

Council Update

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Working Together Works

In celebration of this year's theme, "Working Together Works," we ask that you join us at the Annual Awards Luncheon to celebrate a terrific past year and in anticipation of another terrific year just ahead. We are ever so grateful that our good friends, volunteers, staff, and partners both on the local and state level have remained supportive, loyal, and dedicated to our belief that....

"It Shouldn't Hurt To Be A Child."



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2011 Annual Awards Luncheon

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us at our annual awards luncheon:

Date: March 24, 2011
Alexander's—Marysville
12:00 noon—1:30 p.m.

As always, we will honor our community's special child advocates, and we **NEED YOUR HELP** in nominating worthy candidates. We'll accept nominations for Child Advocate of the year and Community Child Advocate until March 3, 2011—so do it!! This year, take the time to nominate your friend, colleague, or mentor—if not you—who?

Nomination and registration materials enclosed.

Award Nomination Deadline: March 3, 2011

Reservation Deadline: March 17, 2011

2011 Executive Committee and Board Members

The Annual Board Breakfast Meeting was held January 20, 2011 and the following board members, Executive Committee members and officers were elected to guide our Council during the coming year. The Annual Report and Audit were also received by the group. All year end materials are available upon request.

Executive Committee*

President:	Debra Johnson, CMH	Members at Large:	Tom Bower, AAA Marysville
Vice President:	Cheryl Rogers, PHASD		Hilary Bridge, Asst. Prosecuting Attorney
Secretary:	Kathy Kish, Capac Schools		Wade Richards, Cargill Salt
Treasurer:	Jeff Thomson, Semco Energy		

*Meets the 1st Thursday of every month at 12:00 noon—CAN Council Office. All Board Members are obligated to attend at least one Executive Committee meeting each year.

Board of Directors

Bill Berg, Farm Bureau Insurance	Jeanne Shenkar, Memphis Schools
Don Cole, Kramer Realty	Kathy Smith, Port Huron Hospital
Lauren Hager, Community Child Advocate	Honorable John Tomlinson, Probate Judge
Detective Malissa McBride, Port Huron Police Dept.	Karen VanNess, St. Clair Co. Health Department
Marcy Koftan, Community Child Advocate	Deborah Walbecq, Department of Human Services
Pauline Repp, Community Child Advocate	Mike Wendling, Chief Prosecuting Attorney
Kelly Shaw, Shaw Chiropractic	Nicole Winston, Rowling, Partipilo, Streeter & Winston

Blue Water Area Child Advocacy Center

Our Child Advocacy Center observed its third year of operation in November 2010. The number of forensic interviews provided in our center for alleged child sexual abuse victims rose to 150 this past year—we continue to interview two full days each week. We also provided several interviews for Sanilac County in 2010. Our Center Director, Nancy Szlezynghier and Forensic Interviewer, Sarah Richard have been working diligently toward completing the required standards for full accreditation of our Center from the National Children's Alliance. Receiving this credential will provide many new opportunities for training and funding.

We are very proud of our Center, and continue our efforts to help the children, families, and professionals who utilize the facility to feel comfortable during visits.

2011 Dinner For Kids' Sake—A Tropical Flamingo Fling



Planning is underway for our 2011 Dinner For Kids' Sake (June 15, 2011—Fore Lakes) and although 2010's Black & White Bash will be hard to beat—we're up for it!! Flamingos will be everywhere—so look up your bright pink sundress or pink flamingo sport shirt and join us for a first class evening of fun!! Food, music, an awesome silent auction and good will abound!!

Wouldn't you like to to help—we'd love to have you—donate, volunteer, join the committee or put your own table together for the event. The price is right, the evening is awesome—please join in the fun!

Questions? 810-966-9911 or email info@sccstopchildabuse.org



Blue Ribbon Day—April 12, 2011

A full day of activities is on tap for Blue Ribbon Day—April 12, 2011. We hope you'll all plan to participate as we kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month beginning at 11:00 a.m. with our Star Wall Dedication, followed by an agency open house from 12:00—3:00 p.m. Events will continue that evening as we host the nationally recognized "Talk Early—Talk Often" workshop, a program for middle school parents designed to help open the door for conversations about sexuality and abstinence. Details included in this newsletter—we hope you'll make time to participate!

Children At Risk Emergency Fund (CARE Fund)



The CARE Fund is a special fund designated by the St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council, which upon substantiated request from a care professional, will provide goods and services to meet the needs for physical, social or emotional enhancements to St. Clair County children "at risk." The fund may be accessed once during a calendar year by an individual child in an amount not to exceed \$100. Any St. Clair County professional working with children and families at risk is welcome to request goods or services simply by completing an application with explanatory cover letter and submitting it to our office for review. A committee reviews the request and notifies the applicant of the decision and funds will be issued in the form of actual goods or services. The Council wishes to provide an easily accessed fund which will address a child's self esteem/self enhancement in support of our belief that.....

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CARE Fund applications may be found on our website - www.sccstopchildabuse.org

2011 Membership Roster

In recognition of contributions to the St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council and its mission, we acknowledge the following supporters of the 2011 membership campaign.

Individual Memberships

Jamie Alexander
Charles Andrews
D. Michael Benedict
Dennis Bilina
Tom & Heather Bower
Dennis Campbell
James W. Chopp
Lindsay Chopp
Deborah Darling
Dan DeGrow
Lauren Hager
Mark Hanton
Sharon Joachim
Debra Johnson
Kathy Kish
Dorothea Knight
Debra McAlpine
Patrick & Debbie Moran
Gail Nawrock
Laurie Oldford
Deanne & Pat Quain
Pauline Repp
Frederic Roberts
Domingo Ruiz
Kelly Shaw
Jeanne Shenkar
Kathleen Smith
Kenneth Snyder
Mary Ann Stackpoole
Ray Straffon
Sally Straffon
Suzi Straffon
David Szlezynghier
Mary Thomson
John Walke
Daniel Wilhelm
Cynthia Willey-King

Prevention Partners/Agency Memberships

James & Janet Collin
Andrea Gossman
Harbor Health Private Care
Nigar Hussain
Marshall Kamer
Gerald & Mino Kramer
Terry Krueger
Paul Kruse
Patrick & Mary Gale McPharlin
Neal & Chris Obermyer
Professional Counseling Center
Maryjean & Donald Reid
St. Clair Co. Department of Human Services
St. Clair County Probate Court

Premier Members

William Berg
Jim Bonadio
Richard & Vicki Dionne
Juanita Gittings
Marcy Koftan
Jim & Nancy Maywar
Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Moore Jr.
Thelma Morgans
Ann Murphy
Drs. Amit & Hema Nandi
John & Dale Ann Ogden
Bill & Cheryl Rogers
Ellen Ross
Kathryn Ruby
Karren Schneider
Robert & Linda Smith
Dr. John & Kay Zmiejko

Child Advocacy Patron

Wendy Paul

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Many Thanks....

- * To recent donors; DTE Foundation, The New Year's Eve Crew, Birchwood Mall, PHHS, Wendy Paul (CAC Patron), Woman's Life #837, & Fenner Painting. We are constantly humbled and amazed by our supporters near and far who donate time, energy and funds to keep us strong and growing!
- * To the thousands of Roof Sit supporters who made Roof Sit 2010 one of the best ever—topping out at well over \$100,000. Much appreciation to Chuck Santoni, Radio First and the Birchwood Mall for providing us with this great fundraising opportunity.
- * To Paul & Dave, who so kindly help with "heavy duty lifting" and tasks that baffle our all female staff! To Bill Schroeder—who generously keeps the snow from our doors—much gratitude.
- * Our staff of awesome professionals who believe in what they do—and do it, well!!
- * To the enthusiastic committee who will soon begin meeting to begin planning the Dinner For Kids' Sake. The 2010 event will be hard to beat—but this crew is up to the task. The Tropical Flamingo Fling will be held June 15, 2011.
- * To our school principals, counselors, and social workers county-wide who welcome and facilitate Bubbylonian Encounter and Just the Facts—our program evaluations tell us that *"Working Together Works"* in school based prevention efforts.