



Our vision is a community where **all children are safe** and **free from abuse.**

July 21, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Villa of Hope – a human service agency providing a comprehensive behavioral health continuum of care for youth, adults, and families living with trauma, mental health issues, and substance use needs. Based in Rochester, the Villa serves thousands of individuals annually through Monroe County and the Finger Lakes Region. As you are aware, the mental health needs of Monroe County residents are exponentially increasing and Villa is stepping up to meet those needs.

Bivona Child Advocacy Center has been a partner to the Villa for many years, with countless shared clients receiving services from the Villa. The relationship we have with the Villa is long-standing and we have partnered on a number of endeavors related to children's mental health.

We would like to support Villa of Hope's application for Monroe County's American Rescue Plan Act funding. The Villa is applying to launch Hope on the Horizon – a youth drop-in center based in the City of Rochester focused on meeting the mental health needs of youth ages 13-21 in the Greater Rochester community. The program will support mental health needs, address social determinants of health, reduce community violence, and connect to needed resources in the community.

Bivona Child Advocacy Center is excited to hear about this opportunity and is committed to properly supporting the Villa in this endeavor. Thank you for considering their proposal.

Sincerely,

Deb Rosen, Executive Director