most wonderful place for children to experience mental health treatment. Please schedule a time to stop by!

We have also been meeting with individuals who are seeking public office to tell them the stories of what the children in our county and across the United States are experiencing in the lack of childhood mental health available to them especially for extreme abuse. A Child's Light believes that everyone in county government needs to be aware of the crisis that our children are experiencing.



Leslie Holt
Executive Director/Founder



GRANT SUPPORT

Home Depot was a huge supporter and with their help we were provided with a grant so that we could re-carpet the main public areas and counseling room to make our space even more welcoming! With a CleanUP! done in August with board members and volunteers from the community we were able to transform a tired, old space into one that is serene, calming, and a sanctuary for abused children. One little one even reported that **"this isn't even like going to therapy!"** We consider that **the BEST review.**



LOCAL SUPPORT



A Child's Light was also the lucky recipient of support from **The Paoli Blues Fest** held at beautiful Wilson Farm Park in Tredyffrin Township. This event is held every year and is a wonderful event for music lovers and families. We were honored to accept a donation from the **Rotary of West Chester**. A Child's Light was thrilled to attend **The Whitford Classic** as one of their recipients of a substantial gift. We are looking forward to hosting another **Open House later in November** to allow more people to experience our wonderful new space.

HEALING JOURNEYS

We are happy to be able to offer not only **equine therapy** but now **art and music therapy** to reach children by using other therapeutic modalities to help them on their healing journeys. A Child Light has been receiving more referrals weekly as more families learn of our services and although we are honored to receive grants and donations the need is ever growing in Chester County.