



HARVEST AWARENESS

Our Mission:
We collaborate with community partners to respond to and prevent child abuse.

PROTECT CHILDREN STOP ABUSE
CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

30 Years of Healing & Hope



FALL 2023 NEWSLETTER

FALL BRINGS HARVESTING

BY FAITH BOEHMER, PREVENTION & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

As fall ushers in cooler temperatures and leaves start to change colors, the air becomes crisp and inviting, perfect for bonfires and roasting marshmallows for s'mores. Sweaters and sweatshirts emerge from drawers as we welcome a new season. We, the Child Advocacy Center, aim to participate in this season of harvest by promoting education and awareness about the impact of child abuse within our community through various avenues. Throughout November, we will be actively "Harvesting Awareness."



Helping
Advocating
Responding
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The Annual Child Abuse Prevention Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, November 23, 2023, at 12:00 pm. The event will take place at the Massey Hill Recreation Center, located at 1612 Camden Road. This year, our distinguished guest speaker will be Laura Hottel. She will recount her experience of adopting twin boys who endured significant abuse during their initial 15 years of life before she and her husband, Jay, welcomed them into their family. Her narrative will encourage our community to remain vigilant, recognize the warning signs, and promptly report any suspicions of abuse. *Registration for this event will soon be available on our website: www.cacfaync.org.*

Additionally, we will provide body safety classes in childcare centers. These classes will utilize the Child Safety Matters program from the Monique Burr Foundation, which outlines the Five Safety Rules for children:

1. Know What's Up
2. Spot Red Flags
3. Make a Move
4. Talk it Up
5. No Blame—No Shame



Thank you Nakisha, Vivian, and all of Navy Federal Credit Union for your generous donation. Our Children will most definitely enjoy all of these items! We appreciate your support of the CAC.

THANK YOU!



HELP US MAKE OUR GOAL!



IN HONOR OF OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY, WE ARE LAUNCHING A FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$30,000 FOR THE CAC. WE ARE OVER HALFWAY TO OUR GOAL! YOUR DONATION CAN PROVIDE A LASTING IMPACT ON CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR YEARS TO COME.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Child Advocacy Center has been busy during the summer months! In addition to our regular duties of advocating for children, conducting forensically sound interviews, and spreading prevention awareness education, we have also been involved in numerous community events as well! We enjoyed volunteering at the Back to School Bash hosted by the Fayetteville Woodpeckers! You may have also seen us at Fascinate-U Children's Museum and at Fuller Recreation Center- with Giving Back Warm Hugs to support their back-to-school supply giveaways. As the community continues to show support for the CAC, it is extremely important that we also give back and show our dedication to our community. Thank you to all who supported our school supply drive! All items have found new homes inside the backpacks of many happy children! I would like to personally welcome all educators and students back to school! We hope that you have a fantastic school year!



Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Auxiliary Present Donations

The Child Advocacy Center had the opportunity to speak to the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc. state wide meeting that was held at First Baptist Church Moore Street. The Auxiliary collected items for the CAC and presented them to our staff following the presentation. Thank you so much for the wonderful donations for our center. We appreciate your partnership in joining hands to protect children from child abuse at home, school, church or anywhere in our communities.



CHECK OUT OUR EVENT CALENDAR



event calendar

THE PINWHEEL MASQUERADE BALL AND AUCTION

BY JASIE LANDEROS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mark your calendars for the 9th Annual Child Advocacy Center's Pinwheel Masquerade Ball and Auction to Unmask Child Abuse. This highly anticipated event is set to take place on Saturday, October 21, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. amidst the enchanting backdrop of the Cape Fear Botanical Garden.

Event Highlights:

This year's ball is under the able guidance of Jackie Davis and Julie Lee Jacobs, along with the dedicated efforts of our esteemed committee members: Alexis DeSoto, Beth Lee, Cathy White, Chris Lee, Dr. Juelle McDonald, Lucy Jones, Genique Freeman, Mary McCoy, Anita Flowers, Eugene Pickney, Stacie Ahn, Jeff Shorts, Sharon Mozingo, and Valerie Shorts. Put on your finest masquerade attire and immerse yourself in an evening of elegance and allure. The night promises an array of delights including:

- Captivating dance performances
- Enthralling DJ entertainment
- Photo booth merriment
- A riveting auction
- A mask contest that adds an extra layer of excitement

Ticket Information:

Secure your spot at this grand affair with our special early bird pricing available until October 7th. Individual tickets are priced at \$75, while couples can enjoy a discounted rate of \$140. For those seeking an elevated experience, a limited number of premier reserved tables for 8, complete with added amenities, can be acquired for \$1000. After October 7th, standard pricing will be in effect - \$100 per person or \$175 per couple. If you prefer a reserved table for 8, these will be available for \$1200.



Mark your calendar, get your mask, purchase your tickets and get ready for a night you won't forget!



get your tickets now!

Sponsorship Opportunities:

We extend an invitation to seize the limited sponsorship opportunities available. By becoming a sponsor, you play a crucial role in our mission to offer hope, assistance, and healing to victims of child abuse. Sponsorship forms can be accessed on our website at www.CACFayNC.org.

A Heartfelt Thank You: We express our deep gratitude to our sponsors for their generous support, enabling us to make a positive impact in the lives of child abuse survivors.



THANK YOU PINWHEEL MASQUERADE BALL SPONSORS!



- GOLD PINWHEEL:** Up & Coming Weekly • Saam's Party Tents
SILVER PINWHEEL: Highland Pediatric Dental **BLUE PINWHEEL:** Lee Hyundai • Mi Casita Blush and Blade Cosmetic Tattoo Studio • Valley Radiology, PA • Farm Bureau Insurance Valley Regional Imaging • Callahan and Rice Insurance Group
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

PINWHEEL MASQUERADE BALL AND AUCTION

October 21, 2023 7:00 – 11:00 PM • Cape Fear Botanical Garden

Visit the CAC Pinwheel Masquerade Ball Facebook page for the latest updates.



San Johnson's
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SUBARU SHARE THE LOVE EVENT

November 16, 2023- January 2, 2024

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 2023 through January 2024. 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.

GIVING TUESDAY

November 28, 2023

The Child Advocacy Center will again be participating in Cumberland Community Foundation's Giving Tuesday campaign. Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity and giving. Cumberland Community Foundation will run a campaign in November encouraging donors to give to local charities and in conjunction with CityView magazine will publish a Guide to Giving directory of nonprofits that are participating. Be on the lookout for more information about the Giving Tuesday campaign.

FAYETTEVILLE'S ULTIMATE LIP SYNC SHOWDOWN

April 20, 2024 • Crown Center Ballroom

Dust off that microphone, grab a few friends and form a group for one of Fayetteville's most enjoyable fundraising events in the community! More information will be released soon but SAVE THE DATE now for the event in the spring! You don't want to miss it!

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING GRANTORS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE CAC THIS YEAR:

- Community Grants Fund of Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.
- Youth Growth Stock Trust
- Florence Rogers Charitable Trust
- Cumberland County
- City of Fayetteville
- Anonymous Trust/Simply East Fund
- Leon Levine Foundation
- Tracy Family Foundation
- Cumberland Community Foundation Giving Tuesday



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LANNING'S LEMONADE AND COLTON'S COOKIES

The boys were at it again this year! Kids helping kids, that's what it is all about! Brothers, Lanning Kistler and Colton Walters, are passionate about raising funds to help other children in need. This duo, pictured below, are the masterminds behind Lanning's Lemonade and Colton's Cookies stand. Their event on August 19th was a HUGE success with \$5,040 raised! The dedication and support that they offer the CAC is greatly appreciated!



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WISH LIST

Therapy dogs and volunteer handlers



Bottled water



Juice boxes

Individually wrapped snack items for children

Gift cards to grocery stores, office supply store, fast food restaurants

Canned soda

Powdered creamer and sugar

Keurig coffee pods

Hot and cold drink cups

Paper plates

Copy paper 8 1/2 X 11

Lysol spray

Air freshener

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Child Advocacy Center welcomes new board member Heather Godwin, CPS-from TRP Sumner. She was born and raised in NC and has lived in the Fayetteville area for 26 years and looks forward to serving her community.



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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 2023, the Child Advocacy Center received 811 cases of reported child abuse. 491 forensic interviews were conducted at the Center. 638 families received Victim Family Advocacy Services, providing direct aid as well as assisting them in accessing needed resources. 127 children attended individual counseling and 21 children participated in group counseling. 1130 people received child abuse prevention and awareness education. Volunteers contributed 1968 hours of service to the CAC. For additional information, please visit CACFAYNC.org.

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