



CAC NEWSLETTER

Empowering Children to Find Their Voice | FALL 2018

You can be both a victim and a survivor, darling; it's not an either/or equation.

He chose to make you a victim. Don't you ever let that make you feel ashamed.

Because you... you can choose to make yourself a survivor.

Poem is by one of our former clients, Josie Graves. Josie is a remarkable young woman who has chosen not to let her past define her. Josie is currently in her last year of law school and will go on to be a prosecuting attorney to be a voice for children who experience abuse. We are so unbelievably proud of Josie!



CAC Video

Thank you so much to Kleber Video Productions, LLC for producing our new CAC Awareness Video!

Want to learn more about the CAC and tour the facility

Now is your chance! We have our last Community Engagement Breakfast for 2018 scheduled for November 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. RSVP to Brooke Boles at brooke@cacbentonco.com

WE NEED YOU!

Wish List:

Each month we update our wish list with items most needed by the children and families we serve.

Volunteer:

Interested in learning more about volunteering? Email: Lindsay@cacbentonco.com

Donate:

You can help make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

Share:

Stay connected! Please share the e-newsletter with your family, friends and colleagues and be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.



Cherishing Children Christmas

We are currently seeking sponsorships for children in our annual Christmas Program. Each year, our Center hosts this program where children seen within the last year are eligible to receive Christmas gifts from local sponsors. Sponsors have the opportunity to shop for their sponsor child based upon their personal wish list. Sponsorship is \$100 per child. To join in on this heart-warming program, contact Development Associate, Lindsay Aycock at Lindsay@cacbentonco.com.

CAC in the Community:

CAC Tuesday Talks:

We provide information and resources about child abuse and prevention to our community on social media. This Fall, we've discussed:

- 3 Reasons Traditional Parenting Doesn't Work with Kids from Trauma
- What to Know Before you Hire a Babysitter
- No Sleepovers! Why this is the Rule in My Family
- Keeping Kids Safe Online

And so much more... Visit our [website](http://www.cacbentonco.com) to access to these topics and others!

Volunteers:

Volunteer Highlights

Cait Shemin has gone above and beyond to alleviate the increased need of coverage at our front desk! She is professional with a genuine spirit, and no job is too big or small for her. We are so thankful she is on our volunteer team!



Cait Shemin

Walmart Information Security, Legal, and Global Investigations teams coordinated by CAC friend, Adam Holland – A Walmart volunteer team of 40 recently visited our Center to work on projects like freshening up our landscaping and painting new stars in our medical exam room.



Adam Holland's team

Check Presentations:



Nabholz Construction – Rogers



First National Bank of NWA – Rogers



Simmons Bank – Bentonville



Grand Savings Bank – Rogers



Lingle Middle School – Rogers

Volunteers Needed:

Looking for volunteer opportunities? We have a need for front-desk volunteers to help with general office duties, answering phone calls and doors, and other secretarial duties from 3-5 p.m. each day. If you or someone you know would like to learn more, call our office at: (479) 621-0385.

Signature Event Recap:

Sky Dive for Kids:

Thank you to everyone who supported our center and our sky divers at our 9th Annual Sky Dive for Kids event! Thank you Sky Dive Fayetteville for taking such great care of our divers! A special thank you to our brave sky divers that committed to raising at least \$1,000 and jumped out of a perfectly good plane!



Cherishing Children's Annual Dinner:

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Cherishing Children Dinner & Awards Presentation featuring Elizabeth Smart.

Thank You to Our Sponsors:



Scan for more Dinner photos Or check them out on our Facebook page!

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- Nathan Smith, Benton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Marisa Snow, Ruth Barker Elementary School
- Megan Taylor, Counselor

3rd Party Event Recap

Pinnacle Tennis Tournament

The Pinnacle Tennis Club hosted a Mixed Doubles Charity Tennis Tournament where a portion of the proceeds directly benefited our center. Volunteers helped make this event possible by preparing for the event and manning our check-in table. Thank you to Pinnacle Tennis Club for this great opportunity to raise awareness and funds for our mission!



LPGA Tournament

Thanks to our amazing volunteers, the CAC Concession Stand at the LPGA Tournament was a success! We couldn't have done it without them and all their hard work to serve the community and promote our organization to empower kids. We are especially appreciative to the NW Arkansas Championship for giving us this opportunity to be involved with such an amazing event benefiting local nonprofits.

