



CAC Expansion

As many of you know, the CAC broke ground this January for another expansion. We are currently in the process of a building expansion due to the growing need of our services. We just wanted to keep you updated with how construction is going. We are excited for our new addition so that we can better serve Benton County. Take a look at our progress:



Furnishing Needs Sponsorship Opportunity

We would love for you and/or your company to consider choosing to become a sponsor of our furnishing needs. Our expansion/remodel will include new counseling offices, family waiting rooms, new interview and observation rooms, a staff breakroom, and a conference room. The total needed for furnishing these areas is approximately \$50,000.00. And while sponsorship levels may be different - our deep gratitude for your generosity remains the same.

Yes, I want to help children in Benton County!

FURNISHING SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

- \$10,000 - LEADERSHIP Sponsorship
- \$7,500 - EMPOWERMENT Sponsorship
- \$5,000 - HERO Sponsorship
- \$2,500 - GUARDIAN Sponsorship
- \$1,000 - ADVOCATE Sponsorship
- \$500 - PROTECTOR Sponsorship
- \$250 - HELPER Sponsorship

RECOGNITION:

- Your company's logo or your name to be added to the CAC Sponsorship page online.
- Hyperlink to your company's website (if applicable).
- Logo or name listed in OPEN HOUSE program (date TBD) and in the Annual Dinner - September 22nd - program.
- Your name or company's logo prominently displayed in CAC's expansion area on donor recognition wall.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Company: _____ Fax: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

My donation is enclosed

Please send me an invoice

Please complete and return form by **June 30, 2016** to CAC of Benton County, 2113 Little Flock Dr., Little Flock, AR 72756. Questions? Contact Development Director, Jolana Aibangbee, jolana@cacbentonco.com, 479-621-0385.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Empowering
Children
to Find
their Voice

CAC QUARTERLY
NEWSLETTER
SPRING 2016



Benton County
Established 2000

Upcoming Events - Sky Dive and Dinner

August 2016 Sky Dive for Kids

*Saturday, August 13 and Sunday,
August 14, 2016 | Sky ranch,
Siloam Springs*

(Rain dates: August 20 & 21)
Participants are asked to raise funds and awareness for victims of child abuse in Northwest Arkansas and will have the opportunity to sky dive at Sky ranch in Siloam Springs. Interested in skydiving? Please contact Jolana, our Development Director, at jolana@cacbentonco.com.

September 2016 Cherishing Children Dinner & Awards Presentation

*Thursday, September 22, 2016 |
John Q. Hammons Center, Rogers
| 7:00 p.m.*

Each year the CAC staff, community supporters, law enforcement and others who work with victims of child abuse are invited to hear an inspiring message from a guest speaker. This year, Matthew Sandusky, a child abuse survivor, will share his personal story in hopes to raise awareness about the issue. This is a ticketed fundraising event for the CAC. Formal invitations to be mailed in August.



Beverly Receives Percy Malone Award

Beverly Engle, our founder and former Executive Director, was recently awarded the Child Advocacy Centers of Arkansas' Percy Malone Child Protection Award for her inspiring service and dedication to our community. During the luncheon in Beverly's honor, Governor Asa Hutchinson spoke of how much an inspiration Beverly has been over the years to both him and his wife. We are very proud!



Shining Star Award Recipient

Sgt. Kris Moffit of the Bentonville Police Department is this year's Shining Star Award Recipient. This award is presented to an active member of the Multidisciplinary team (MDT) who goes above and beyond in their job protecting kids. We are thankful for Sgt. Moffit's dedication in making our community a safer place for children. Sgt. Moffit was nominated by a fellow MDT member and received the most votes by other members to receive this year's award. Other honored nominees were **Sgt. Russ Allen** - Rogers

Police Department; **Det. Paul Carter** - Benton County Sheriff's Office; and **Inv. Sara King** - Arkansas State Police. We are happy to have them all play a huge part in our team to eliminate child abuse!

Congratulations to our Employees of the Month



January 2016 – Jenny Finch, CAC Counselor
Jenny has a great attitude and dedication to what she does. She is always working to do everything in her power to help a child and find a way to make things happen when a child or family has a need. Much of the fight against child abuse and protecting future generations happens in the offices of the counselors and it is clear that Jenny has a true heart of a warrior going to battle against the evil that is at the root of child abuse.



February 2016 – Sarah Phillips, Former CAC Counselor
Sarah was with the CAC for 4 years and her last day was May 13th. We wish her good luck on her new journey and feel blessed to have had her as part of our team. Sarah was known to be an excellent communicator for both staff and families. Parents also reported that they were appreciative of her kindness towards their family and her ability to give good counsel. Sarah was definitely a wonderful asset to the CAC team!



March 2016 – Jolana Aibangbee, CAC Director of Development
Jolana always amazes us with her unique skill of finding resources and volunteers while coordinating events that ultimately allow us to continue to fight the battle against child abuse. She does it with energy, passion and all with an awesome smile. We are so lucky to have her as part of our team and we are thankful for all she does to impact countless lives through her role!



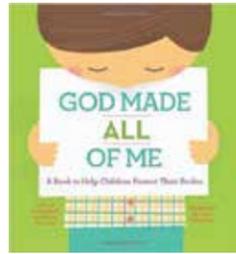
April 2016 – Trystan Coston, CAC Advocate
Trystan has been a bright light and a positive spirit since the first day she started working at the CAC in February. While passing through the waiting room you can often see her with a child sitting down on their level and trying her best to build a connection with them. We appreciate her readiness and willingness to be a part of the lives of our families. She has definitely made a huge impact during the short time she has been at the CAC!



May 2016 – Christy Gutiérrez, CAC Bilingual Advocate
Christy is always willing to jump in when anyone needs help with something and she is an awesome problem-solver! Even when it gets busy, she will go above and beyond to help families find the resources that they need. She benefits the team in a huge way, from her computer savvy skills, willingness to translate, light-heartedness, and is one advocacy rock star! We appreciate all that she does to help children find their voice.

Parent Resource Spotlight

Lately, in our center we have been passing around the book *God Made All of Me* by Justin and Lindsey Holcomb. In reading it, we are reminded that it is important to talk to our kids about body safety. According to their website - *God Made All of Me* is a simply-told, beautifully-illustrated story to help families talk about these sensitive issues with two- to eight-year-old children. It also features 9 Ways to Protect Your Children from Sexual Abuse.



- Recommendation from Erica Maples, CAC Counselor

Volunteer Spotlight – Bobetta Baker



Thank you to Bobetta Baker, who has been volunteering with us for the past 6 months. We are so thankful for our volunteers who give their time every week to

help us answer phones and the door. Thank you for partnering with us to fight against child abuse. If you would like to get involved please contact the CAC at 479-621-0385.

Agency Partner Spotlight – Arkansas State Police



Did you know that we have a partnership with the Arkansas State Police where two investigators are housed at our Center? Meet Belinda and Philip. “We are proud and honored to partner with the Arkansas State Police Crimes Against Children

Division to properly and effectively respond to concerns of child abuse,” says Natalie Tibbs, CAC Executive Director and R.N. “The CAC is grateful for the tireless efforts and responses of these incredible investigators. It takes an army to work in this field, and we are thankful for our partnership!”

Cherishing Children Pinwheel Rally & Glow Run

The month of April is nationally known as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month. This is an opportunity for people across the nation to join together and raise awareness of this evil that is brought upon our children by someone’s selfish choice. We were excited to kick off the month at our Cherishing Children Pinwheel Rally at NWACC and to shine light on abuse throughout Benton County with our Cherishing Children Glow Run in downtown Rogers.



Cherishing Children Pinwheel Sponsors

Thank you to our 2016 Cherishing Children Pinwheel Sponsors and Locations. These locations in Benton County agreed to help us spread awareness about child abuse throughout the month of April by displaying pinwheels on site and some businesses also asked their customers for donations to benefit CAC throughout the month of April. The business partners below brought in nearly \$3,000 through this campaign! Interested in becoming a sponsor for next April? Please contact Mackenzie Rich, Development Assistant, at mackenzie@cacbentonco.com.

Academy of Dance and Music
ATA Martial Arts
Belle Boutique
Best – Buy Here Pay Here
Bright Ridge Dental
Best Buy Here Pay Here
Community Christian Church
Cornerstone Children’s Academy
First National Bank of Northwest Arkansas (all Benton County locations)

George Nunnally Chevrolet
Hull Dermatology (3 locations)
Lifetime Dental
Mary’s Little Lamb’s
Parachuting Penguins
Re/Max – Brenda Parker
Re/Max – Jim Sellers
Siloam Springs Children’s Center
Tucker’s Furniture & Appliances
Yum Yo’s (Rogers & Bentonville locations)

Pinwheel Locations

481 pinwheels were placed onsite at each location to represent the number of confirmed cases in 2015.

Bekaert
Bella Vista Police Department
Benton County Sheriff’s Office
Bentonville Police Department
Little Flock Police Department
NWACC
Pea Ridge Police Department
Rogers Activity Center
Rogers Police Department
Siloam Springs Police and Fire Department – placement in July

