



**KIDS' KORNER** is a children's waiting room located on the first floor in the Lake County Courthouse. Our purpose is to provide a safe and fun waiting area for children who are in the courthouse to testify in court or whose parents or guardians are conducting court business.





KIDS' KORNER was founded in 1994 to address the needs of children in the courthouse. KIDS' KORNER protects children from confusing, frightening and inappropriate adult business or behavior.

In addition, KIDS' KORNER enables the court to conduct business in an orderly fashion. Since its inception KIDS' KORNER has provided a safe haven to over 52,000 children involved in the court system.


Prior to opening KIDS' KORNER, children in the courthouse were often left unattended while their parents conducted court business. These children were at risk of being adversely impacted by court proceedings affecting themselves or their families. They were exposed to inappropriate behavior by adults attending court for criminal, traffic, or divorce matters. They endured unnecessary stress while waiting to testify in court proceedings. Unfortunately, they also often created a distraction to the orderly conduct of court business.


Both parents and children attest to the success of KIDS' KORNER - parents through their positive comments and children through their joyful play. While at KIDS' KORNER, children are made to feel safe and secure. They receive sustained and encouraging adult contact and guidance from trained staff and volunteer caregivers at a stressful time in their young lives. KIDS' KORNER is a very special way that the Lake County Courthouse shows its concern for children and families.

**KIDS' KORNER NEEDS YOUR HELP**





-  Volunteers are needed to serve as caregivers in KIDS' KORNER. Hours are flexible.
-  KIDS' KORNER is a county funded program. However, monetary donations are greatly appreciated.
-  Gifts of \$500.00 and greater will be recognized on the KIDS' KORNER Giving Tree located in the Lake County Courthouse.
-  Our "Give-A-Book" project is in need of new or gently used books. Every child visiting KIDS' KORNER chooses a book to take home. We hope these special books encourage parents to read to their children and promote a life-long love of reading and learning.



 Our "Give-An-Animal-A-Home" holiday project is in need of new stuffed animals. Every child visiting KIDS' KORNER during the holiday season chooses a stuffed animal to take home. This project helps kids make a new friend and gives an animal a new home.

 Our "Give-A-Blanket/Quilt" project is a special way we provide extra comfort to the children we service at KIDS' KORNER. Several local, as well as national, knitting/crocheting groups donate handmade blankets to our program. This enables every child visiting KIDS' KORNER to choose a special blanket to provide them with the comfort they need at this stressful time.

**KIDS' KORNER**

-  Serves children ages 2-12
-  Is a free service
-  Space is limited – admittance is on a first come first served basis
-  Hours:  
8:30 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.  
1:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.



**KIDS' KORNER**  
 Lake County Courthouse  
 18 North County Street  
 Waukegan, Illinois 60085  
 847.377.3825

Please accept my donation to KIDS' KORNER  
Enclosed is my check for:



\$50.00 \$100.00 \$250.00 Other  
\$500.00 Gold Leaf \$1,000.00 Bronze Leaf \$3,000.00 Silver Leaf  
\$5,000.00 Small Stone \$10,000.00 Large Stone

I can volunteer my time as a caregiver in KIDS' KORNER.  
I can donate new or gently used books. I can donate new stuffed animals.

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to:  
Kids' Korner Donation Fund  
18 North County Street  
Waukegan, Illinois 60085

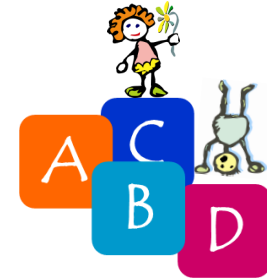


KIDS' KORNER was originally established with the support and endorsement of the following organizations:

- A Safe Place
- Association of Women Attorneys of Lake County
- Child Care Coalition of Lake County
- Council Against Sexual Abuse
- Lake County Fighting Back
- Lake County Bar Association
- Lake County Bar Foundation
- Lake County Children's Advocacy Center
- Lake County Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Lake County Sheriff's Office
- Lake County Family YMCA
- Lake County State's Attorney's Office
- YMCA of Northeastern Illinois



# CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM



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