



Hope for Children and Families News from Onslow County

Happy 2024 from One Place! We hope you enjoyed a restful holiday season with family and friends. We're thrilled to kick off the start of the new year with our monthly newsletter, sharing a recap on 2023 progress and a peek at what's to come in 2024.

Don't forget to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for updates and photos from our upcoming events!

Thank YOU for Your Support in 2023!



Every dollar counts—and your generous support and dedication to One Place’s vision made a transformational impact on our community.

From supporting early literacy programs, like Story Walks in the Park or Little Free Libraries, to providing life-changing services at the Child Advocacy Center, **we raised more than \$150,000 in 2023** to support One Place programs and services—all thanks to donors like you!

Renewing Our Focus in 2024

As we celebrate the start of construction at our forever home, we’re renewing our strategic priorities for the coming years to build a sustainable, flourishing organization.

Here’s what we’ve learned and the progress we’ve made:

Sustainability

- Provided all staff two opportunities for professional development on Diversity, Equity, and Access, and positive energy cultivation through The Energy Bus. Professional development enhances employee engagement, retention and satisfaction.

Strategic Expansion

- One Place staff designed survey questions, compiled data and analyzed the results of a comprehensive community needs assessment to provide insight for planning the implementation of future programs and services. Staff engaged with a variety of community partners and stakeholders to glean valuable information and feedback.

Stewardship & Cultivation

- Hosted our annual fundraising benefit, Diamonds & Denim in September.
- Launched the public phase of our capital campaign in support of the [SECU Hope Center](#).
- Increased communication to community partners, donors, stakeholders, and families engaged in our services.
- Developed an organizational stewardship plan to honor and support donors.

Our Team is Growing!



We're excited to welcome Scott Lodder to the One Place team as the Chief Information Officer.

Scott joins us with more 30 years of experience in the information technology world including software development, design, and systems development. He served as the Director of Information Technology at the North Carolina Partnership for Children for the last 23 years. Scott is a graduate of West Virginia University.

In his new role Scott will be responsible for the management and implementation of information and computer technologies.

Please help us welcome Scott to One Place to work on behalf of children and families in Onslow County.

On the Horizon: Expanding Mental Health Services



Did you know that One Place will expand our mental health services with the opening of our new building? We now have two staff clinicians providing mental health services to children at the Child Advocacy Center.

"Having immediate access to mental health services allows a child's healing journey to begin promptly after disclosing a traumatic event," says Christina Malu, a mental health therapist at the CAC. "On-site mental health services are the final puzzle piece to coordinated, collaborative response to child abuse in Onslow County."

Celebrating Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Each January, we celebrate the law enforcement officers who serve as part of the Child Advocacy Center's Multidisciplinary Team. We're grateful for all the officers who serve and help protect Onslow County's children.

[Learn more about our multidisciplinary team here →](#)



Diamonds and Denim 2024: Save the Date!

We're counting down the days until Diamonds and Denim! We can't wait to see you on Saturday, **September 23rd** from **6–10pm** as we raise money to support children and families in Onslow County.

[Reserve your sponsorship today →](#)

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BENEFITTING

ONE PLACE

Saturday, September 21, 2024
The American Legion, Jacksonville, NC

Schedule a Tour

Interested in visiting One Place? Learn more about our work and how we can change the future of Onslow County together.

[Click here to schedule your tour →](#)



Meet Our Board

Governance & Advancement

Jennifer Kellum

"One Place provides hope and healing for children who have been victims of physical and/or sexual abuse. I am most passionate about serving with an organization who provides protective factors for children and families through various programs and extensive resources. One Place believes we are ALL play a part in raising healthy, happy, and resilient children."

Your Support Makes One Place Possible

Your donation today is an investment that provides hope and strengthens the lives of children and families in Onslow County.

We are grateful for our partnership with caring, reliable supporters like you. Thank you for believing in our mission.

Donate Now