

# Kids First

**Child Advocacy Center** 

Of the Ninth Judicial District of Tennessee

P. O. Box 928

Our mission is

To heal the pain of child abuse











A private, non-profit agency serving severely abused children in the counties of Loudon, Meigs, Morgan and Roane

#### FROM THE DIRECTOR.

Here we are again.... The fall season is upon us and we are preparing for our Community Prevention Program, school-based prevention and intervention program (SCAN) and the season of thankfulness. We hope that you enjoyed our 4th Annual Fundraiser, "Anything is Possible" with Hallerin Hilton Hill. If you were unable to join us you missed quite an event. One of our guest speakers, Ms. Jen Cook, shared a survivor's story of a little girl whose father had died and her mother married a wonderful man that was well-respected in the community, company CEO and vicepresident of the county school board. Unfortunately, this man also had an addiction for alcohol and little girls. Jen is an adult survivor of child sex abuse. As a wife and mother she has begun to speak out against child abuse and is joining Kids First as a volunteer and advocate for the Child Advocacy Center. Mr. Hill used Jen's story to share his own story of hope and how just one person can offer hope to many. He inspired us and encouraged us to be the hand of hope to those in need.

This fall we will be offering a new community prevention

program to our communities, churches, middle schools and

high schools. We have been fortunate to partner with "You Have the Power..know how to use it" of Tennessee to promote these prevention programs to further heighten the awareness of child abuse. abusers and the least expected environments in which children are abused may be the most likely places for child abusers. We will market the program to middle school students, high school aged students, youth groups of various churches and other community programs in which children are served. We hope to increase reporting numbers as well as to empower children with child abuse facts so that victimization will not be a part of their future. We are continuing our support/ education program for teenage moms and support group for non-offending caregivers. Our Forensic Interviewer continues to interview child victims while making room for emergency interviews and participating in our SCAN Program. The Victim Services Specialist provides support and education to all non-offending caregivers and visits multiple schools within our 4 county district to ensure that resource libraries are fully stocked and school staff are satisfied with the materials funded by various organizations such as: United Way of Roane County and United Way of Loudon County. Both of our therapists have full caseloads and are participating in an East Tennessee Learning Collaborative: Adoption and Implementation of Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy. We have been using evidence-based



and alcohol treatment, securing appropriate housing and other areas of need that will encourage family unity or reunification. Of course we would not be able to function from day to day without our Administrative Assistant. Denise does a fantastic job greeting and making comfortable our non -offending caregivers, fielding phone calls, acting as our volunteer coordinator, supporting our staff and creating our quarterly newsletter.

Our board of directors, staff, volunteers and most of all the children we serve sincerely thank you for your on -going support of Kids First!

Chris Evans-Longmire

therapy for the past 2 years and are happy to participate in this learning collaborative as it is becoming the future and the key to securing future funding for CAC's. The collaborative will last for approximately 1 year with each CAC reporting data on a monthly basis. Our family advocate is providing services to 20 families which includes monitoring the child's progress in school, assisting the family in seeking drug

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# The Value of Volunteer Time .... priceless

Our Volunteers provide an enormous the chance to touch a child with special The amount of community support we time, talents, and energy to making a dif- tremely difficult time in their lives. ference. They are major contributors to everyday happenings-from helping us move, fixing furniture and furnishings. any and all clerical work, fundraising—all the while keeping in mind our mission. "to heal the pain of child abuse". I tend to think the most rewarding opportunity for a volunteer at Kids First is the time spent with a child before and after their appointment. For some of these children to get one on one attention, even if it's only for a few minutes, from a caring, soft spoken adult is golden. Our volunteers have

value to Kids First by dedicating their words of encouragement during an ex-receive from our volunteers is a shining

#### CAC Volunteers are making a difference

So, what is the value of volunteer time? The estimated dollar value is \$19.51 per hour for 2007. The mileage rate is still at only 14 cents per mile (compared to business travel which is 58.5 cents per mile). Our state grant guidelines require an inkind donation of more than \$36,000 this fiscal year. These dollars are derived from volunteer hours and services donated to the Center in which a dollar cost has been assigned but not paid by the CAC.

example of extraordinary everyday generosity of time.

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#### 2007 Volunteer Statistics

Total Volunteer hours worked: 1809 Dollar Value of Services: \$35,294.

60.8 million volunteers throughout US performed 8.1 billion hours of service Dollar Value of services = over \$152 billion

Volunteers are like rare gems. When placed in the right setting and cared for , they will shine and give pleasure to all

#### OUR HELPING HANDS......

Since moving into our new Center this past January a few of our supporters have hosted neighborhood and community fundraisers to benefit Kids First.

In April, Mary LeTard hosted a Tupperware party. Not only were we presented with a \$587 check from Patricia Leyshon, Tupperware representative, the staff was able to pick out some items for the Center's kitchen.

In May, Nona Walden and Jeannie McIntosh of Philadelphia, stopped by to tell us they would be asking for donations at a vard sale they were planning. I gave them our donation jar to use for the event. When they brought it back the following Monday it had \$118.38 stuffed in it. Ms. Walden mentioned how a lot of the donors knew of the CAC because their children had been guests at our Grand opening in March.

Reverend Ronnie Hepperly, of Restoration International Outreach, put together a Loudon Bike Run Fundraiser in June. Chris, Darcy and Beth were in attendance that day along with a few Board Members. They were able to discuss the program, answer questions, and meet new supporters of the CAC.

As Loudon County Commissioner, Don Miller is able to charge a fee for performing wedding ceremonies. Instead, he asks the couple to make a donation to a charitable organization. The CAC has been the recipient of two donations thus far.

#### 4TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

WOW!! It seems like school starts back earlier and earlier every year. On August 5<sup>th</sup> we had our Back to School Bash for the children we serve. With less than three weeks to plan the party, in the end it was a great success! We look forward to this special event for two important reasons. The majority of our clients cannot afford to purchase the required school supplies and there is the comfort the children get from knowing they are not "alone". It means a lot to a child to begin the school year with supplies purchased with him or her in mind.

Once again this year, we were fortunate to have four clowns entertain the children (sent by Helen Cooke of Volunteer Clowns of Tellico Village). These ladies are always a huge success! The children line up to see the funny tricks they perform and will ask if they are still here when they return for their appointment. A total of 24 children brought siblings and their parents/guardians to the party. Everyone enjoyed pizza, drinks and the chance to top ice cream and cookies with chocolate or caramel syrup, sprinkles, and frosting. Everyone had a great time and was very thankful for all of the food, school supplies, and entertainment that was generously donated by our local businesses and volunteers.

We would like to thank all of our helping hands:

Carol Daniels

Diana Gahrs

Linda Wright

A very special thank you to Marce Strickland for organizing the details and putting the party together.

We thank those who contributed so generously to our efforts:

Amy Dunajewski

Food City Store#650

**Ingles Markets** 

Helen Cooke and Volunteer Clowns of Tellico Village

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Tired of giving gift's that may find a home in someone's closet or under someone else's Christmas tree?

Why not make a donation to Kids First in honor of someone special? Your friends and family will receive literature from Kids First along with a card and letter informing him/her of your donation and how it will be used to help victims of child abuse. Can you think of any other way to spread good cheer, than helping those less fortunate? For more information feel free to contact Denise at Kids First.

(865) 986-1505



Percentage of children suffering from each type of abuse in Tennessee
Sexual abuse 19% Medical abuse 2% Neglect 48% Physical abuse 31%

Services Provided in 2007								
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Total Referrals to DCS						2,362		
Lou	don	761		Morgan	375			
Me	igs	280		Roane	946		0	
Total Cases Investigated 1,429								
Lou	don	474		Morgan	230			
Me	igs	150		Roane	575		0 0	
Services Brea	kdow	n					0 0	
Forensic Interviews						232		
Medical Examinations 18 Counseling						18		
		Families Se	erved			51	0	
Children serv	red					341	0 0	
				205 fer	male	136 male	0 0	
165 between the ages of 3-6 years							0	
125 offenders were caregivers								
170 offenders over the age of 18							0	
240 cases or 70% were sex abuse cases								

#### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

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The staff of Kids First

would like to express our appreciation to Dick LeTard, 2nd V.P. Board of Directors, for his endless hours of support. Dick has worked tirelessly since

December setting up our phone system and computers. He has had the patience to deal with our 'catastrophes' and has generously donated his time and resources to our organization. Thank you, Dick, we would be lost without your expertise!

You are appreciated!

# The Tennessee Chapter of CACs

is a statewide not-for-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote, assist, and support development, growth, and continuation of child advocacy centers in their service to abused and neglected children and their families.



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## Help Kids First CAC get FREE merchandise!!

The CAC has been collecting Campbell product proofs of purchase for almost a year now. These 'Labels for Education' points can be redeemed for valuable educational equipment and merchandise such as computers, audio/visual equipment, sports equipment, playroom toys, arts & crafts supplies and games!!

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Did you know you can use your Kroger Plus Card to earn points for the CAC? Now, for the first time ever - Campbell's and Kroger are teaming up to launch a new addition to the Labels for Education program. It is now possible to electroni-

cally collect Campbell 's Labels for Education points using your Kroger Plus shopper 's card. Every time you shop at Kroger and purchase participating Campbell products, the CAC will automatically receive 1 point for each item. Points are deposited to the CAC 's account to be redeemed at a later date. How it works: Go to

www.e-LabelsforEducation.com to sign up online. Set up an account by entering your Kroger Plus card number. When you are asked to choose the school which will receive the points—input Child Advocacy Center. That 's all you have

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^ 1 point value ^

Senator Randy McNally

paid a visit to Kids First on August 27th along with DA General Russell Johnson. Senator McNally was very impressed with the new facility and all of our community support which is demonstrated by the grounds, furniture, pictures, murals, etc. Unfortunately, he could not attend our dinner but made a donation of the Senate items for our auction.

Thanks Senator McNally!

#### **SCAN**

#### A Prevention Program of Kids First CAC of the 9th Judicial District

SCAN (Stop Child Abuse & Neglect) is a program started by the National Children's Advocacy Center in Alabama and has become the largest school-based prevention program in the state of Alabama. SCAN was created in hopes of protecting children by increasing their knowledge and skills in the area of child abuse, increasing reporting numbers and referring children who disclose to appropriate service providers (teachers, school counselors, etc.).

SCAN is presented to children in grades K, 1, 3, 5, and 7 and will be presented to children in all four of the counties we serve. The program's primary message is SAY NO, GET AWAY, TELL SOMEONE. Children in kindergarten and first grade participate in a puppet show which depicts the puppets having bullying, neglect, physical and sexual abuse problems. Kids learn many children, like themselves, experience very serious problems and recover.

Third and fifth grade students participate in a program called "Break the Silence" which encompasses a wide array of issues for children their age including bullying, assertiveness and sexual abuse. These children are shown a video dealing with each of these issues with follow-up discussion, role play, and handouts.

"From the Shadows" is the program presented to seventh graders, and it too, is video based along with discussion, role play, and handouts. This age group will discuss issues with conflict and communication within the family as well as sexual abuse.

**SCAN** also teaches children about community resources and professionals to whom they may talk to about any problems. After completing this program, children will be less vulnerable to child abuse because they are exposed to personal safety lessons.

To date we have served 5,026 children residing in the 9th Judicial District

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#### **Child Advocacy Center**

will be having Christmas for the Kids again this year. Santa and Mrs. Claus will greet the children and hand out presents and a stocking stuffed with goodies. Please help us make it special for the children. If you would like to make a donation please designate "Kids Christmas" on the check and send it to:

Kids First CAC,

PO Box 928, Lenoir City, TN 37778

Together we can make a difference!

# **CASH DONATIONS**

May 1st through Sept 30th 2008

In kind and cash donations help to support services provided for children and their non-offending caregivers whose lives have been impacted by abuse. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, and most importantly, the children whose lives are truly

William and Charlotte Johnson

Connie Ann Clark

Mrs. Yvette Mathews, Naples, FL

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Ed Conte in memory of Joshua Ira Rockwell

Amy and Gary Dunajewski

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In memory of Keith Strickland

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GFWC Suburbia Woman's Club

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Barbara Schmidtke in honor of her friend and neighbor, Mrs. Marva Boatman

Gail Hunter & Brent C. Hale, Jr. in honor of their marriage—May 2008

Greg Golden

Barbara Thibadeau

Danny Jones, Dynamis, Inc.

Linda and Evans Scharf

Marce Strickland in honor of her brother-inlaw, Bill Walsh, on his birthday

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First United Methodist Church, Oak Ridge

Mission Ministry Team

Karen and Jim Keirstead

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Tellico Village Community Church

Mission Team

In honor of Dr. Galal and Leslie El-Sayad's

40th Wedding Anniversary:

Farrell and Millie Bruner

Sam and Ginny Basseen

Ron and Ginny Ranck in memory of their grandson, Connor Joseph Erickson

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**Taylor Mills** 

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We would like to recognize the individuals and businesses who donated auction items but because of deadlines were not mentioned in the "Anything is Possible" program:

Courtley Chiropractic, Scott & Kari Courtley QuickPrint

Town Framery in Farragut Meadowview Nursery

Senator Randy McNally Tellico Village Quilters

Kenny Chesney Tim Holt (Chesney friend/artist)

Felknor Ventures, LLC., Bill Felknor Silver & Threads

#### We thank those who have contributed generously to our efforts in recent months.







name on the Donor Wall plaque. Since the inception of the CAC in 2002 he has served as the emcee at both of our grand openings and four of our major fundraisers. Bill's interest in children's causes has made him a special friend of Kids First. His name has joined others that have been major supporters of the Center.

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# "Anything is Possible" Dinner & Auction

by Karen Keirstead

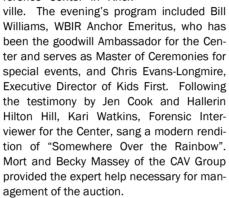
It may be a rough economic year, but that did not slow down the generosity of East Tennesseans at Kids First Child Advocacy Center's Fourth Annual Dinner and Auction.

Led by the auction of Kenny Chesney items, \$45,000 was raised to celebrate the grand opening of the Center's new state-of-the-art building that serves children in four coun-This year's featured speaker was Hallerin Hilton Hill, the well known radio talk show host of Newstalk 100 on WNOX in Knoxville and talk show host of "Anything is Possible" on WBIR-TV. Mr. Hill spoke elegantly about the importance of hope which, of course, is what Kids first CAC provides for the most severely abused children of the 9th Judicial District. He then recognized the people in the room who support the Child Advocacy Center and make that hope possible.

Another highlight of the evening was a speech by Jen Cook, a friend of the Center. She shared a moving story about a beautiful girl who, starting at the age of four, was abused by her stepfather for 10 years. The story of how this troubled victim's life, from a young age through her college years was made vivid by photographs. The story was made even more strikingly poignant when Jen acknowledged that she was that child. It was only through the loving support of the man who eventually became her husband that she was able to begin dealing with her painful secret of abuse. Jen shared with the audience her belief that if she, as a child, had a place to go like the Child Advocacy Center it would have saved her from many years of suffering in silent and destructive behavior.

The important contributions of Kids First CAC were further highlighted by Lee Ledbetter, ADA, of the office of the District Attorney General of the Ninth Judicial District. The DAG, Russell Johnson, was un-

able to attend as his wife, Erin, had just presented him with a baby girl. Kids First, now located in its new building in Lenoir City, provides free services to the most severely abused children in Loudon, Morgan, Meigs and Roane counties. The dinner and auction was held at Rothchild's Conference Center in Knox-



Bear Stephenson did his magic with the live auction which included two signed prints donated by the artist and long time friend of Kenny Chesney, Tim Holt, and three hats and two tee shirts signed by Chesney from his 2008 tour "Pirates and Poets". Other features of the auction included season tickets to Lady Vols basketball, tickets to a Vols football game, a powered parachute

ride, a Bob Feller autographed baseball, a Chinese Mystery Dinner and an authentic Egyptian Dinner, several vacation destinations, a quilt donated by the Tellico Village Quilters, an original hand painted chest by

> the artist Judee Andrews. and a wheelbarrow filled with assorted bottles of Restaurants in the wine. area generously donated certificates. These were Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, Amerigo, Bonefish, Carrabbas, Connors, Little Bangkok, Mimi's Café, Peerless. P.F. Chang. Orangery, RouXbarbecue. Stir Frv Café, Table 15, the

restaurant at Tanasi, Vinnie & Me, Whitestone Country Inn, and Lakeside Tavern.

Variety of Eastern Tennessee, founded by Regal Cinema was a platinum sponsor for the fourth year, as well as Hubbell Lenoir City, Inc. which was a gold sponsor. Bronze sponsors for the fourth year were Wampler's Sausage and Elm Hill, and Kimberly Clark-Loudon Mill. Also sponsoring tables were the United Community Bankl-Lenoir City, the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Tellico Village, Elaine Schuster, Chuck Feskorn in memory of Nancy Feskorn, the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection-Loudon, Richard LeTard, Millie Bruner, Board of Directors President, former Olympian Dick Davies, Judy Carlson, the Tellico Village Road Runners, Cheryl Ottaviano, Joyce Peterson, CAC accountant and Karen Keirstead, CAC Board of Directors member and chairperson for the evening.



The East Tennesseans open their hearts was to victim's of abuse

Don & Carol Steighan
Ted & Frances Wampler
Richard & Mary LeTard
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Anonymous
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### **Reporting Child Abuse**

Tennessee Law requires that any person who knows or has reason to suspect that a child has been abused must report the allegation to the toll-free hotline number or local law enforcement.

Remember, "has reason to suspect" means you have seen indicators of abuse, the child has disclosed abuse, or you have a "gut" feeling something may not be right. It does not mean that you are certain the abuse occurred.

Reporting abuse, or suspected abuse, is actually a request for professionals to investigate further. Failure to report child abuse is punishable by up to 11 months and 29 days in jail and a maximum fine of \$2,500.

If you suspect child abuse call the Tennessee Toll-Free Hotline at 1-877-237-0004

#### **CAC STAFF**

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Beth Catchot Therapist

Kari Anna Watkins Forensic Interviewer
Darcy Navratil Family Advocate

Melody Valentine Victim Services Specialist

Denise Dubrule Administrative Assistant

Joyce Peterson Bookkeeper
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Millie Bruner, RN Volunteer

#### How you can help

Yes, I want to support the services, care and comfort provided to severely abused children by the Child Advocacy Center. Please accept my tax-deductible gift.

NAME

**ADDRESS** 

CITY/STATE/ZIP

- ♦ In Memory of
- ♦ In Honor of
- ♦ Anonymous
- Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$

Please make checks payable to:

**Child Advocacy Center** 

P.O. Box 928 Lenoir City, TN 37771

♦ I want to volunteer. Please contact me.

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
E-Mail:

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