

Samantha Hadeed, 6, collected cans and bottles to raise money for the Children's Center at the Monroe County Hall of Justice. She and her family used the money to gift the Children's Center with a new kitchen dramatic play area for the children at the center. Pictured below you can find the flyer Samantha Hadeed and her family used to collect cans and bottles.

Samantha's mother, Corey Nichols-Hadeed, works closely with the Children's Center through the Laboratory of Interpersonal Violence and Victimization (LIVV) in the Department of Psychiatry.

The Children's Center, directed by Eileen Whitney, is operated through the Department of Psychiatry and provides kids with a safe place to stay while their parents are in court. The center can provide a space for up to 12 children at a time, ages six weeks to twelve years old. Children stay in the Center anywhere from a few minutes to a few days. The Children's Center served 4,034 children in 2015, and provided 1,294 referrals for services. The Center operates through the help of Psychiatry staff, as well as volunteers from the Friends of Strong Program, MCC student interns and Americorps members.



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