

# CARE House

## Fact Sheet

**History and Mission:** CARE House opened on Feb. 9, 1999. The mission of CARE House is to provide a multidisciplinary team response to child abuse for the purpose of protecting and supporting children and their non-offending family members, holding offenders accountable, and educating the community.

**The CARE House Team:** CARE House involves a partnership between Dayton Children's, Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office, Dayton Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and Montgomery County Department of Job and Family Services. In addition to these founding partners, all law enforcement agencies in Montgomery County utilize CARE House for their child abuse investigations.

**The Need:** Each day, 13 children are reported abused or neglected in Montgomery County. It's for the worst of these cases that CARE House exists. Since its inception in 1999, CARE House has served over 8,000 families who have been affected by abuse.

The "Building a Promise" campaign was launched in 2010 to accommodate the growing number of children and families that come for services each day. The original location was a more than 100 year old, two-story building with very steep steps and limited space.

**Construction Timeline:** March 2013– February 2014

**Architecture:** LWC Incorporated

**Construction Manager:** American Trademark Construction

**Location:** 410 Valley Street (located at the corner of Valley and Grant Streets)

**Building Features and Services:** The new building nearly doubles in size from the old CARE House. Some of the new features include:

- A child-centered reception area
- Two sound-proof, child-friendly interview and observation rooms
- State-of-the-art recording equipment
- A case review room
- Expanded space for mental health treatment
- A multipurpose room for group therapy, support groups and prevention training

**Funding:** With the support of the community, the "Building a Promise" campaign exceeded its goal, raising over \$2.3 million to build the new facility. Dayton Children's serves as the fiscal agent for CARE House.



*The new CARE House located at 410 Valley Street will allow for expanded services to victims of child abuse.*

