



Kilah Davenport Foundation

Such a Big Miracle, in Such a Little Girl

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Thank you for expressing interest and support for the Kilah Davenport Foundation. It's our pleasure to provide this press kit to help you learn more about Kilah Davenport, the 501(3)(c) Non-Profit Foundation created in her name. The main goal of this press kit is to introduce you to the Foundation, the leadership and goals, as well as our mission to raise awareness on the issues of child abuse, and events that support our cause.

If you have any questions or wish to speak to me personally, please contact me direct via email at: brian@kilah.org, or call me at: 704-622-6588. Thanks in advance for your consideration and interest, and I sincerely look forward to speaking to you more.

Brian Davenport

President, Kilah Davenport Foundation

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About Kilah Davenport and the Foundation



Kilah was born on April 3, 2009. She was a beautiful baby, with a smile that would capture your heart as soon as you would come into contact with her. Kilah quickly transformed from an infant to a toddler within, what seemed like, a blink of an eye. By the age of three, Kilah was very independent and self-sufficient. Kilah enjoyed the outdoors, listening to music and dancing.

On May 16, 2012 Kilah was brutally abused while in her step-father's care. Kilah suffered 90 percent brain damage, a fractured skull, a broken collarbone and other injuries as a result of the attack. The doctors initially did not give Kilah a very good chance of surviving her injuries. Once she survived the critical 72 hours, the doctors stated that she would not have a sustainable life and would remain in a vegetative state.

Kilah is a fighter! Every day since the May 16th event that changed her life, she's been fighting her way back from her injuries. Through therapy, Kilah is learning how to walk, talk and eat again at facilities like that of the Levine's Children's Hospital in Charlotte North Carolina.

The Kilah Davenport Foundation was started in November 2012 to help visitors learn more about child abuse, and share information about the journey of Kilah Davenport. Kilah Davenport Foundation is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization.

The mission of the Kilah Davenport Foundation is to encourage and promote activities and programs meant to strengthen and unify the prevention of child abuse and assistance in providing educational resources for victim families that have suffered abuse. To provide goods, services and/or funds to individuals, groups or non-profit organizations for the prevention of child abuse.

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- [KDF on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/KilahDavenportFoundation) - <https://www.facebook.com/KilahDavenportFoundation>
- [Kilah Davenport Foundation page](http://www.change.org/organizations/kilah_davenport_foundation) at Change.org - http://www.change.org/organizations/kilah_davenport_foundation

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KDF Leadership



Brian Davenport with Kilah, 2011

Brian Davenport, President - Brian Davenport is a Captain on the Charlotte Fire Department and married to Leslie Davenport. He and Leslie have been married for almost 8 years and have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Kilah is his granddaughter and the violent crime that happened to her is what inspired him to form the Kilah Davenport Foundation.

Jim Jervis, Vice President – Jim has been active in the non profit community , serving as vice president of the Charlotte Blues Society, the Greater Charlotte Entertainment Cartel, Central Piedmont Community College’s Folk Frolic Festival as well as founding member of Charlottes’ Blues and BBQ Festival. Jim is active in Charlottes music scene, and manages Charlotte’s own Lucky Five. He enjoys spending time with his family and his three pups.

Leslie Davenport, Executive Director of the Kilah Davenport Foundation - Leslie Davenport, the wife of Brian Davenport, worked as an Operating Room Instrument and Supply Technician with Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte for the past two years. Prior to her employment in the health care field, Leslie worked with the Cabarrus County School System in the Exceptional Children’s Department . Leslie is currently working out of the home managing the foundation as well as assisting with taking care of Kilah’s medical and therapeutic needs. Kilah is her granddaughter and the violent crime that happened to her is what inspired Leslie to form the Kilah Davenport Foundation.

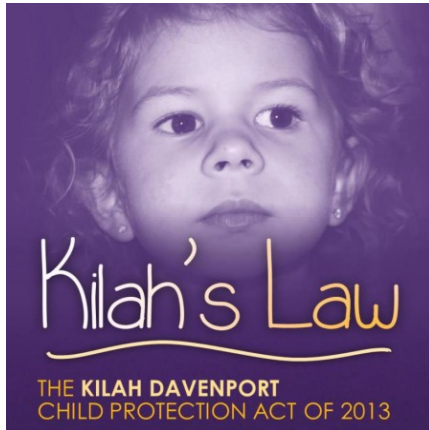
Jeff Gerber, Trustee - Jeff Gerber is a resident of Unionville NC. He is married, a father of six, and a grandfather. He is also the founder of “The Justice For All Coalition”; a grassroots effort that participated in the passage of “Jessica’s Law “. The most recent quest The Coalition has participated is “Kilahs Law” that was created in a joint effort with the Davenport family.

Patti Freeman, Trustee – Patti Freeman has worn many hats; having been an EMT/Fire Fighter since 1990, Realtor since 2001, and Massage Therapist since 2013. As a member of the volunteer rescue for Fairview Fire and Rescue, she was one of the first responders that helped Kilah the day she was abused. After finding that the punishment for such a crime did not fit the actions, she became involved with the Kilah Davenport Foundation.

Katie Freeman, Secretary – Katie is a recent college graduate from UNC- Charlotte where she earned her Bachelor's in Social Work degree. She has experience working with vulnerable populations, especially youth in foster care and disabled adults. She has been an active volunteer with the foundation to help raise awareness of "Kilah's Law." In addition, Katie is also a member of the "Justice for all Coalition."

Aashima Agarwal Rodkey, Trustee – Aashima has worked in healthcare for 9+ years in both Radiology and Echocardiography. She is currently the Health & Safety Specialist for Central Piedmont Community College. Aashima had followed Kilah's story closely while working for the hospital. Over a year later she met the Davenport family and immediately wanted to help with Kilah's cause and become involved with the Kilah Davenport Foundation. She is married and has one dog, a rescue from the Charlotte area pound. She is also a proud supporter of local animal rescue groups and no kill shelters.

Kilahs Law (North Carolina Law)



Governor Pat McCrory signed Kilah's Law into law today. The bill increases the penalties for convicted child abusers to a Class D felony and requires their official record show that the abused was younger than 16 years of age. Before this law, child abuse was classified as "domestic violence" on official records.

"It is our duty to protect North Carolina's children to the best of our abilities," said Governor McCrory. "It is my hope that Kilah's Law will help stop child abuse in our state. I'd like to thank our legislators for coming together to work on such a necessary bill. I especially want to recognize Kilah and her family for their support of this legislation and thank the Davenports for

allowing Kilah to represent such a meaningful law."

Kilah's Law is named after 4-year-old Kilah Davenport, a child brutally abused while in her step-father's care. Kilah suffered serious brain damage, a fractured skull, a broken collarbone and other injuries as a result of the attack in 2012. Her step-father, Joshua Houser, is currently in the Union County Jail awaiting trial. Kilah survived the attack. She and her family joined Governor McCrory along with lawmakers for the bill signing Wednesday afternoon.

- Governor Pat McCrory - <http://governor.nc.gov/newsroom/press-releases/20130424/governor-mccrory-signs-kilahs-law>
- House Bill 75 - <http://ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/House/PDF/H75v2.pdf>
- Senate Bill 70 - <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2013/Bills/Senate/PDF/S70v1.pdf>

Kilah Davenport Child Protection Act (Federal Legislation)

Congressman Robert Pittenger (NC-09) formally announced the "Kilah Davenport Child Protection Act of 2013." This new Federal legislation will ensure that those who commit heinous acts against children are punished appropriately.

If enacted, the Kilah Davenport Child Protection Act will ensure states punish child abusers who inflict serious injury with a minimum sentence of more than 10 years. Currently in North Carolina, a first-time offender would receive a sentence of 4 to 6 years, even though the child might be disabled for life. In New York, an offender who throws a child's head against a hard object, causing brain damage, would receive a maximum sentence of only 7 years!

States that do not meet minimum sentencing requirements would lose the right to receive federal taxpayer money for child abuse prevention programs. Until states take serious action to punish child abusers, it's a waste of federal taxpayer money to pay for prevention programs on the front end.

- Congressman Robert Pittenger - <http://pittenger.house.gov/kilahslaw>
- Read HR1311 1H - https://pittenger.house.gov/sites/pittenger.house.gov/files/wysiwyg_uploaded/KilahDavenportChildProtectionAct.pdf

Facts about Child Abuse

Federal legislation provides guidance to States by identifying a minimum set of acts or behaviors that define child abuse and neglect. The [Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act \(CAPTA\) \(42 U.S.C.A. § 5106g\)](http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/whatiscan.pdf), (<http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/whatiscan.pdf>) as amended by the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010, defines child abuse and neglect as, at minimum:

- “Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation”; or
- “An act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm.”

Federal legislation sets minimum standards for States that accept CAPTA funding, each State provides its own definitions of maltreatment within civil and criminal statutes.

How many children are reported and investigated for abuse or neglect?

According to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), in 2009, there were over 3.2 million reports of child abuse in the United States. Of those, over 762,000 were considered substantiated victims.

Child Abuse Statistics

- A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds
- More than 5 children will die each day as a result of child abuse
- Approximately 80% of children that die from abuse will be under the age of 4.
- About 60% of child fatalities from abuse are not recorded on their death certificates.
- Child abuse occurs on every socioeconomic level. It is recorded in all religions, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

How does child abuse affect victims as they become adults?

- More than 30% of abused and neglected children will go on to abuse their own children.
- If the abuse was sexual, over 60% of victims will be sexually abused again or go on to sexually abuse someone else.
- Psychological disorders are common in about 80% of children that were abused. Most are not diagnosed until adulthood.

Recent News Stories

- [Governor McCrory Signs Kilahs Law](#) - **Charlotte Observer**, April 24 2013
(<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2013/04/24/4001931/gov-mccrory-signs-kilahs-law.html>)
- [Kilahs Laws Officially Signed Into the Books](#) - **WCNC Charlotte**, April 24, 2013
(<http://www.wcnc.com/news/politics/Kilahs-Law-officially-signed-into-the-books-204565381.html>)
- [Kilahs Law Passes Unanimously](#) - **Jon Hardister State Representative**
(<http://nchouse59.com/kilahs-law-passes-unanimously/>)
- [NC Bill Requiring Harsher Penalties for Child Abusers](#) - **TruTV**
(<http://www.trutv.com/library/crime/blog/2013/04/18/north-carolina-senate-passes-law-requiring-harsher-penalties-for-child-abusers/index.html>)
- [KDF To Help Families Suffering from Child Abuse](#) - **WBTV**, Union County Edition
(<http://unioncounty.wbtv.com/news/news/76200-kilah-davenport-foundation-help-families-suffering-child-abuse>)

Past Fundraising Events Supporting KDF

- **Kilah Palooza**, August 2012 -
<http://teamkilah.wordpress.com/2012/08/05/kilah-palooza-is-one-week-away-we-still-need-volunteers/>
- **Hawthornes Fundraiser**, May 2013 -
<http://www.kilahdavenportfoundation.com/hawthornes-fund-raiser-was-a-success/>
- **Forty Rod Benefit**, March 2013 -
<http://teamkilah.wordpress.com/2013/03/19/benefit-concert-for-kilah-come-out-and-support-on-march-25th/>
- **Monroe Moose Riders**, November 2012 -
<http://teamkilah.wordpress.com/2012/11/26/monroe-moose-riders-present-check-for-over-7k-to-the-davenport-family/>
- **BBQ Fundraiser**, August 2012 -
<http://teamkilah.wordpress.com/2012/08/05/kilahs-bbq-fundraiser-fun-time-had-by-all/>