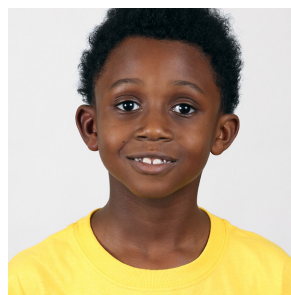


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UPCOMING EVENTS



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Subaru Share the Love-November 19-January 4, 2021

Help share the love this holiday season by purchasing a Subaru and helping the CAC! This promotion applies to all new Subaru vehicles sold or leased from November 19, 2020 through January 4, 2021. Visit Cross Creek Subaru at 497 N. McPherson Church Road and select the Child Advocacy Center as your hometown charity of choice when you purchase or lease a new Subaru. Cross Creek Subaru will also donate a minimum of \$50.00 to the Child Advocacy Center, Inc. here in our community for each vehicle sold or leased.

Event information is updated regularly on the CAC website: CACFayNC.org

19 Days of Child Abuse Prevention Results

The Child Advocacy Center participated in the 19 Days of Child Abuse Prevention Campaign November 1st-19th. The goal of the 19 Days of Child Abuse Prevention was to increase commitment, activities and education, and to mobilize communities throughout the world around child abuse prevention. This year the Child Advocacy Center participated with a community outreach campaign, No-Sew Blanket Frenzy Competition and Champion for Children Awards.

The results of the No-Sew Blanket Frenzy included over 200 blankets donated to the Child Advocacy Center from various organizations including: Alma O. Easom Elementary, Berean Baptist Church, Child Advocacy Center Staff, Fayetteville Area Youth for Christ, Fayetteville Technical Community College Criminal Justice Department, Lafayette Baptist Church, Kathy and Miranda Lee, St. James Lutheran, TRP Sumner and BB&T Now Truist. Children that come to the Child Advocacy Center receive a no-sew fleece blanket made by volunteers throughout our community. The need for these blankets is always a high priority as the children love to receive them. We call them "comfort" blankets as they provide a sense of comfort for the child as they leave the CAC.

The Child Advocacy Center also hosted *Story Time* for preschoolers across our community for childcare centers in Cumberland County, Ft. Bragg, and surrounding counties. Pre-recorded stories were uploaded for each of the 19 days and were

posted on our Facebook, Instagram and Youtube pages as well as being distributed electronically to our Partners in Prevention and local daycare centers. 2,000 backpacks were distributed to 20 daycare centers including Building Blocks of Hope Mills, Raeford, and Cameron, Head Start, Kinder Care on Fort Bragg Road and Snyder Preschool. Each backpack had a book on body safety, parent-child activity books and an informational packet for parents.

We also accepted multiple nominations for the annual Champion for Children Awards in the following categories: Agency/Group, Professional and Volunteer. Each person or agency that was nominated demonstrates what it means to go above and beyond in the fight against child abuse and neglect in our community. The 2020 recipients are Agency/Group -Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit, Professional—Mr. Justin Mitchell, Deputy Garrison Commander of Ft. Bragg and the C. Frank Pierce Volunteer Award—Ms. Jackie O'Donnell, CAC Volunteer. We appreciate their efforts to ensure that each child in our community can grow up in a safe and nurturing community. The 19 Days Campaign serves as a reminder that there is something every person can do to prevent child abuse. If you would like to learn more about this campaign, please visit our website at CACFayNC.org or our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/CACFayNC](https://www.facebook.com/CACFayNC)

Champion for Children Awards

Agency/Group Award: Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit

The SVU Unit works in the community with collaborative efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of all children in Cumberland County. This unit made of up of instructors, volunteers and advocates serve the most vulnerable victims in our community. The unit is passionate about fighting for the children and their rights every single day. 2019 brought lots of changes for the Sheriff's office but they adapted and overcame for the children in the community. This unit is made up of professionals who are also parents. They fight for the children daily. They are Champions for Children.

Professional Award: Mr. Justin Mitchell, Deputy Garrison Commander

Mr. Mitchell works closely with Family Advocacy Program, Military Police, other first responders, Chaplains, childcares, and many more on the Ft. Bragg installation to ensure the safety and well being of all children and families. At the beginning of Covid-19, he mobilized the Army Community Services team to call each resident of the 6,151 on post homes to check on their welfare. This took place not only once but four times during the pandemic. One of Mr Mitchell's biggest indirect contributions to parents and couples has been his direct, personal

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Champion for Children Awards Continued

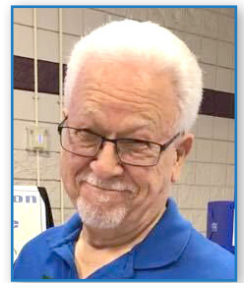
caring efforts. He regularly takes time to check on staff members and lets them know he appreciates them and what they are doing for military families.

C. Frank Pierce Volunteer Award: Jackie O'Donnell, CAC Volunteer

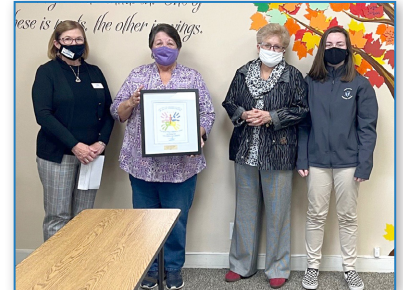
Ms. O'Donnell became a volunteer in 2015. She has provided front desk help, put packets together for families and new volunteers, prepared prevention workshop materials, helped prepare mailings and so much more. Jackie embodies service to others through her actions. The saying actions speak louder than words really applies to her. She embraces every project as a way to join hands with our hands, the staff and provide tangible ways to educate and bring awareness to child abuse in our community and beyond. She truly models what a true commitment to what a volunteer looks like.

This year, the Volunteer Award, was renamed the C. Frank Pierce Volunteer Award. Frank Pierce passed away in February of this year and epitomized the heart of volunteerism as he tirelessly worked to protect children in so many ways. After retiring as a detective with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office in 2006, spending part of that career with the Special Victims Unit, Frank turned his attention to serving children through his volunteer work. Frank led with passion. He was a true model of volunteerism to the staff, the board, and to other volunteers he met along the way. Mr. Pierce was a true "shining star" to all of us who had the pleasure of working with him at the Child Advocacy Center.

The Nominees for the Champion for Children Awards were: Berean Baptist Church, Detective Robin Brinkley, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Special Victims Unit, Jessica Carter, DSS, Protective Services, Social Worker, Dr. Sharon Cooper, Developmental and Forensic Pediatrics P.A., Forensic Pediatrician, Cheryl Mitchell, Cumberland County Schools, Social Worker, Senior Sergeant Detective, Larry Sheets, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Elise Tison, Child Advocacy Center, Forensic Interviewer.



Pictured Above C. Frank Pierce



January Human Trafficking Awareness Month

The Polaris Project defines Human Trafficking as the business of stealing freedom for profit. Additional information on Human Trafficking includes:

- ◆ Traffickers often trick and physically force victims into selling sex.
- ◆ Manipulation and/or threats happen to force working in inhumane, illegal or unacceptable conditions.
- ◆ Trafficking is a multi-billion-dollar industry that denies freedom to 24.9 million people around the world.
- ◆ Sex trafficking is defined as a crime of using force, fraud or coercion to induce another individual to sell sex. Common types include escort services, pornography, illicit massage businesses, brothels, and outdoor solicitation.
- ◆ Labor trafficking is the crime of using force, fraud or coercion to induce another individual to work or provide service. Some types include agriculture, domestic work, restaurants, cleaning services, and carnivals.

Source: polarisproject.org/

The Child Advocacy Center will be hosting a Human Trafficking event on January 26, 2021, featuring guest speaker, Jeanne L. Allert, of Baltimore Maryland. Ms. Allert has been advancing residential care for victims of domestic sex trafficking since 2007. She created The Samaritan Women, a long-term restorative care program based in Maryland that serves trafficking victims from across the country. The Samaritan Women grew to a 5-phase program with three homes, an on-site schoolhouse and vocational training program.

Ms. Allert will host two seminars on the with the Child Advocacy Center.

The first private event will be from 1:00 pm – 4:00pm on "Victimology" and will be open for Multi-Disciplinary Team members. The second public event will be from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm she will include a presentation on "Domestic Sex Trafficking in America". For additional information about the event, please visit our website at CACFayNC.org as we will post additional details as they are available.

About Jeanne Allert "Jeanne is a compelling speaker on the topic of domestic human trafficking and has delivered awareness presentations in several states. She is a member of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign, Graduate of the FBI Citizen's Academy, and a Human Trafficking Contributor for the National Advisory Council for the Conference on Crimes Against Women.

Jeanne founded The Samaritan Women in 2007 and serves as Executive Director. She is the chief architect behind The Samaritan Women's spiritual healing program and spends a great deal of time educating medical, social work, and mental health professionals about the unique needs of trafficking victims. Her work has been featured in numerous articles and in the 2015 documentary "In Plain Sight." In 2018 she created the Institute for Shelter Care, a national initiative to address gaps in service and quality for victims of sexual exploitation." For more information, please visit <https://thesamaritanwomen.org/>

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Pictured Above Jeanne L. Allert, M.Ed.

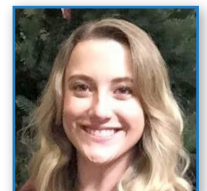


Claire Mullen is proud to call Fayetteville home, and has lived here since she was five years old. Claire studied English and Psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill and comes from a long line of diehard Tar Heels.

She joined City View Magazine as a columnist in February 2020 and enjoys writing about the people and events that positively impact our wonderful community. Claire has a heart for community service, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Cape Fear Botanical Garden and the Care Clinic Evening of Care committee. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Corey, a co-owner of Carolinas Dentist. They have two young children, ages 6 and 4, and a trusty old lab.

New Marketing Committee Members

Sarah Weaver serves as Assistant Program Director, Music Director, and Morning Show personality for WKML-FM with Beasley Media Group. She previously started her on-air career with Alaska Integrated Media and worked for 3 years on KMVN-FM in Anchorage. She earned her Bachelor degree in Broadcast Communications at Millersville University of Pennsylvania.



The Child Advocacy Center Welcomes Four New Members to the Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors for the Upcoming 2021 Year

Dr. Cheryl Perry Colvin currently serves as the Medical Director of Cape Fear Valley Health Hospital's Emergency Department. Dr. Colvin is a native of Lackawanna, NY has been employed at Cape Fear Valley Hospital since 2009. Dr. Colvin completed her Bachelor of Science and her Master of Business Administration at Methodist University. Dr. Colvin also completed her Doctorate at Brody School of Medicine as well as having served 8 years in the United States Air Force.



Dr. Cheryl Colvin

Jimmy Hendley, Jr. is the Chief Executive Officer of Better Beginnings Healthcare Solutions. Better Beginnings Healthcare Solutions provides professional counseling services for those experiencing behavioral health and/or mental health concerns. Mr. Hendley provides volunteer mentorship to adult and young men in the community through a ministry he started in 2018 – "Made Men." and currently serves as co-facilitator for therapeutic group at the Child Advocacy Center. He also supported students at FSU by speaking to them in an open forum about Business Ownership and Management. Mr. Hendley has coordinated several awareness events for veterans, homeless citizens, and those diagnosed with mental health concerns.



Jimmy Hendley

Mr. Hendley has served several churches in the local community by either delivering a sermon, providing music, participating on panels, speaking with the youth, and/or supporting initiatives they have developed within the community. Mr. Hendley is a very talented Professional Musician and is well known in the surrounding areas for his passion towards his gift. He has played for and toured with several nationally and internationally known recording artists; many of whom he's still in connection with today. Mr. Hendley is a Fayetteville native, born and raised in the Murchison Road community. Mr. Hendley believes every day you live to see, God grants you an opportunity to serve him and serve others with the gifts and tools he blessed you with.

Chris Lee is an Area Manager, Vice President for Carter Bank and Trust in the Eastern Region. He has been in banking and finance since 2005, having spent his entire banking career in Cumberland County helping countless consumers & businesses with their financial needs. Chris is extremely proud to be leading a passionate team of community bankers that embrace CB&T's mission of striving to be the preferred lifetime financial partner for their customers and shareholders, and the employer of choice in the communities they are privileged to serve.



Chris Lee

Mr. Lee attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Fayetteville Technical Community College, before graduating from the North Carolina School of Banking in 2007. He embodies the community banking model with strong ties to the community, having recently served as President of Banking and Finance Advisory Committee at FTCC where he helped represent the banking industry on numerous regulatory initiatives. Chris has also dedicated years of service to additional non-profit organizations including The Annual Friends of Children's Golf Classic Committee, Community Advisory Board & Loaned Executive Committee with United Way, and Fayetteville Young Professionals. He has chaired several fundraising events and has received numerous awards for his volunteer work. Chris is inspired daily by his wife and their 6yr old son. In his free time, Chris likes to play golf, travel with family & friends and play games with his son, Asher.



Dr. Juelle McDonald

Juelle McDonald, Ph.D. is an assistant principal at Pine Forest High School. Before becoming an assistant principal, she worked as an English teacher at E.E. Smith High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from East Carolina University, her Master of School Administration degree from Campbell University, and her doctorate degree from North Carolina State University. Dr. McDonald also was recognized as one of Fayetteville's 40 Under 40 and serves on several local boards in our community.

Happenings at the Child Advocacy Center

The CAC recently celebrated the impending arrival of baby Erik with glowing mom Stephanie Portillo! Stephanie has been with the Child Advocacy Center for the past year as the Victim & Family Advocate/Case Manager. We wish Stephanie and her family all the best with their first son!



Stephanie Portillo

LaToya Guillory has joined the Child Advocacy Center as Victim & Family Advocate/Case Manager. She has specialized experience as an Adult Protective Services Social Worker and as a Child Protective Services Specialist. Ms. Guillory has earned a B.S degree in Psychology from Northwestern State University.



LaToya Guillory

Thank You! The CAC is very grateful to our Corporate and Individual Benefactors who have agreed to be year-long sponsors for CAC events for the 2020-2021 Year.

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A Special Thank You!

The Child Advocacy Center would like to thank the 2020 Board of Directors for their dedication and tireless commitment to the children in our community and in working towards our purpose, vision and mission. We would like to send a special heartfelt thank you to our 2020 Board Officers for their continued dedication and leadership:

Robin Hurmence, J.D. – *Chairperson*
The Honorable Claire Hill – *Vice-Chairperson*

Debbie Jenkins, DCSW – *Secretary*
Kathleen Thompson – *Treasurer*

As the year winds down and we approach 2021, the Child Advocacy Center would like to recognize the 2021 Board Officers

Honorable Claire Hill, *Chairperson*
Nadine Miller-Bernard, *Vice Chairperson*

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And a special thank you to all our individual donors and supporters who help us provide the very best services to the child victims of abuse in our community. We could not do this work without your generosity.

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What We Do

A Place of Healing and Hope: Joining hands with community agencies, the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) offers a safe and child-friendly place to interview, investigate and provide support for child victims of abuse. The CAC also provides prevention education for parents, professionals and agencies in our community. We look to a future where all children live in a safe and nurturing environment free from abuse.

During FY 2020, the Child Advocacy Center received 876 cases of reported child abuse, a 20% increase from the past year. 1,181 adults received child abuse prevention training through programs offered by the CAC, including *Stewards of Children, Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse, Resilience and Chosen (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Education)*. 494 forensic interviews were conducted at the center, a 22% increase from the past fiscal year. 474 families received Victim Family Advocate services, providing direct aid as well as assisting them in accessing needed resources, an 18% increase from the previous fiscal year. For additional information, please visit CACFayNC.org

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