

# CAN Talk

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*"Together we CAN stop child abuse and neglect"*

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## APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

### *Safe Children and Healthy Families are a Shared Responsibility!*

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As we join with Prevent Child Abuse America in honoring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, we believe that **"Together we CAN stop child abuse and neglect."** We work to prevent child abuse through our advocacy, awareness, education and intervention programs. We stop child abuse one child at a time and each of us is responsible to make this happen!



So, at this point, you may be asking yourself-what can I do to make a difference in the rate of child abuse and neglect in my community? Here are just a few suggestions:

- ☺ Check with your elementary school principal and make sure that the SOS: Safer-Older-Smarter program is scheduled to teach your 2nd grade student about personal safety,
- ☺ Invite a CAN Council team member to speak to your civic, school, church or other group about the ways you can stop child abuse in Saginaw County,
- ☺ Give our office a call (989) 752-7226 and ask about some of the educational materials (available in English and Spanish) that could support you in your role as a parent. For example: "Dealing with Temper Tantrums", "Soothing a Crying Infant", "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren", "Surviving Toilet Training" and "Chore Wars" to name a few,
- ☺ WE NEED YOU-please know that no matter what strengths you possess and what amount of time you have, you can play a role in our efforts to stop child abuse by volunteering,
- ☺ Take a moment to give support to a young mother you know by recommending the countywide Project Great Start Birth-5 program that provides home visits and play-groups for parents of children up to 5 years of age,

Children are likely  
to *become*  
what you  
*believe*  
them to be.



- ☺ Call us with another idea-some of our best programs and program improvements are the result of our work with volunteers!
- ☺ Purchase a Blue Ribbon sold at various businesses. Participating Credit Unions: Communications Family Credit Union, Consumers Choice Credit Union and Family First Credit Union,
- ☺ Tie a blue ribbon around a tree or car antenna,
- ☺ Plant a pinwheel garden or purchase a pinwheel at Sam's Club on April 11th or a participating McDonald's Restaurants.

Thank you for your belief that we need to join together to stop child abuse!

# From the President's Desk



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I hope while you are reading this, you are enjoying a change from cold and windy days of the winter to chirping of birds, melted snow, and sounds of children's voices playing outside. This is a season filled with the joy of children whether in your family, neighborhood, faith community or with your own precious gifts!

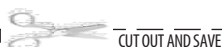
Our CAN Council is welcoming spring with a celebration of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. We will kick the month off planting our "Pinwheels for Prevention" garden at the Saginaw County Courthouse. Together with the Exchange Club and many schools throughout Saginaw, we will plant this garden to raise awareness and energy about our ability to prevent child abuse! During this month, we will be:

- Scheduling our new safety program—S.O.S. (Safer, Older, Smarter) to 2<sup>nd</sup> graders in Saginaw County,
- Training another class of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA),
- Initiating our Endowment Challenge through the Saginaw Community Foundation to raise \$25,000 and receive a \$10,000 match,
- Planting gardens of "Pinwheels for Prevention"—call us if you would like more information on how to create one!
- Registering golfers for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Advocacy Center's Golf Outing to take place on June 19<sup>th</sup>!

The spring is filled with so many opportunities to get involved in making our community a safer place for our children! Check out our website at [www.cancouncil.org](http://www.cancouncil.org) for updated information. As always, I invite you to take a moment and give me a call to share your thoughts about ways we can stop child abuse and neglect in Saginaw County. Please call (989) 752-7226 or send me an email at [sgreenberg@cancouncil.org](mailto:sgreenberg@cancouncil.org). I welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

Together we CAN,

*Suzanne Greenberg*  
President/CEO



## TO REPORT SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT, PLEASE CALL:

Saginaw County  
Department of Human  
Services: Protective  
Services Division

**(989) 758-1791**

*Para reportar una sospecha de abuso sexual a un niño, llame al DHS al número (989) 758-1791.*

## Where to find help ...

Report Abuse .....	989-758-1791
CAN Council (CAC, CAPE, CASA) .....	989-752-7226
Child & Family Services (Counseling).....	989-790-7500
Community Child Care (Referral Service).....	989-497-0680
Crisis Center (Mental Health).....	989-792-9732
Family Youth Initiative (Teen Support) .....	877-FYI-4YOU
Innerlink (Teen Runaway) .....	989-753-3431
Lead Hotline.....	800-MI-TOXIC
Mental Health Services .....	989-797-3400
Parent Helpline .....	800-942-HELP
Parent Resource Center (Parent/Child Programs) .....	989-759-3625
Sexual Assault Program (SAP) (Counseling) .....	989-790-9118
Underground Railroad (Domestic Violence).....	989-755-0411
Westlund Guidance Clinic (Counseling) .....	989-793-4790

## Saginaw Exchange Club Donates DVDs to Distribute to Educators

The Period of P.U.R.P.L.E Crying is a program from the National Center on Shaken Baby Syndrome and is distributed by the National Exchange Club Foundation. The P.U.R.P.L.E Period stands for the characteristics of a baby's crying in the first three months of life (this is the peak crying time for babies).



- P-Peak of crying
- U-Unexpected
- R-Resists soothing
- P-Pain-like face
- L-Long lasting
- E-Evening

Our local Saginaw Exchange Club donated several copies of this DVD to be distributed to educators in Saginaw. They have been received with enthusiasm and appreciation.

## BTIO Babies are Getting New Outfits

Vera Harrison, CAPE Education Coordinator, met with **Dee Howe** to create a pattern that could be used to make sleep sacks for the BTIO babies. They were designed so the bottoms close



with a draw string or with elastic. This design is more consistent with the sleep practices that are now recommended to prevent suffocations during sleep. The clothes will also be easier for Vera to change when cleaning the 60 simulators every week. The **Timbertown Dollology Club** has agreed to make sleep sacks for our infant simulators. Shown here is **Jan Morris** with the first of the 60 gowns needed for the simulators.

## For Kid's Sake: Mandated Reporter Manual Updated

Additional information was added to the For Kids Sake Manual regarding identifying child abuse. For example, it is common to hear that "all children have bruises". While that is true for certain age groups of children, babies that don't walk or crawl rarely have bruises. This knowledge could save a child's life. The manual is only distributed to participants in our For Kid's Sake workshop for mandated reporters.



## Saginaw on Stage

Reserve your tickets for Saginaw on Stage hosted by the Rotary Club of Saginaw – over 20 bands on five stages. Saturday, April 11 at Apple Mountain Resort.



\$20 adults in advance, \$25 at the door; \$5 students in advance, \$10 at the door (Student I.D required). \$12 dinner buffet available. For tickets, call 989-776-8425. **Proceeds will go to the Sleep Sack Project at Covenant HealthCare** – providing sleep sacks to every baby born at the hospital to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

## New Personal Safety Activity Book has a Name-SOS: Safer-Older-Smarter!!!

For years we have called our second grade safety program *Playing It Safe*, because the book we provided was called "Playing It Safe". Now that we have created and published our own book, we needed to find a new name. Our new personal safety program is entitled **SOS: Safer-Older-Smarter!** This title truly expresses the theme and spirit of the program: second graders are getting older so they need to know more to stay safe. Thanks to Delores Gale for this perfect title! Check with your school to see if they have scheduled this safety program for all second grade students.

## Parent's Corner

### Did you know . . . Scald burns are preventable!

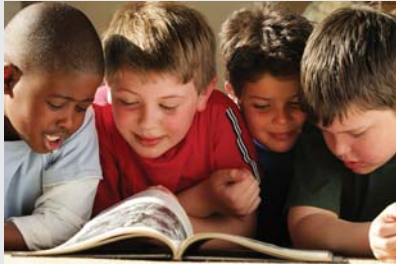
- Increase awareness:
  - Young children and elderly are most vulnerable
  - 1.25 million people suffer burn injuries annually
  - Most burn injuries happen in the home:
    - tap water scalds in bathing areas
    - preparation/serving of food in the kitchen areas



- Identify potential hazards
  - Tap water scalds are most often severe and cover a larger percent of the person's body
  - Cooking-related scalds – stove & microwave ovens
- Making necessary changes in behavior & environment
  - Set home water heaters no higher than 120 degrees F
  - Re-test and re-adjust water heaters as necessary
  - Establish a "safe area" between stove and sink
  - Cook on back burner when young children are present
  - Appliance cords should be coiled and away from counter edge
  - Place hot items in the center of the table
  - Never heat bottles of baby formula or milk in the microwave, especially if using plastic bottle liners. Liners may burst increasing scald risk to infants.
  - Steam over 200 degrees F can result in burns to face, arms and hands. Puncture plastic wrap or use vented containers to allow steam to escape while cooking.

Source: Drive to Zero Dow EH&S Daily Emphasis:

## Parent's Corner



### TIPS FOR READING WITH YOUR CHILD

- **Start reading early.** Even the youngest baby will enjoy the sound of your voice and the rhythm of a story. If you haven't started yet, it's never too late.
- **Choose appropriate books.** Babies and young children enjoy short books that rhyme, have lots of pictures, have lots of repetition, tell a funny story, or are about a child's favorite animal, activity or show.
- **Pick a special time to read.** Such as bedtime, after supper, before bath or after nap time. Try to read everyday.
- **Keep it fun!** Let the child choose which book to read, use funny voices or tell stories together about the pictures.
- **Let your child "read" to you.** They may remember the story or tell a new one. There's no wrong way for a child to "read" to you!

These tips are brought to you by the National Exchange Club. The National Exchange Club is a volunteer organization of men and women dedicated to preventing child abuse and improving their communities. For more tips visit [www.believeintheblue.org](http://www.believeintheblue.org). For information on your local Exchange Club, please call Catherine Martinez, (989) 752-7226.



## CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER PROGRAM UPDATES

### ETHNICITY DEMOGRAPHICS MIRROR POPULATION SERVED BY THE CAC

The CAC is currently in the process of gathering information for their re-accreditation from the National Children's Alliance (NCA). This re-accreditation is required every five years and is a very important process which requires Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) follow a set of national standards to ensure the accuracy and adequacy of CACs throughout the United States. The numbers below demonstrate how closely the number of children seen at the CAC mirrored children within our own county. Child abuse truly is universal and has no boundaries; no child is safer due to their ethnicity, nor is any child more predisposed to abuse due to their ethnic background.

Saginaw County	Saginaw CAC
71% Caucasian	67% Caucasian
18% African Amer.	20% African Amer.
7% Hispanic	7% Hispanic
4% Other	6% Other

### TRAINING GRANT RECEIVED

The CAC received a grant from the National Children's Alliance (NCA) for program improvement to enhance the medical component at the Center. This enabled the CAC to hire three part time nurses from Covenant: Darcy Brock, Heather Warzecha and Tammy Nowaczyk. This grant will also pay for training for these three nurses and the CAC Director to obtain Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) for adults training at John's Hopkins in Baltimore. The nurses will assist Dr. Frederick with exams and do after hours acute exams on children disclosing of more recent abuse.

### Attention Golfers - Join Us!

Childrens Advocacy Center  
11th Annual Golf Scramble  
June 19th, 2009  
Swan Valley Golf Club

Register early and save!  
Complete the registration on the  
back of this newsletter.

## CASA PROGRAM UPDATES

### CASA TRAINING BEGINS MARCH

There are currently 70 trained CASA volunteers and 42 active cases advocating for 78 children. WITH YOUR HELP, we'll be able to make sure many more Saginaw children are placed or returned to safe, loving, permanent homes-volunteer to be a CASA! For an application or information about the next class, contact CASA Program Director, Randy Roberts at (989) 752-7226.



### SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CASA

Click on [www.shopCASA.org](http://www.shopCASA.org) and view the easy, creative ways to support the National CASA program. A portion of the proceeds from sales from these companies is donated to National CASA:

- Organic Bouquet (floral bouquets)
- Fred Meyer Jewelers (pendant/charm)
- Skinit (covering for your laptop, cell phone, etc.)
- U.S. Postmaster (CASA postage stamps)

### CASA HIGHLIGHT

**Val Lee** was sworn in as a CASA volunteer on November 24, 2003. He was in the fifth training class for the CASA Program. He has advocated for 15 children dedicating 547 face-to-face contact hours with the children. Val is a father of 3 children and 6 grandchildren and is a retiree from Delphi Corporation. Val recently stated, *"I wanted to help kids, to be there for them and help them one day lead productive lives"*. Thank you Val for your dedication and making a difference in a life of so many children!



**COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO RAISE RECORD AMOUNT IN ANNUAL AUCTION!**

Auction committee members refused to use the economy as an excuse for not meeting our auction fundraising goal. Although it took a little more effort, our teams found new donors, supporters raised their sponsorship amounts, and guests were extremely generous during the event. All together, a record-setting \$101,825 was raised. Thank you to these sponsors and donors for making children's needs a top priority.



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Judge Harrison in the Mardi Gras Spirit

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 Mid-Michigan Children's Museum



*Mark Schroeder, Auctioneer  
 Auction brio*

## ■ AUCTION UPDATE



*Junior League President Janeen Sheridan,  
Auction Sponsorship Chair LeAnne Iamurri & Husband Rodney*

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St. Mary's of Michigan  
The Stable  
Standard Electric Company  
Stardust Lanes  
Strands Hair Salon  
The Strawberry Dip Cake Shoppe  
Superior Business Solutions  
Tara Stewart  
Pat Symons  
Team One Credit Union  
Ted's Meat Market  
The Temple Theatre  
Gert Thomas  
Thunder Falls Family Water Park  
Mark Torregrossa  
The Township Times  
TriCity Magazine

TriStar Trust Bank  
Twin Peak Performance  
Two Men and a Truck  
U Spa Salon & More  
Uno's  
Verdoni Productions  
Vickie Stuart  
Village Veterinary Clinic  
Wally's Old Fashion  
Sandwich Shop  
Esther Watrous  
West Side Decorating

Center  
The Willows  
Wild Wind Skydivers  
Jill Wise  
WKCQ  
Wohlfeil's Hardware  
Wrege's Fish Company  
Yasmeen's Mediterranean Foods  
Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting  
Jeanna Zehnder  
ZIBA Medical Spa  
Zingerman's Community of Business

### Volunteers

Jazmin  
Adams  
Jane Anderson  
Becca  
Andrews  
Jessie  
Andrews  
Mario Baluha  
Mary Baukus  
Sarah Byam  
Amy Benkert  
Tammy Bernier  
Janet Boes  
Heather Boes  
Tom Braley  
Jo Brownlie  
Monica Brzezinski  
Sue Burk  
Terianne Carey  
Sylvia Carter  
Nancy Corrion  
Jody Darby  
Pat Dennis  
Regina Demski  
Jan Dise  
Jill Dise  
LouAnne Dise  
Connie Downing  
Mike DuCharme  
Jordan Early  
Debbie Evans

Steve Everett  
Joe Fabiano  
Amy Flood  
Justin Foley  
Marge Fuller  
Lori Galbraith  
Bruce Gale  
Alan Greenberg  
Benjamin Greenberg  
Samantha Greenberg  
Mary Gust  
Bill Hamilton  
Marilyn Harder  
Ginny Harrison  
Zac Heinlein  
Erin Hanson  
Denise Henris  
Connie Herriman  
Dave Herriman  
Deb Hoffman  
DonnaLynn Holland  
Dee Howe  
LeAnne Iamurri  
Angie Irish  
Eric Janetsky

Genia Jerema  
Doug Julian  
Laurajeanne Kehn  
Brian Kelley  
Dave Kerns  
Marcia Keyser  
Doug Kohl  
Val Lee  
Dalia LeFlore  
Barb Leo  
Erin Looby  
Johanne Luth  
Mike Manzoni  
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Karalee McKinstry  
Tom McIntyre  
Sharril McNally  
Kate Miller  
Ryan Miller  
Cindy Morley  
Danielle Nelson  
Kevin Nelson  
Carolena Novak  
Kae Pankow  
Eric Palmer  
Liz Parks  
Becky Pietrias  
Marge Reinbolt  
Drewe Robinson  
Jean Rooker  
Crystal Sanders  
Linda Schmidt  
Sarah Schmiede



*Team Leaders: Johanne Luth & Jill Wise*

Linda Schneider  
Gail Schnurstein  
Joe Sedlock  
Linda Sherriff  
Adam Skornia  
Caitlyn Skornia  
Eric Skornia  
Patricia Speight  
Tara Stewart  
Karen Stiffler  
Lauren Stuart  
Vickie Stuart  
John Sweeney  
Nancy Tesaro  
Angela Turner  
Jill Vary  
Alex Welzein  
Rick Welzein  
William Weston  
Garrett Weslock  
Sue White  
Pam Winter  
Jill Wise  
George Wisenberger  
Carol Wolfram  
Renia Zizumbo  
  
Pioneers of Communications  
Family Credit Union



*50/50 Winners: George & Yvonne Baumann  
(donated back to CAN Council)*




*Volunteers: Carol Wolfram & Mike DuCharme*

# April 2009

National Child Abuse  
Prevention Month  
Build Positive  
Family Relationships



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> Color a special picture with your child. Hang it on the refrigerator.	<b>2</b> Visit an older relative or friend with your child.	<b>3</b> Work a puzzle or build a fort with your child.	<b>4</b> Babysit free for a parent who needs a break.
<b>5</b> Volunteer to help with your child's play or musical.	<b>6</b> Ask your child's opinion on an important issue.	<b>7</b> Share your common experiences with another parent.	<b>8</b> Learn nonviolent ways to discipline, such as time-out with discussion.	<b>9</b> Volunteer in your child's classroom or daycare center.	<b>10</b> Make cookies with your child.	<b>11</b> Wear a Blue Ribbon (the symbol of child abuse prevention).
<b>12</b> Encourage your children to give their allowance to charity.	<b>13</b> Take your family to a matinee.	<b>14</b> Learn how to control offensive materials on your home computer.	<b>15</b> Go for a family bike or wagon ride.	<b>16</b> Take your family for a nice long walk together.	<b>17</b> Give everyone in your family a hug today.	<b>18</b> Take your family to the zoo.
<b>19</b> Help build self-esteem. Compliment your child today.	<b>20</b> Read to your child.	<b>21</b> Talk to your child about stranger danger.	<b>22</b> Listen to your child's stories and dreams. Build his or her imagination.	<b>23</b> Sign up for a parenting or child development class.	<b>24</b> Celebrate your children's accomplishments over the past month.	<b>25</b> Have your family help make a Saturday dinner.
<b>26</b> Visit our web site at <a href="http://www.preventchildabuse.com">www.preventchildabuse.com</a>	<b>27</b> Talk to your child about responding to inappropriate touching.	<b>28</b> Help build self-esteem. Encourage your child as he/she learns a new skill.	<b>29</b> Rent a family movie and share a bowl of popcorn.	<b>30</b> Play your child's favorite game.	 <b>NATIONAL EXCHANGE CLUB FOUNDATION</b> <small>Empowering Families. Building Communities. Saving Lives.</small>	

## Holiday Lights 'Shine'

Gary Sheperd of Freeland turned his spectacular holiday lights show into a 'spectacular' fund raising event for the CAN Council. By simply requesting a free will donation from visitors to his synchronized musical light show, he raised \$2,902.73. With the help of two individuals (Board member Tom Braley and an anonymous donor) who offered matching funds, a total of \$4,628.73 was raised in just a few weeks. Even with a wind storm that prompted an early shut down, hundreds enjoyed the show and thousands of dollars were raised to prevent child abuse. Thank you to all who donated and especially to Gary and his family for creating this amazing show!



## Beautiful Bears Shared with Children

Avon Representative Denise Turner has offered the Avon 'Bentley the Bear' as an opportunity to obtain beautiful stuffed bears for distribution by the CAN Council. It also raises funds for the Saginaw County Animal Shelter. For each \$19.99 donation, we receive a 21" Bentley the Bear and the Saginaw County Animal Shelter receives \$8. If interested, stop by the office and purchase your bear!



## Community Supports our CASA Kids

The CASA children along with their families have attended the Midland Center for the Arts seeing Thomas Kubinek: Certified Lunatic and Master of the Impossible. Tickets were also donated by the Greater Saginaw Area Youth Hockey Association so the CASA children could participate in Putt Putt Golf at the Bay Valley Resort and attend a Saginaw Spirit Hockey game.



## Beads 'n More

Raising awareness, having fun and raising money all went hand in hand when supporters wanted to raise funds for the CAN Council. Using the Mardi Gras theme of the auction, both **Yeo & Yeo**



L-R: Ryan Schachtner, Clare Damuth & Jody Darby from Yeo & Yeo



**Consulting and Consumers Energy** raised donations through

Mardi Gras bead sales and raffles. Employees had fun and raised hundreds of dollars too. Two of our littlest bead salesmen were **Rodney & Ty lamurri** who sold beads to family and friends on our behalf—thank you everyone!



## AT&T U-Verse for You Revenue for Us

The CAN Council is proud to announce that we are a participant in the Revenue for You-AT&T National Affiliate Program. When you order AT&T Advanced TV, local phone service or high speed internet service through this program, you'll be helping the CAN Council of Saginaw County raise money to support our services. Visit our website, click on the AT&T banner and place your orders!



## SELECT COMFORT GIFT

Select Comfort bid farewell to Saginaw by closing its Fashion Square Mall store. In doing so, however, they made a very generous gift to our CASA families. Over \$6,000 worth of pillows were given to us to pass on to families in need. Many youngsters will now have a nice pillow on which to lie their heads.



# Help Turn \$25,000 into \$35,000

That's quite a return on investment, and you will receive a tax credit as well!

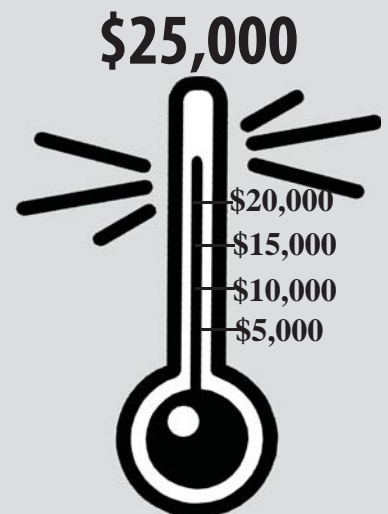
The Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) has decided to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by offering an incentive to the Kresge Foundation Partners to increase their endowment fund. They have challenged us to raise \$25,000 of endowment funding by January 2, 2010 and the foundation will match it with another \$10,000.

Donors to our permanent endowment fund through SCF may claim a Michigan income tax credit—this means you can reduce your Michigan income tax liability by up to one-half of your donation, up to certain limits. Donations are also deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The Michigan Community Foundation Tax Credit provides up to a:

- \$200 credit for a \$400 gift from a couple filing a joint return
- \$100 credit for a \$200 gift from a single taxpayer

Call Delores for more information or complete your donation form found on page 11 and mail today.



## Volunteer Opportunities

Please call Catherine, 752-7226 or email: [catherine@canCouncil.org](mailto:catherine@canCouncil.org)

Volunteers to staff an awareness booth: distributing literature, parent packets, and assisting with children's activities when requested:

- **SVSU Wellness Fair**, Thursday, April 2, 10 am – 3 pm
- **SVSU Great Lakes Expo**, Tuesday, April 5, 1 – 6:30 pm
- **Central Middle School Parent Expo**, Thursday, April 23, 5 – 7 pm
- **Pit & Balcony Law Day**, Saturday, April 25, 2 – 4 pm
- **Thompson Middle School, Family Fun Night**, Thursday, April 30, 5 – 7 pm
- **Bridgeport Spaulding Comm. Schools Wellness Resource Expo**, Thursday, April 30, 5 – 8 pm
- **Francis Reh Academy Parent Resource Fair**, Thursday, May 7, 5 – 7 pm
- **Walmart Safety Day**, Saturday, June 27, 10am-3pm

**SAM'S CLUB - APRIL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, Saturday, April 11th, 10 am - 6 pm:** Volunteers to collect donations, distribute Parenting Tips cards and sell Blue Pinwheels.

**CINCO DeMAYO PARADE, Saturday, May 2nd and PRIDE Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 25th:** Individuals needed to assist with creating and assembling our float. Parade walkers needed to hand out candy along the parade route. Driver needed with vehicle and hitch to pull the float. Groups are always welcome to walk the parade.

**CAC Golf Scramble, Friday, June 19th:** Volunteers needed to assist with set-up, registration, 50/50 raffle, betting hole, lunch set-up and clean up.

### To ALL CAN Council Volunteers

During the week of April 20th, in honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week, please stop by the CAN Council office to pick up your appreciation gift.

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM UPDATES

### Volunteers...Thank You!

The CAN Council was very busy, and we would like to thank the following volunteers for assisting with these special events:

**Bulk mailing-January Newsletter:** Diane Ayres, Bonnie Gilson, Mary Gordon, Joan Hepinstall, Shirley Lenk, Gloria Mellott, and Gail Schnurstein

**Home Builders Show:** Jackie Alish, Diane Ayres, Ken Ayres, Kay Bommarito, Dave & Monica Brezenski, Pat Dennis, Don & Rhoda Dietrich, Jill Dise, Ray Eickholt, Debbie Evans, Amy Gentle, Bonnie Gilson, Mary Gordon, Denise & Jim Henris, Joan Hepinstall, Sharon Hollister, Eugenia Jarema, Dalcia LeFlore, Shirley Lenk, Marge Leuenberger, Patty Leuenberger, Pat McCloy, Gloria Mellott, Sue Ontiveros, Earl Swank, and Nancy Tesauro

**Saginaw Ice Blast:** Bonnie Gilson and Gloria Mellot

**Saginaw Spirit Hockey:** Jeremy Bayne, Kalie

Brown, DonnaLynn Holland, Eugenia Jarema, Doug Kohl & Kasey Lenhart

**Office Volunteers:** Helen Atkinson, Vic Davilla, Broderick Greer, Lisa Jaenicke, Dalicia LeFlore, Angel Moore, Carolena Novak, Gail Schnurstein, Nancy Tesauro, Rina Zizumbo, Linda Zwerk

**Women's Expo:** Nancy Tesauro

***There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer. Your dedication shows in all you do, we are very thankful for people like you!***

## CAN STAFF ADDITIONS & UPDATES

### CAN Council Team Changes



**Vera Harrison**, has been named Education Coordinator as her responsibilities have expanded. In addition to coordinating the Baby Think It Over program, she will be presenting infant health and safety programs. Vera joined our staff in September 2007. Great job Vera!



The CAN Council is proud to announce **Laura Kelley** as our new Office Manager. She has a Bachelor's Degree from Saginaw Valley State University with a major in accounting and a minor in management. She has held many management and accounting positions within the durable medical equipment industry. She has also owned and operated a durable medical equipment company with her husband. She is involved in numerous volunteer experiences with her church, children's school and Boy Scouts. Laura has lived in the Saginaw area her whole life and currently resides in Freeland with her husband, Brian and her twin nine-year old boys. Welcome Laura!



**Catherine Martinez** has taken on a new role as Community Outreach Coordinator. She will be responsible for coordinating CAN Council community awareness and outreach activities. She will prepare and manage all awareness and education materials, media announcements and events. Catherine will continue to recruit, screen, and supervise the CAN Council volunteer staff. Congratulations Catherine on your new role!

**Grants Received**

Community State Bank  
 Morley Foundation match to Carol Morley Beck  
 Harvey Randall Wickes Foundation  
 Hemlock Semiconductor  
 Saginaw Community Foundation  
 Saginaw Rotary of Saginaw

**Advocate**

David Bernier  
 Blessed Trinity Catholic Church  
 Jack's Tree Service  
 Merrill Lynch match to Doug Iles

**Supporter**

Anonymous  
 Tom Braley  
 First Presbyterian Church  
 Alan & Suzanne Greenberg  
 Megan Krieger  
 Dr. Don & Sharron Passal  
 Saginaw Valley Alumnae Assoc. Alpha Xi Delta  
 St. Matthew Episcopal Church

**Patron**

Audrey Bassett  
 Christopher S. Boyd  
 Lowell & Mildred Butman  
 Computer Management Technology Employees  
 (Jean Day)  
 Frankenmuth Gift Shop, Inc.  
 Janet & Chuck Goss  
 Faye Harrison  
 Sandra Hemker  
 Joe & Kristan Madison  
 Dennis Novak  
 Plasencia Family Medicine Saginaw County  
 Deputy Sheriff Association

Suzanne Skentzos  
 Matt & Kim Sujkowski  
 Hazel Taylor  
 Wanigas Employees (Jean Day)

**Friend**

Amalgamated Credit Union  
 Virginia Darnell  
 Rudolph & Susan Emerick  
 Eternal Landscaping Enterprises  
 Delores Gale  
 Vera & Louis Hanisko  
 Phyllis Hastings  
 Wayne & Phyllis Henney  
 Kathleen McGraw Heyn  
 House of Prayer for All Nations Gospel Ministries  
 Carrie Iles  
 Kim Johnson  
 Carol L. Likam  
 Mike Manzoni  
 Kae Pankow  
 Jeanne & Richard Parks  
 Mary Rockwell  
 Janet Shepard  
 Virginia Smith  
 Woman's National Farm & Garden Association

**Honorariums**

C. R. Dwan  
 United Financial Credit Union  
*To Honor Santa David Bernier*  
  
 Patricia Grant  
*To Honor Robert Grant*  
  
 Jr. League of Saginaw  
*To Honor David & Tammy Bernier*

Nancy Spence  
*To Honor Mike Cottrell*  
  
 Patricia Suffety  
*To Honor Anne & Janice Guerriero,  
 Wangelin Family, & Kathy Houck*

Pam Winters  
*To Honor her Mom & Sister*  
  
 Women in Leadership  
*To Honor Judy Lincoln & Sue Wazny*



**Memorials**

Elizabeth, Linda, Frank & Carol Bommarito  
 Paul & Sherry Charbonneau  
 The Howard Harrington Family  
 Judy Hughes  
 Thomas M. Mangapora  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Platko  
 Jim & Gloria Platko  
 Pauline Smith  
*In Memory of Jack Platko*  
  
 Pam Winters  
*In Memory of Mrs. VanOchten*

I wish to remain anonymous

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 Contact me about placing the CAN Council in my will or to receive a gift other than cash (stocks, property, jewelry, collections, etc.)

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# Join Us for the Children's Advocacy Center's *11th Annual Golf Outing* Swan Valley Golf Club Friday, June 19, 2009

**Registration Form** \$400/Team Registration Fee \* Early Bird Registration \$350 (before 4/17/09)

- \* Four Person Scramble
- \* Shotgun Start at 10 am
- \* Skills Contests & 50/50
- \* 18 Holes with Cart
- \* Registration begins at 9 am
- \* Door Prizes
- \* Continental Breakfast, Lunch at the Turn, & Steak Dinner

**Team Captain** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State/Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer #2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer #3** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer #4** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete and mail with your check payable to: CAN Council Saginaw County, 1311 N. Michigan, Saginaw, MI 48602  
(If you are submitting a registration fee for more than one golfer, please indicate which golfers have pre-paid.)