

"Together we CAN stop child abuse and neglect"



Pinwheels for Prevention Honoring Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout the month of April, the Great Lakes Bay Region glistened with blue pinwheels, the national symbol of child abuse prevention. With the support of local businesses and organizations, along with area **McDonald's Restaurants, Courthouses, and County buildings**, thousands were able to advocate for *Child Abuse Prevention Month*, which challenges our community to examine the impact of child abuse and what we CAN do to prevent it.



Tpr. Hilary House

CAN Council staff were joined by volunteers and children's advocates to kick-off *Child Abuse Prevention Month* with pinwheel plantings at the **Saginaw County Courthouse** and **Bay County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)**. Each pinwheel reminds us of the happy, safe childhood we're building for every youngster in our region. Thank you to all who braved the chilly weather to make such a powerful statement to our communities!

Prevention Awareness Day in Lansing



CAN Council representatives were joined at the Capitol by children's rights advocates and legislators during the annual *Prevention Awareness Day* hosted by the **Children's Trust Fund** on April 19th. The event brings awareness to the issue of child abuse in Michigan and promotes programs seeking to prevent child maltreatment.

Thank you to all our supporters who find it in their hearts to give what they're able and help us each day to protect our most-vulnerable youth.

We are already looking forward to organizing a bus full of CAN Council friends to travel together to the *2017 Prevention Awareness Day*! If you'd like to find out more, please e-mail Vera Harrison, CAPE Program Director, at vharrison@cancouncil.org.

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"We are building **communities**
where children are
free from abuse and neglect."

■ PRESIDENT'S POINT OF VIEW

"Each citizen should play his part in the community according to his individual gifts."
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Happy Spring and thank you so much for your support of our **Child Abuse Prevention Month** activities in April! If you had a chance to drive down Michigan Avenue in Saginaw or by the Bay City and Saginaw courthouses – you couldn't miss the spinning pinwheels. Once again, *Prevent Child Abuse America* has chosen this symbol representing a safe, happy childhood that all children deserve!

This month, we hold our Annual Meeting and we thank **Janice Doner** for her service and welcome **Dr. Kimberly Prime** as our new Board Chair! In addition, I am thrilled to announce that **Abby L. Scherzer** has joined our team as our Public Awareness & Donor Relations Manager, **Brittany Nonamaker** is our CAC Care Coordinator for Bay County, and **Lexie Karas** is our new part-time Receptionist for our Saginaw County office. We are happy to welcome them to the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region Team!

As we move toward the end of the school year and the beginning of summer, please take a moment to think about the ways that you can "play your part in the community". Our mission, *"We are building communities where children are free from abuse and neglect"* is not possible without the time, talent, and treasure of our donors, volunteers, and community-at-large. From pushing the "Like" button on our Facebook, to becoming a CASA volunteer, your support is encouraged. No matter the amount of time you have or talent or treasure to share, we CAN make a difference in stopping child abuse and neglect!

Please call one of our offices – Saginaw (989-752-7226) or Bay City (989-671-1345) – as we look forward to working with you.

We can't do this without YOU,



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18TH ANNUAL

GOLF OUTING

JOIN US MONDAY, JULY 18
Apple Mountain

Begin the day with breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
Shotgun start at 9:30 a.m.

GOLFERS WILL ENJOY

- » 18 holes of golf
- » Continental breakfast
- » Lunch
- » BBQ dinner
- » Silent auction
- » Prizes
- » Raffles
- » Games of chance

Early bird registration: \$450/foursome (by May 31)

Standard registration: \$500/foursome (after May 31)

Entertain clients, reward employees and showcase your company (and amazing golf skills) at our 18th Annual Golf Outing, all while helping raise money to support our Children's Advocacy Centers.

For more information or to register, call CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region at (989) 752-7226, email Cindy Morley at cmorley@cancouncil.org or visit cancouncil.org.



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23rd Annual CAN Council Mardi Gras Auction

The CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region honored **Mr. Chip Hendrick** as the *2016 Child Advocate of the Year*. With over 500 in attendance, this award was presented Thursday, February 25th at **Horizons Conference Center** during the record-breaking *23rd Annual CAN Council Mardi Gras Auction*.

Richard J. Garber, owner of **Garber Automotive Group** and presenting sponsor of the Mardi Gras Auction, says, *"The work of the CAN Council is simple – it saves lives. Saginaw is a healthier, more vibrant community because the CAN Council works tirelessly to protect our children."*



Mr. Chip Hendrick



Dorothy Zehnder & Family

For the 900+ children currently living in abusive homes throughout our region, the CAN Council provides strong advocates and dedicated professionals to help end the violence and neglect. CAN also offers supportive education to parents struggling with the day-to-day frustrations of raising children. CAN's Mardi Gras Auction is the Council's largest fundraiser and ensures continuation of these services throughout 2016.

13th Annual Wines Around the World



Nearly 600 guests enjoyed fine food, wine, and company at the CAN Council's *13th Annual Wines Around the World* event on April 8th at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel** on Bay City's Riverfront. **Fabiano Brothers, Inc.** expertly paired wines to complement specialties from the region's most reputable establishments including **American Kitchen, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Gatsby's Seafood & Steakhouse, Ideal Party Store & Shamrock Dairy Bar, Latitude 43 Grill & Bar, Old City Hall Restaurant, Oppermann's Cork 'N' Ale, Real Seafood Co., Saginaw Bay Yacht Club, Talk of the Town, Tavern 101, The Gourmet Cupcake Shoppe, and VNO Wine Warehouse & New Age Restaurant**. A special thanks to **US. Foods** who had cooked for the event, as well as helped to underwrite the cost of the food.

Proceeds from the event fund the CAN Council's efforts to stop child abuse and neglect throughout Bay County. The dedication and support of the *Wines Around the World* committee, led once again by Honorary Chair **Al Doner**, and Event Co-Chairs **Drewe Robinson** and **Thomas A. Braley**, helped to ensure the CAN Council will reach even more children and families throughout the upcoming year. Thank you for the generous hearts of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and attendees, as this year's event was the best yet!

The CAN Council also has tremendous gratitude to **Catholic Federal Credit Union**, the returning event sponsor for the *14th Annual Wines Around the World*! Mark your calendar for Friday, April 28th, 2017!



CAN-Do Volunteer of the Year

Vic Davila began volunteering with the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region in 2005 as a member of our Golf Committee, and has been a key team member of our Annual Golf Outing ever since. His commitment to the organization drew him into the office where he noticed that CAN Council employee, Catherine Martinez, was trying to hang a door. Vic commented, *"you shouldn't be doing that! Don't you have a maintenance man around here?"* That very day, Catherine recruited Vic to be the CAN Council's very own maintenance man. Vic's constant humor and carefree attitude around the office has made him a valuable member of the CAN Team. Congratulations Vic; thank you for all that you do for our staff and the families we serve.



CASA of the Year



In 2009, **Lisa Asiala** was sworn in as a CASA volunteer in Saginaw County. Although Lisa resides in Midland County, her passion for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program drew her to the CAN Council. Lisa has been a dedicated advocate for fifteen children and has experienced some difficult cases throughout her time as a volunteer. But even through these hard cases, she has stayed committed to providing a voice for the children in the court.

Congratulations, Lisa! You truly are deserving of being our *2016 CASA of the Year*. Thank you for your years of service, as we look forward to many more with you.

Volunteer Group of the Year

Since first touring the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region headquarters in 2012 with her mom, **Caris Cancelli** has proven that even as a child herself, she can impact the lives of children who have been abused. Now sixth graders at *St. Lorenz Lutheran School*, Caris and her "committee" (**Brienna Russell, Emma Davis, Kaitlyn Cloeter, Grace Miller, Levi Belill, Riley Day, Ashton Janson, and Brendan Ittner**) have done tremendous things to help support other children and families in the community. Just a few of their initiatives include selling pinwheels for *April's Child Abuse Prevention Month* to purchasing snacks for the children who visit the CAN Council to be interviewed or receive a medical examination, as well as crafting daily announcements to educate others about the CAN Council and the issue of child abuse.



Suzanne Greenberg, President/CEO of the CAN Council says, *"The CAN Council Committee of St. Lorenz Lutheran School is a leading example of how children can truly make a difference in the lives of others."* Congratulations to the **CAN Council Committee of St. Lorenz Lutheran School**, our *2016 CAN Council Volunteer Group of the Year*.

4th Annual Saginaw County Community Baby Academy

Join us on Saturday, May 21st from 10am – 1:30pm at **Stone Elementary School**, 1006 State Street, Saginaw, MI 48602 for the CAN Council's *4th Annual Saginaw County Community Baby Academy*, where local experts and parenting resources will be available.

Participants will select from several breakout session options, including:

- Beauty & Self-Care for Mom
- Breastfeeding
- Car Seat Safety
- Forget Big Change: Make Small Changes & Save Money
- Infant CPR
- Nutrition/Food Demo
- Postpartum Depression
- Safe Sleep
- Setting the Stage: Promoting Social & Emotional Health
- Simply Dads
- U Me Paint Experience



Women of Colors (WOC), a grassroots organization developed with diverse women, will be donating new toys, diapers, and clothing items for sizes newborn to 6.

Expectant parents and parents with babies up to 1 year old are welcome to attend. Grandparents and other key support persons are invited as well. Admission of \$3 includes lunch. Special pricing for childcare professionals of \$10.

To register or for more information, please contact Vera Harrison at (989) 752-7226 or vharrison@cancouncil.org.



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2016 Addy Award

Congratulations to **AGP & Associates, Inc.** who generously donate their tremendous talents with the CAN Council throughout the year! During the recent meeting of our local **American Advertising Federation - Great Lakes Bay**, AGP & Associates, Inc. received a *Gold Addy* for their excellence in design layout and execution of the CAN Council's 2014 Annual Report.

With this award, the Annual Report will be entered into the state competition later this year. CAN gives their sincerest gratitude to their friends at AGP & Associates, Inc. for their tireless, creative efforts to help stop child abuse and neglect throughout the region. Watch for the 2015 Annual Report as it will be available later this month!

2016 Positive Results Downtown Award

The CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region was recently honored by **Positive Results Downtown** (formerly known as *PRIDE*) with their Positive Results Downtown Award! This award was given to the CAN Council for their continued commitment and investment in downtown Saginaw County! The decision to expand their facility in Saginaw is a direct reflection of the need and support of the community. CAN is so thankful for this recognition, as they are proud to serve the families of Saginaw!



Suzanne Greenberg, President/CEO and **Catherine Martinez**, Community Outreach Specialist, proudly accept the *2016 Positive Results Downtown Award*.

2016 Habitat for Humanity Women's Build

The CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region was able to give back to the Saginaw County community with **Habitat for Humanity's annual Women's Build**. This progressive program brings together women (and men!) from all walks of life to address the housing crisis facing millions of women and children worldwide.



With a plethora of tools and hard hats in hand, it was a productive afternoon for all involved. A deteriorating exterior was transformed into a charming abode with spruced up siding and a cleaned-up yard. Thank you to the Habitat folks for sharing your wealth of knowledge and talents with the CAN Council Team!



CAN Council employees **Jason L. Appleby, Laura Kelley, and Barb Andrews** prep for the completion of the vinyl siding on the Carolina Street home.

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CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region
ensures we meet the needs
of abused and at-risk
children throughout Bay
and Saginaw counties.**

**Thank you for generously
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our most-vulnerable children
and to strengthen families.**