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Dallas Hosts Healing Field

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*"If we cannot make a
world in which children
no longer suffer, at least
we can try to reduce the
number of suffering
children."*

*Albert Camus
1913-1960*

Imagine an empty grassy field. Nice, right? Then imagine the same field supporting 1,400 waving American flags. Beautiful and majestic, right? Now...understand that each of those 1,400 flags represents a child who was murdered in the United States last year at the hands of a child abuser. The once-beautiful sight now generates feelings of shock, horror and disbelief. How could so many children have died at the hands of someone they relied on for their safety and well being?

For one week in July, these 1,400 American flags were displayed in a Healing Field* behind Dallas City Hall. The event, sponsored by the National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse and supported by the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Center and Dallas Area Exchange Clubs, was a visually stunning tribute to our nation's victims of child abuse. Exchange Club, Dallas area Exchange Clubs and CAP Center staff members were also on site to talk with passersby, hand out literature and accept donations to support the CAP Center, which is dedicated to ending the vicious cycle of child abuse.

The goal was to raise the public's consciousness about child abuse and its devastating consequences. For anyone observing the disturbing sight of row upon row of American flags commemorating the 1,400 murdered children, consciousness was raised. And, as a result, they may be more likely to report possible cases of child abuse to the proper authorities.

Better to err on the side of caution. Better to be a person who is not too busy or too timid to make the safety of a child the top priority. Better to be safe than sorry. Better for the child, that is!

*Healing Field™ is a non-profit Utah Corporation established in April 2003. Its original purpose was to increase patriotic awareness in the country through flag displays and memorials, while helping communities heal from the tragedies of terrorism, war and disasters. Additionally, the Healing Field™ program is intended to be a source of healing and fundraising for worthy causes and charities across the country.



Only 100 More Shopping Days!

Soon the CAP Center will begin gearing up for one of the most exciting times of the year, our Adopt-A-Family Christmas project. Last year, through the generosity and caring of individuals and business groups, we were able to make Christmas wishes come true for 39 families from the Parent Aide and Healthy Families Programs. These families would have had little or nothing to celebrate if not for the kindness of individuals.

This year, we invite *you* to join us in this wonderful program! Take this opportunity to open your heart to others and share your blessings by adopting a family or making a donation. We will send out letters in October to alumni donors to solicit help.

Please call Karen Coxe or Michelle Ferris at 214-370-9810 or email kcoxe@excap.org or mferris@excap.org if you have any questions or would like to be added to our list of donors. A tax deduction letter is available on request.

Save These Dates!

CAP Center Classic
October 11, 2004

Voices For Children
November 4, 2004

Child Care Conference
March 5, 2005

Celebrity Waiter Gala
March 19, 2005

Looking for a service project for your church group, company or student group?

Remember the CAP Center!

If you're interested in conducting a diaper drive, please contact Amy McShane
214-370-9810 or amcshane@excap.org

We are currently in need of diapers and pull-ups of all sizes.

Healthy Families Graduation/ Back-To-School Celebration

Congratulations to the eight teenage moms and dads in the Healthy Families program, who earned a high school diploma or GED this year, despite the challenges of teen parenting.

Five of our graduates received scholarships as a result of their excellent academic performance. The scholarship recipients will be going to the University of Arkansas, Jarvis Christian College, Cedar Valley Community College, and El Centro Community College.

Special recognition goes to one of our dads who received a full scholarship through the Marine Corps to attend the university of his choice upon completion of his training. Two other teen parents received financial aid to attend local community colleges.

On August 13, 2004, Healthy Families held its second annual Graduation & Back-to-School Celebration. Participants, including the recent graduates, shared achievements and future goals. Healthy Families presented each of the eight graduates a certificate of achievement, roses and a special gift certificate.

DON'T FORGET...

Your Tom Thumb REWARD Card is an easy way to raise Funds for CAP Center.

Just give the customer service desk your card and ask to be linked to CAP #856 in the Good Neighbor Program.

1% of all proceeds go to CAP Center!!



Another way to benefit CAP Center...

Use your Diner's Club® Points.



Donate to Club Reward #7801D

CAP Center Hosts 12th Annual President's Luncheon

Twelve years ago, 13 Dallas area Exchange Clubs and their 400 volunteers founded the CAP Center. On August 13, 2004, the CAP Center proudly held its 12th Annual President's Luncheon to honor the area's past and current Exchange Club presidents. Ten area clubs were represented by 15 past and current presidents and presidents-elect.

"This is our time to remind you that you are the reason the CAP Center exists, and to thank you for all your efforts these past 12 years," said Randy Michero, CAP Center's Vice President of Special Events. "The Exchange Club provided the initial \$30,000 in 1992, as seed money to plant this organization, and your continued donations and involvement are key to its ongoing growth and success."

Michero went on to explain, "In 1992, the Center was named the National Exchange Club Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse of DFW, Inc. In spring 2002, the organization's name became the Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Center. We made the change to more concisely define the nature of the organization."

Scott Davis, CAP Center Board President, interjected, "Changing the name does not mean the Exchange Club is less important to the CAP Center. Therefore, to ensure the public remembers who started this group, we have added the tag line, *A Gift to the World from Exchange Club*. You are the original and continuing owners of this organization."

Carol Duncan, CAP Center Program Director, presented updated information to the guests. She noted the Healthy Families program, which targets at-risk pregnant teens in high-poverty neighborhoods, is currently serving 55 teens with their 41 children. "Also, since January of this year, the Parent Aide Mentor Program has been working with 129 families, almost equal to the total number we worked with in all of 2003," Duncan said. "Our Shaken Baby Syndrome education program has been presented to 881 teens and childcare providers, and our Families First divorce education program seminars have reached 305 adults and 85 children.

"We are touching and improving lives because of your generosity and compassion," Duncan said. "We cannot thank you enough."

The luncheon was a wonderful exchange (pardon the pun) of information and ideas. One suggestion made by an Exchange Club president was to have a CAP Center staff member attend meetings to update club members on child abuse statistics in their areas and to reinforce the need for their extraordinary volunteer efforts. "We are committed to the fight against child abuse and to our relationship with Exchange Club," Duncan said. "We'll be available whenever and wherever we're asked."

We thank the following clubs and Texas District Exchangites for their funding and inkind support: Berkner, Carrollton, Coppell, Dallas, East Dallas, Lake Highlands, Mesquite, Noon Garland, Pearce, Sachse, Social and Uptown Exchange Clubs.

Voices for Children - Lift every voice and sing!

The 2004 Voices for Children breakfast will be held on November 4 from 7:30 am-8:30 am at the Crescent Court Hotel. If you are interested in attending or hosting a table, please contact Brooke Damron at bdamron@excap.org.

Spend Columbus Day on the Golf Course

It's time for the 2004 CAP Center Classic! The golfing fun will kick off on Monday, October 11th at 1:00 pm with a shotgun start. The event concludes with a dinner and awards ceremony. Once again, Fuddrucker's will donate the food, and members of the Coppell Exchange Club will be our chefs for the evening. Riverchase Golf Course, located at 700 Riverchase Dr. in Coppell, will host the tournament this year. There is still time to become one of the Classic's sponsors:



Platinum Sponsor with 3 teams	\$10,000	Corporate Sponsor (hole sponsorship)	\$1,000
Gold Sponsor with 2 teams	\$ 5,000	4-man Team	\$ 800
Silver Sponsor with 1 team	\$ 3,000	Individual Player	\$ 200

(Above levels include private dinner at the home of Gerald Deats.)

Please contact Brooke Damron at 214-370-9810 or bdamron@excap.org for additional information.
Download the player registration form at www.excap.org.

**CAP Center
Clients Served
1993 to June 2004**

Parent Aide Program
Families: 1,079
Children: 2,708

Families First
Parents: 6,221
Children: 2,656

Shaken Baby Syndrome
People Trained: 7,567

**Healthy Families Dallas
2001-2004**
Teens and Babies: 96

**Special Thanks to Our
Wonderful Program
Volunteers for Their
Years of Service**

Tahnee Barbee	4
Anita Bass	3
Henry Carney	6
Janet Cobb	6
Earie Coleman	2
Susan Flusche	1
Yvonne French	1
Jennifer Fullbright	7
Jody Giles	3
Kelly Griffin	4
Ellen Grigsby	1
Sophie Guislain	1
Corrine Gurney	1
Rachel Hiller	1
Amy Huffman	1
Maggie Kuenstler	1
Shawn Kurz	3
Jill Lewis	4
Elizabeth Miller	1
Craig Mindell	3
Viviane Minet	1
Clay Moody	8
Kate Murphy	3
Scott Plog	1
Sarah Smith	8
Ginger Starr	1
Kelly Thompson	3
Sonya Thorpe	1
Traci Wagner	1

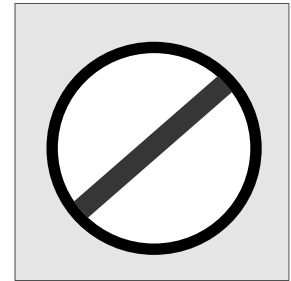
Shaken Baby Syndrome New Public Service Announcement

The CAP Center proudly introduces our new Public Service Announcement (PSA) on the dangers of shaking a baby. We would like to thank the following cast and crew who donated their time to make this possible:

Sonny Dominguez, actor; Jimmy Nelson, actor; Darren Silva, voice over; Rick Robertson, voice over; Adolfo Troncoso, voice over and Paul Cox, camera operator.

We give special recognition to Stan Hart, of *Hart Productions*, who wrote, directed and edited these powerful pieces. We would also like to thank *Moving Pictures*, the TV, radio and film production company, where the editing of the PSAs took place.

In September, we took the film to Montreal for the North American Conference on Shaken Baby Syndrome, including it as part of our presentation. We hope to have the PSAs on the CAP Center website as part of our new Teen Campaign.



New Teen Campaign Logo

We are so grateful to all those who made this possible, including Brooke Damron, our special events coordinator at the CAP Center, who provided her home for the location shots.

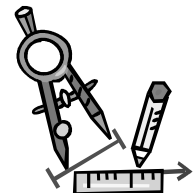
School Supply Drive Success

The CAP Center extends a huge thank you to all the individuals who participated in this year's school supply drive.

Members of the Social Exchange Club and employees of the Nautilus Group-New York Life, the Hamilton Park Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church of Richardson and Alice & Bill Wright contributed an overwhelming amount of school supplies as well as backpacks and Payless Shoe Source gift certificates.

E-Rewards also contributed an unprecedented monetary donation to the CAP Center to purchase school supplies for 100 children! This monetary donation included 100% employee participation as well as a dollar-for-dollar company match.

Thanks to the generosity of these groups and individuals, the CAP Center was able to provide a backpack filled with school supplies and a Payless Shoe Source gift certificate to every child in our Parent Aide and Healthy Families Programs! Thank you for giving 100 Dallas County children a great start to a new school year!



We wish to thank the following organizations and individuals who donated back packs, school supplies and gift certificates:

- E-Rewards**
- Alice & Bill Wright**
- Social Exchange Club**
- First Baptist Church of Richardson**
- Dr. Mike and E.J. Rodgers**
- Nautilus Group - New York Life**
- Dallas ISD - Common Cents Roundtable**

All the wonderful donors omitted due to print deadline

Oh, What a Night!



The Tenth Annual Celebrity Waiter gala was a resounding success! The event, held May 1 at Park Cities Hilton, raised approximately \$155,000 for the Child Abuse Prevention Center. Auction highlights included an adorable Bichon Frise puppy that raised \$3,000; one week at a fabulous house in Beaver Creek, Colorado which brought in \$4,700; and a ride in a MIG fighter jet that went for \$8,000! Ashleigh Banfield auctioned off various NBC, Late Night with Conan O'Brien tickets which resulted in a winning bid of \$8,000.

Mattie Roberts was this year's Honorary Celebrity Chair, and the Spirit of Compassion Award was presented to Gerald Deats. Deats, co-founder of the CAP Center, is the driving force behind our annual golf tournament. More than 200 people attended the black-tie gala, which featured after-dinner dancing with Johnny Reno and the Lounge Kings.

Other celebrities in attendance were: *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette* host Chris Harrison; Glen Agritelley, Mercy Wine Bar; John Clutts, The Clutts Agency; Miss Texas, Sunni Cranfill; Jeff Crilley, Fox 4 reporter; Nick Dalley, president, Intentional Communications, Inc.; Jimmy Fell, Sevy's Grill; political opponents Congressman Martin Frost and Congressman Pete Sessions; Monica Greene, restaurateur; Bob Hopkins, Philanthropy International; Captain Eric Guth, airline pilot; Wendy Krispin, caterer; Dr. Raul Rodriguez, Chef; Jamie Samford, Central Market; Dan Strimple, PGA golfer; Jan Strimple, model; Craig "Big T" Thompson; Russ Vandeverdonk and Todd Whitthorne, Cooper Fitness.

Where to Turn:	
CAP Center	214-370-9810 www.excap.org
Community Helpline	214-379-HELP (4357) or 211
Shaken Baby Alliance	817-882-8686
To Report Child Abuse	800-252-5400 Texas Abuse Hotline

Gracious Gratitude

The CAP Center offers their heartfelt gratitude to the following groups and individuals :

- ☆ Dallas Social Venture Partners for guidance on our Long Range Plan;
- ☆ Jacquelyn Floyd, *The Dallas Morning News*, for her articles on child abuse;
- ☆ Stephanie Lucero, Channel 11; Shaun Rabb, Channel 4; and Gary Reaves, Channel 8 for their coverage of the CAP Center's child abuse prevention programs;
- ☆ Dallas area Exchange Clubs for their continued support;
- ☆ Matt Talley and Mary Ann Talley for hosting the 1st Annual Fish Off and Fish Fry to benefit the CAP Center;
- ☆ Lisa Spooner-Whyte for hosting the *Faces Portrait Art* exhibition benefiting the CAP Center;
- ☆ Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Dotson for the donation of their Beanie Babies collection and
- ☆ All those groups & individuals that believe children deserve to be safe.



Families First Morning

It's not easy getting out of bed on a Saturday morning. The children and teens at the CAP Center's Families First divorce education children's program will attest to that.

While their parents are in the adult session, these children sleepily walk into a group of strangers not knowing what to expect. As volunteer facilitators, we ask them what they would rather be doing. Many say playing or watching cartoons, but most exclaim "sleeping!"

Why is it worth losing that Saturday morning sleep? Our goal is to reassure these young people that divorce is not their fault. For the first time in their lives, they are surrounded by peers experiencing divorce and struggling with overwhelming changes. They have a chance to talk about the changes in an atmosphere of trust and confidence. We offer them means to name feelings, and teach them safe and appropriate ways to cope.

Sadly, when divorce occurs, parenting may stop. CAP Center believes that positive parenting can occur during divorce, and offers methods for both the parents and children to accomplish that goal. For four hours on a Saturday, we give these children hope. We think the sleep can wait.

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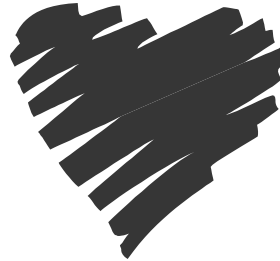
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Family Visitation Worker

*“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful,
committed citizens can change the world; indeed,
it’s the only thing that ever has.”*

Margaret Mead



This newsletter is about solutions to the problems of child abuse. CAP Center salutes our dedicated Exchange Club members, all our volunteers, donors, and program partners who are committed to keeping children safe. Each of you has changed lives.

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