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Saginaw County Department of Human Services:  
Protective Services Division

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

## From the President's Desk

*"What would you attempt to do if you  
knew you could not fail?"*

As we begin 2010, we are attempting to navigate our way through cyberspace with our new, highly interactive website including being connected through Facebook and Twitter! Join us in our fight to protect our children by raising awareness via the web! You can also sign up for our e-newsletter so that you receive that in the future! Please take a moment to go to [www.cancouncil.org](http://www.cancouncil.org) to sign up. Check out all that we are attempting with your support!

Thank you for your commitment to "building a community where children are free from abuse and neglect."

*Suzanne Greenberg*  
President/CEO

## TAKE A LOOK AT US NOW!

Explore our  
New Website



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## 2010 Child Advocate of the Year



Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Council Honors  
2010 Child Advocates of the Year  
**Ted and Ruth Braun**

On February 25, 2010, the CAN Council Saginaw County will celebrate the 17th Annual Mardi Gras (Saginaw Style!) Benefit Auction. During this premiere event, we will honor our 2010 Child Advocates of the Year—Ted and Ruth Braun (Ted Braun is a founding partner of Braun, Kendrick Finkbeiner law firm). Since 2000, the CAN Council's Child Advocate of the Year Award has honored ten outstanding Saginaw County Child Advocates—this year is no exception. It is a privilege to honor our 2010 Child Advocates of the Year—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Braun.

For decades, our 2010 Child Advocates of the Year have been true community leaders in their efforts to make Saginaw a great place for children. As a close knit team they have been committed to the United Way, Saginaw Valley State University, Boys and Girls Club as well as being active advocates for our child abuse prevention efforts. Their contributions to Saginaw's children have included setting up a scholarship program at Saginaw Valley State University; creating the Saginaw Community Foundation and Ted has been recognized through the Governor's Service Awards with the Russell G. Mawby Award for Philanthropy and so much more.

The 17th Annual Mardi Gras—Saginaw Style includes over 300 silent auction packages and a live auction with "once in a lifetime" experiences! The benefit auction will be held at Apple Mountain Resort on February 25th from 6 – 10pm including a fabulous selection of hors d'oeuvres and surprise raffles throughout the evening! Tickets are \$50 each. For tickets, or to see a list of our items—check our website at [www.cancouncil.org](http://www.cancouncil.org).

**Join Us!!**  
**For more information  
or to purchase a  
ticket, visit  
[www.cancouncil.org](http://www.cancouncil.org)**

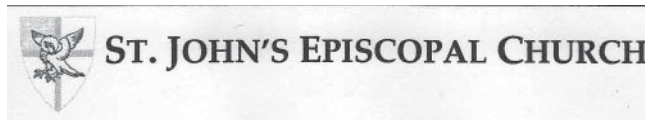




Join us in thanking our community partners these past few months. They joined together to be sure that 82 CASA kids had a joyous Christmas and they contributed needed operations and endowment funding:



Lori Tyra – Avon fundraiser \* Covenant Medical Staff \* Duperon Corporation – in lieu of gifts to clients \* A & D Healthcare – adopted a family and bought sweatsuits \* Aaron’s corporate gift \* The Willows Day Spa – diaper drive \* Toys for Tots \* Nexteer Local 699 Plant 3 \* Scrapbook Peddler fundraiser \* Delta College Students – bake sale \* Firstbank – in lieu of gifts to clients \* Computer Management Technology Employees – Jean Day \* St. John’s – mitten project \* Image Artz – photos with Santa fundraiser \* Carrollton Middle School 8th grade \$1,000 fundraiser \* Mid-Valley Insurance – Christmas stockings and CASA kids needs \* Saginaw Bay Yacht Club – coats, snowpants, gloves and boots \* MMR – pajama drive \* Tom Braley – hockey tickets for CASA kids \* SVSU fundraiser - \$1,205 and 14 containers of items for our kids \* Health Delivery Employees – Jean Day \* Foresters \* Frankenmuth Gift Shop \* International Association of Administrative Professionals \* Texas Hold ‘em players \* Sharon Rabie - knitted balnkets \* Consumer Energy - stuffed animals \* Blessed Trinity Catholic Church \* Frankenmuth United Methodist \* Douglas Family Vision - Art supplies \* Butman Fish Library - office supplies and children items \* Don Beach Family - knitted hats & children’s items \* Assistance League - games & children’s items.





## CAN VAN SHARES ICE TIME

On December 19th the CAN Council Van was featured at the Saginaw Spirit game. Freeland Lights creator, **Gary Shepard**, was our guest



on ice to thank him for the \$6,936.91 that was contributed to the CAN Council from people who enjoyed his holiday lights show.

## AFP Outstanding Fundraising Executive Award



Delores Gale, Karen Stiffler - Board Chair, Suzanne Greenberg - President/CEO, Drewe Robinson - Vice-Chair & Bonnie Skornia

**Suzanne Greenberg**, President/CEO of the CAN Council was presented with the Outstanding Fundraising Executive Award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals on November 12th.

This award is designed for an individual who practices his/her profession in an exemplary manner, demonstrating the following: tenure of fundraising background, experience and results, quality of leadership, commitment to continuing professional development, practices and promotes the AFP Code of Ethical Principles, and commitment to philanthropy through voluntary service and financial support of not-for-profits.



Media and Gossip Expert, Shawne Duperon

## FORGET PAID ADVERTISING

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of Catholic Federal Credit Union, the marketing workshop "Forget Paid Advertising," was a rousing success. **Shawne Duperon** of ShawneTV energized the crowd with media interview tips and the differences between print, broadcast and social media. Catholic Federal underwrote all costs and Shawne personally donated a

portion of her media sales to the CAN Council resulting in over \$3,000 to help fight child abuse in Saginaw County.



## 20 Family Resolutions for the New Year

From Prevent Child Abuse Illinois

Here are 20 suggestions for New Years Resolutions—pick one or several that are right for your family.

We as a family resolve to:

1. Set aside one night per week as family night
2. Spend at least 20 minutes each day talking as a family
3. Work together on household chores
4. Read together as a family at least once a week
5. Eat dinner together at least one night a week
6. Laugh together as a family every day
7. Practice good money management skills helping children learn to save and spend wisely
8. Work together on a special family project
9. Look at family photos regularly
10. Listen to older family members tell stories about our family's history
11. Volunteer time, resources, or both to a charity that serve children and families
12. Learn about a new culture as a family
13. Deal with any unsettled family business to promote peace in your life
14. Connect with other families to build friendships and positive support systems
15. Encourage each other with praise rather than being critical
16. Let children make appropriate decisions for themselves to promote responsibility
17. Hold family meetings to solve problems, share good news and plan fun events
18. Discipline with love, patience and understanding
19. Make it OK to talk about feelings (even the bad ones)

Think of 20 ways that your family can connect over the next year.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**JUNE 18, 2010**

CAN Council  
12th Annual Golf Scramble  
Swan Valley Golf Club

Four Person Scramble \* Skills Contests & 50/50 \* Door Prizes  
Continental Breakfast, Lunch on the Turn & Steak Dinner  
Early Bird registration \$ 350 by April 16th; \$ 400 after that date.



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- Designated Council for the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) and United Way of Saginaw County
- Full Member of the National Children's Alliance
- Accredited Member of the National CASA Association



# MARDI GRAS MADNESS

## 17th Annual CAN Council Auction

Thursday, February 25, 2010

**Fun, Food and Beads!**

6pm - 10pm

**Apple Mountain Resort**

**Grand Ballroom**

**4519 N. River Rd, Freeland**

**Tickets \$50 per person**



For more information call (989) 752-7226 or visit our website [www.cancouncil.org](http://www.cancouncil.org)

## Together We CAN Make a Difference

# Endowment Success!!!

# \$27,141.27

Thank you to the 41 endowment donors who came together to raise \$27,141.27 for the endowment challenge. Because of your generosity, the Saginaw Community Foundation will reward our efforts with an additional \$10,000 to our endowment fund. These donations will benefit abused and neglect children years into the future—thank you!