



Children's Advocacy Center
of Benton County
2113 Little Flock Dr.
Little Flock, AR 72756

Empowering Children
to Find Their Voice

Cherishing Children Pinwheel Locations and donation opportunity

During the month of April, pinwheels will be placed at local businesses, police departments, and homes throughout Benton County. Show your support for National Child Abuse Prevention Month by making a donation to the CAC during April. In turn, we will give each donor pinwheels to place at their home or business in support of empowering children to find their voice. If interested, please complete the form below and return with your contribution.

Ways you can get involved: Volunteer. Advocate. Donate.

Name _____

\$5,000 \$1,000 \$500

Address _____

\$250 \$100 \$50 \$20

City _____

Other _____

State _____ Zip _____

Credit Card: Visa MasterCard

Telephone Number _____

Account # _____

Email _____

Expiration Date _____ CSC _____

Donation made in honor or memory of _____

Please bill me. Please mail me a receipt.

One-time gift Recurring gift
(please circle one:
monthly quarterly yearly)

I am interested in donating stocks,
bonds, cds, etc.

Please make checks payable to CAC of Benton County
and mail to 2113 Little Flock Drive, Little Flock, AR 72756.
Donations can also be made online at cacbentonco.com.



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Benton County
Established 2000

Please join us as we recognize April as National Child Abuse and Prevention Month

Cherishing Children Pinwheel Rally

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 | 11:30-1:00 p.m. | Dave Peel Park - Bentonville
Join the campaign to kick off Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month at Dave Peel Park in Bentonville at 11:30a.m. for a hotdog lunch. Then at 1p.m. place pinwheels for each confirmed child abuse case at several locations across Benton County. Join the campaign to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month at the Cherishing Children Pinwheel Rally from 11:30-1:00 p.m. on April 1 at Dave Peel Park in Bentonville with guest speaker, Susan Hutchinson, First Lady of Arkansas. There will be a free hotdog lunch, drinks, ice cream, and a proclamation read by Judge Clinard and a presentation of the shining star awards.

Cherishing Children 5k Glow Run, 1-Mile Fun Walk, 400 Yd Dash, & Burpee Mile

Friday, April 17, 2015 | Downtown Rogers | 5:00 p.m.
Come join the 15h Annual Cherishing Children Glow Run. Family-friendly nighttime events include a 1-Mile Fun Walk, a 400-Yard Super Hero Dash, Burpee Mile and a chip-timed 5K Glow Run beginning at the Frisco Stage in Downtown Rogers. Help us shine the light on child abuse by participating. Register today at www.cacbentonco.com and visit the website for a list of volunteer opportunities.

Employees of the Month



December 2015 - Courtney Harms
Congratulations to Courtney Harms, our December Employee of the Month. With her amazing passion and hard-working spirit Courtney has transformed the office assistant role into someone who not only exemplifies our mission but someone who also wants to connect and serve every family who comes through the



January 2015 -Natalie Tibbs
Congratulations to Natalie Tibbs, our Employee of the Month for January! Natalie has worked at the CAC for over 8 years and throughout this time has shown dedication to the team. She conducts her role with compassion, and her passion for her job and the CAC is clearly evident. She truly exemplifies our



February 2015—Orianna Marquez
Congratulations to our February Employee of the Month, Orianna Marquez. Orianna is a bilingual advocate at the CAC, and she does a great job voicing concerns for the families and clients she represents. She's not scared to step up and be a voice

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Empowering Moments from Erin Kraner, CAC Forensic Interviewer, taken from 2014 CAC Annual Report

I met with one little girl shortly before Christmas. I have been meeting with her for three or four months. This little girl no longer has to see her offender but she has to continue to revisit the location of her abuse. In this session I drew a thermometer and made ten marks on it on a dry erase board. Then I asked her to color it to represent how safe she felt now when she goes back to the location of her abuse. The higher she colored indicated the safer she felt. She colored the thermometer all the way up to the ten. She feels safe! To understand better if her level of safe feelings had changed I asked her to do the same thing for while the abuse was occurring and right after it stopped. She said that she would have colored a zero when the abuse was occurring and a three right after the abuse stopped. At the end of the day I once again stood amazed at the miracle that had occurred before my eyes. In just a few months this child went from ringing the CAC doorbell for the first time with no feelings of safety to feeling as safe as she can imagine.

Staff spotlight - Education Director, Rita Farrell

Meet Rita Farrell, CAC Education Director and Forensic Interviewer. In addition to her role at the CAC, Rita is the Forensic Interview Specialist with Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center. Rita's education degree plus 15 years of experience working in the child abuse field makes her well equipped to spearhead providing education to our community. Thanks to her leadership, we have completed our Speak Up Be Safe program at Mathias Elementary School for K-5th graders and we are currently underway at Thomas Jefferson Elementary. In all, 547 students will receive training in the Speak Up Be Safe program. Thank you Rita for empowering kids and adults!



Check presentations

We would like to thank a few businesses and departments for making donations to the CAC this winter, helping us to continue to provide services to empower kids!



Thank you to the C.A.R.E. Initiative, an organization led by the caring employees of Saatchi & Saatchi X, who recently awarded us a \$5,000 grant for the CAC Mental Health program.



Embassy Suites raised over \$11,000 for the CAC during their 2014 Trick or Suite event!



Thank you to Vintage Stock for the discount on some games we purchased for use by our clients in our waiting room.

Spotlight on our Board Members Meet our Board of Directors

Board of Directors

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Verizon



Executive Enterprise Services



Walmart's Fresh Grocery Team



Walmart Replenishment Snacks and Beverages department



Walmart's RPS Program Management Team

Stephanie and James Abernathy organized a Christmas party where guests were asked to bring toys to benefit the CAC.



Thank you to the Walmart CTF & File Distribution Teams for volunteering to help with mail-outs, reorganization, and cleaning up from Christmas.



Lindsey and daughter visit the CAC to deliver the toys collected from the toy drive at Inferno -Bentonville.



We are extremely grateful for one of the church group's from Gracepoint Church in Bentonville who chose to volunteer with the CAC.



Thank you to the Walmart Point of Sale Infrastructure/Release Management Team for your help with outdoor clean up and getting a mail out ready to go.



Business Analysts from Team SPARK, Walmart Technology, visit the CAC to wrap gifts.



Thank you to our Volunteers: