

# Joining Hands

PROTECT CHILDREN STOP ABUSE  
CHILD ADVOCACY  
CENTER

A Place of Healing & Hope



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHALLENGE GRANT CAMPAIGN

**JUNE – NOVEMBER 2022  
HELP US REACH OUR  
GOAL OF \$25,000**

The Child Advocacy Center has been given a \$25,000 challenge grant opportunity from Anonymous Trust/Simply East Fund. The purpose of this grant is to raise funds from new donors, increased gifts from individuals, corporations, foundations, churches who are current donors and gifts from donors that have not given in the past 18 months. Donations from new donors and lapsed donors will be matched dollar for dollar. The increased gift portion from current donors will be matched dollar for dollar. The Challenge Grant will begin on June 1, 2022 and will go through November 30, 2022. **The challenge is that we must raise at least \$25,000 in order to receive the matching grant from Anonymous Trust.** This is a wonderful opportunity for you to be a part of supporting the work of the CAC in our community.

Event information is updated regularly on the CAC website:  
[CACFayNC.org](http://CACFayNC.org)

## Keeping Children Safe Online

*By Roberta Humphries, Executive Director*

The National CyberSecurity Alliance and several other organizations recognize June as National Internet Safety Month. This is a great time to bring awareness and identify how we can use the internet in safer ways, especially for our children and teens. Communicating online is a way of life for most of our children, yet it comes with certain risks. Inappropriate conduct, inappropriate contact and inappropriate content are all concerns. Technology is constantly evolving and so are the risks associated with it. You can minimize these risks by talking with your children about how they communicate and encouraging them to think before they post. The online world can feel anonymous, and children sometimes forget that they are still accountable for their actions. Some people online are not good people, and they have bad intentions. They might be bullies, predators, hackers, or scammers. Online access also makes it easier to intentionally or unintentionally come across pornography, violence or hate speech. The best way to protect your children online is through open communication and it is never too early to start. As soon as your child starts using a cell phone, computer, I Pad, gaming system or any device that has internet capability you need to talk with them about online safety and etiquette.

### **What you can say:**

Only post online what you are comfortable with anyone seeing.

Once you post it you can't take it back.

Certain information is private and should not be shared – social security number, address, school location, phone number, financial information should not be shared online

Nude or sexually explicit photos should never be posted.

Don't have sexual conversations online.

Use privacy settings.

Don't disclose your password.

Only friend people you really know.

Send group messages with care – send to only those that really needs to see the message.

If something online bothers you or makes you afraid tell me about it.

### **What you should ask:**

Do you know and trust who you are sharing information with or downloading information from?

Were you ever sorry you shared something online?

Have you ever seen something online that made you angry or scared?

What apps are you currently using?

What online groups do you belong to?

### **What you can do:**

Know your child's passwords.

Check out your child's social networking pages from time to time.

Go over their friend list with them.

Communicate your expectations and how they apply in an online context – what is off limits and what do you consider unacceptable behavior.

Consider parental controls.

Set limits on how long, how often and when they can be online.

As with any other issue in our children's lives, keeping the lines of communication open is the most important weapon in prevention. To learn more about protecting your children online you can visit the following websites:

[www.OnGuardOnline.gov](http://www.OnGuardOnline.gov)

[www.cisa.gov/stoptthinkconnect](http://www.cisa.gov/stoptthinkconnect)

[www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources/internet-safety-month](http://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources/internet-safety-month)



## Save the Date!

**October 1, 2022**  
**CAPE FEAR BOTANICAL GARDEN**

The CAC is excited about the upcoming Pinwheel Masquerade Ball & Auction at the Cape Fear Botanical Gardens and we look forward to seeing you there! Visit the CAC Pinwheel Masquerade Ball Facebook page for the latest updates and to share some of your favorite photos from past years events.

[CACFayNC.org](http://CACFayNC.org)

# Honoring Cumberland County's Champions for Children

By Roberta Humphries, Executive Director

The Annual Child Abuse Summit 2022: Creating Pathways to Promote Resilient Communities was held on Thursday April 28 at the John D. Fuller Recreational/Athletic Complex. This is a collaborative effort with the Child Advocacy Center, Southern Regional AHEC, and Army Community Services to provide a regional educational opportunity for professionals in our community to hear from national and local experts in their field and to highlight April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. At the event, the 2021 Cumberland County Champion for Children Awards were presented to two individuals and one group for their outstanding work to benefit the lives of children in our community during 2021. The 2021 award winners were: Sharon Kinstrey – Volunteer Category; Dr. Sharon Cooper, – Professional Category and Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit – Agency/Group Category.



Sharon Kinstrey – 2021  
Champion for Children Volunteer

Cumberland County Special Victims Unit – 2021 Agency  
Champion for Children

Dr. Sharon Cooper – 2021  
Professional Champion for Children

## The 2022 Fayetteville Ultimate Lip Sync Showdown

The 2022 Fayetteville Ultimate Lip Sync Showdown was held on Saturday April 9 at the Crown Center Ballroom. Tim Edwards and Jenny deViere co-chaired the Lip Sync committee consisting of Anita Flowers, Carol Wheeler, Chris Lee, Cindy Williams, DeLisa Crosby, Meghan Engle, Reshma Beal, and Trisha Taris. Karen Tisdale was the show coordinator. Ten amazing local acts performed competing for various awards. Emcees for the evening were Nicki Hart and Michael Thrash. Judges included Bill Bowman, Suzanne Pennink, Adam Collier, and the Honorable Toni S. King. Debbie Bender Designs provided the decorations and Five Star Entertainment and Von Demetriz and the Band provided entertainment for the evening. Net proceeds from the event were \$45,542. The following groups won awards:



**Pictured:**  
Roberta Humphries, Reshma Beal, Karen Tisdale, Chris Lee, Tim Edwards, Jenny deViere, Mark Pezzella, Debbie Bender, Faith Boehmer

**First Place Ultimate Lip Sync Star – Team Alien Horse Hotwheels:** Aimee Watson, Reece Watson, Chessa Logue, Victoria Hardin, Bristol Garrett, Brynn Garrett, Eason Hodgkin, Reeves Hodgkin, Rhett Hardin

**Second Place Ultimate Lip Sync Star – Flaming Lips:** Kelly Taylor, Julia Uelzen, Tim Mohlke, Williams Everhart

**Third Place Ultimate Lip Sync Star – Leading League Ladies:** Hannah Fickle, Stephanie Wilson, Tamara Bryant

**Best Choreography – The 5 Presidentaes:** Daphney Bunyan, Lynndora Thompson, Sherryl Jones-Black, Melissa Lomas, Pamela Evans

**Best Costume – Flaming Lips:** Kelly Taylor, Julia Uelzen, Tim Mohlke, Williams Everhart

**First Place People's Choice Award – Team Alien Horse Hotwheels:** Aimee Watson, Reece Watson, Chessa Logue, Victoria Hardin, Bristol Garrett, Brynn Garrett, Eason Hodgkin, Reeves Hodgkin, Rhett Hardin

**Second Place People's Choice Award – Flaming Lips:** Kelly Taylor, Julia Uelzen, Tim Mohlke, Williams Everhart

**Third Place People's Choice Award – The Hopefuls:** Stephen Hodges and Maura Laney

**First Place Top Fundraiser – Team Alien Horse Hotwheels:** Aimee Watson, Reece Watson, Chessa Logue, Victoria Hardin, Bristol Garrett, Brynn Garrett, Eason Hodgkin, Reeves Hodgkin, Rhett Hardin

**Second Place Top Fundraiser – The 5 Presidentaes:** Daphney Bunyan, Lynndora Thompson, Sherryl Jones-Black, Melissa Lomas, Pamela Evans

**Third Place Top Fundraiser – Law and Order:** Penny Williams, Peggy Golobish, Caitlyn Lacey, Kara Hodges, Abby Hodges, Braxton Haynes, Mollie Gallagher, Aimee Gallagher



Alien Horse Hot Wheels



Flaming Lips



Leading League Ladies



The 5 Presidentaes



Law and Order



The Hopefuls

# Thank You!

The CAC is incredibly grateful to our Corporate and Individual Benefactors who have agreed to be year-long sponsors for CAC events for the 2021-2022 Year. If you would like to become a Corporate Benefactor of the Child Advocacy Center, please visit [CACFayNC.org](http://CACFayNC.org) and click on How To Help at the Top of the Page and then the Sponsorship tab.

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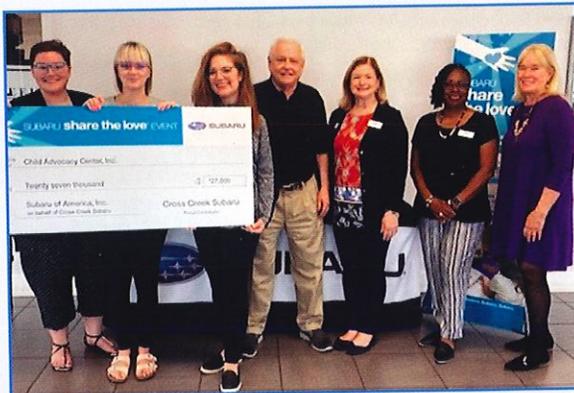
## A Special Thank You!

Thank you to the following grantors who have supported the CAC this year.

- Community Grants Fund of Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.
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- Florence Rogers Charitable Trust
- Cumberland County
- City of Fayetteville
- Women's Giving Circle of Cumberland County, a fund of Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.
- Anonymous Trust/Simply East Fund

## Cross Creek Subaru

Presented a check to the Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$27,000 from proceeds from the Subaru of America's 2021 Share the Love event. Cross Creek Subaru selected the Child Advocacy Center as their local charity of choice. Pictured L to R: Marley Crossland, Ava White, Emily Bracey - Cross Creek Subaru employees, John McHann - General Sales Manager Cross Creek Subaru, Roberta Humphries- CAC Executive Director, Nadine Miller-Bernard and Beth Lee- CAC Board Members. The CAC also presented a framed thank you plaque to John McHann for their support of the CAC and our work with children in the community.



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.

## Did you know the CAC has a weekly blog?

Be sure to check out our blog, updated each Wednesday.

Visit the website at [CACFayNC.org](http://CACFayNC.org) and click on the Blog Posts link on the main page.



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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 2021, the Child Advocacy Center received 959 cases of reported child abuse, a 9.5 increase from the previous year. 514 forensic interviews were conducted at the center, a 4% increase from the past fiscal year. 568 families received Victim Family Advocate services, providing direct aid as well as assisting them in accessing needed resources. For additional information, please visit [CACFayNC.org](http://CACFayNC.org).

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