



"Together we CAN stop child abuse and neglect"



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Together we CAN stop child abuse and neglect.

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

You can help stop child abuse. Partner with the CAN Council today.

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Get involved and bring a friend!

Every cause has its month, and April is ours. National *Child Abuse Prevention Month* is a time for CAN supporters to honor all that we're doing to protect our region's children from abuse. The good news is that April is full of opportunities to show others how they can help us!

Your support has helped ensure safety for children of Saginaw and Bay counties for over 39 years. This month, introduce a family member, friend, co-worker, or fellow parishioner to our cause through one of our *Child Abuse Prevention Month* activities.

Help kick-off Child Abuse Prevention Month in your community.

Join CAN staff, volunteers, and fellow community members plant gardens of blue pinwheels at the CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region - Saginaw County office, the Saginaw County Courthouse, and the Bay County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) office.

Check out page 9 for more details!

Keep your eyes open for pinwheel gardens throughout your community!

Visit area school sites, Head Start buildings, various businesses, churches, and governmental buildings. If you're interested in helping to sell pinwheels or planting your own pinwheel garden, please let us know. We welcome everyone's participation!



Meet a friend for coffee or lunch and buy a pinwheel.

Supportive Bay County McDonald's Restaurants will sell pinwheels for \$1 each throughout April. Purchase one and plant it in your office or at home!

See more opportunities on Page 9!



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PRESIDENT'S POINT OF VIEW

Spring has officially arrived, and we have been busy planning! This time of year, we have so many ways that you can get involved in advocating, donating, supporting, and volunteering to make a difference in the lives of our children.

On April 20th, we will hold our **15th Annual Dine & Unwind** event where you can enjoy fine food from the region's best restaurants, paired with exquisite wine and other

libations. Don't miss Bay County's premier fundraiser!

This edition of CAN Talk includes all the information you need to know as a committed advocate in our community! Here are just a few highlights of what you will read:

- Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month: Throughout the month of April, we will be offering education workshops, planting pinwheel gardens, and heading to Lansing for Child Abuse Prevention Legislative Day on April 25th!
- Crime Victims Rights Awareness Week (April 8th 12th): Check out the schedule of events where we will honor our community's victims, including children, through education, awareness, and community events.
- New Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) training: Our next class for training our CASA volunteers will begin in the next few weeks – give us a call to start the process now!

Finally, check out our website, cancouncil.org, to learn more about all that is current and what's happening in the coming months!

You are the key to stopping child abuse and neglect in our region. Each of us must step up, speak up, and want for every child what we want for our own.

With the best interest of children in mind,

Suzanne Greenberg President/CEO











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SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018



FEATURING 40 WINES TO TASTE, PLUS ... BOURBON BEER LIVE+SILENT SO/SO+TRIP SAMPLES AUCTIONS RAFFLES

Our **15TH ANNUAL** event will bring together area restaurants to showcase their specialties and match a wine, beer or spirit with the food.

Proceeds benefit CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region's programs and services in Bay County.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

5:30 to 9 p.m.

DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL BAY CITY – RIVERFRONT

TICKETS: \$75 per person

Reserve a table by purchasing 10 tickets

EVENT SPONSOR:





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For information or tickets, call CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region – Bay County at (989) 671-1345 or visit cancouncil.org.

Fulfilling CAN's Wish List

The CAN Council has an extensive 'Wish List' of items that are needed for programming. administration, and for families. This list is available on our website and includes such things as juice boxes, snack bars, laundry detergent, office supplies, and backpacks. This quarter we want to thank the Bay County Realtor Association and Independent Bank's Euclid **Branch** for these needed items.

Local Businesses Host Jean Days

Several organizations are taking advantage of working in a relaxed atmosphere while raising money for the CAN Council. Local organizations have allowed staff to wear jeans to work, but employees must make a donation for the privilege. Businesses conducting a 'Jean Day' this quarter include: Garber Management Group, **Great Lakes Bay Health Centers, Saginaw Township Offices, Computer Management Technologies, Inc.**, and **Wanigas Credit Union**.



Kroger is committed to helping the community grow and prosper. Kroger Community Rewards makes fundraising easy, just shop at Kroger and swipe your Plus Card!

> Sign up today! KrogerCommunityRewards.com; Enter NPO #38461.

Stress-Free Giving

Many area individuals took time to de-stress and to contribute to the CAN Council at the same time. During the holiday season, **Art Sample Home** encouraged their customers to make a donation to the CAN Council or to the Underground Railroad. In exchange, they were given a generous discount on the purchase of the popular ergonomic 'Stressless Recliner'. Many are now enjoying a more stress-free life and the CAN Council has benefitted tremendously by the donations made. Art Sample has been promoting this event for the past several years, and we appreciate their ongoing support!



Cooky Contributes to CAN

Looking fine in Opulenza Jewelry has a two-fold purpose. Cooky O'Connor of Opulenza Jewelry conducted a jewelry party for CAN Council staff and guests recently. The hostess proceeds were turned into jewelry that was part of our Mardi Gras silent auction and Cooky generously donated her commission in the form of more jewelry for the auction. Thank you so much, Cooky!



■ EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

February Fun & Flair

It was an evening full of fun and flair for over 500 attendees on Thursday, February 22nd at the CAN Council's 25th Annual Mardi Gras Auction, presented by Dow. Hosted by Horizons Conference Center, this event was a great success thanks to generous sponsors and dedicated volunteers – it couldn't have happened without your support.



The CAN Council honored Mr. Michael T. Tribble as their 2018 Child Advocate of the Year. This award was presented shortly before the live auction portion of the evening. Each year, the Live Auction portion of the program features "Together We CAN", where funds are raised to support a specific need or program within the CAN Council. This year, bid paddles were raised in a frenzy and the funds raised surpassed all others. Thank you to all who contributed to the CAN Council's Prevention **Education Parenting Support programs!**

















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 abuse and neglect. CAN also offers supportive education to parents struggling with the day-to-day frustrations of raising children. CAN's Mardi Gras Auction ensures continuation of these services throughout 2018.



Local Program Receives Community Awareness Project Funding for 2018 National Crime Victims' **Rights Week**

The Saginaw Police Department has received funding from the National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) through a grant from the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), within the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, to promote community awareness of crime victims' rights and services during the 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The awarded funding will be used to honor the Crime Victim Advocate and Officer Excelling in Victim Support of the Year, provide events, speakers and activities that will increase public awareness, support and healing as part of a Community Awareness Project in Saginaw. The Project is part of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, an annual observance that takes place April 8-14, 2018.

National Victims' Rights Week April 8th - April 14th

For more information, visit Eventbrite or:

SaginawNationalCrimeVictimsRightsWeek

@UnitVictim

@2018NationalCrimeVictims

"The support from NAVAA and OVC for our 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities will help us help" crime victims," said **Brittany House**, Victim Services Specialist. "Members of our community are encouraged to help promote justice through service to crime victims by joining our 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week activities and supporting victim assistance programs on a daily basis."

First designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, National Crime Victims' Rights Week increases general public awareness of, and knowledge about the wide range of rights and services available to people who have been victimized by crime. The theme for 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week is, "Expand the Circle." Reach All Victims."



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Bittersweet Goodbyes



Deanna Bond, Kristine Craven Stacey Mumby, & Arteisha Turner

The CAN Council's Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) and the Saginaw Police Department's Victim Services Unit would like to sincerely thank all of the interns including **Stephanie Blake**, **Deanna Bond**, Kristine Craven, Stacey Mumby, Jennifer Potter, Sammantha Tasker, and Arteisha Turner, as well as our dedicated volunteer **Chaplain Bob Davis** for their extraordinary services they have provided over the past year. We are fortunate that you selected our program areas to personally advocate for the children and families in our community. We also say goodbye to our long-time volunteer, **Christine Barajas**, who was a tremendous help with grant research. Thank you for your unwavering dedication!

Volunteering with a Purpose

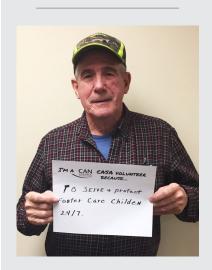
Using a refreshed National Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) curriculum, the CAN Council's CASA program staff is training eight perspective CASA volunteers. These volunteers come from both Bay and Saginaw Counties and will speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are in the court system. When their training concludes, a swearing-in ceremony will be held to celebrate their involvement. A new training class is slated to begin at the end of April, please call to apply: (989) 752-7226!

National CASA Conference in Boston

The CASA Program staff was able to attend the National CASA Conference in Boston, Massachusetts this year. With the theme, "Working Together for their Best Interest," this sure was a great educational and networking opportunity for CAN Council staff. The conference featured speakers who specialized in welfare related topics, domestic violence, cultural competency, diversity, and the foster care system.



I AM FOR THE CHILD



"I'm a CAN Council CASA volunteer to serve and protect foster care children 24/7."

> **Bill Glover Dedicated CASA Volunteer**

CASA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Be someone a child can count on.

Start the application process to become a CASA for Bay or Saginaw County children.

Call the CASA Team today:

Bay County: (989) 671-1345 Saginaw County: (989) 752-7226



Prevention Awareness & Legislative Education Day



Bus trip to Lansing

Join the CAN Council in Lansing on Wednesday, April 25th for Prevention Awareness & **Legislative Education Day**. At 11 a.m., show your support for child abuse prevention programs during the rally and procession in downtown Lansing. Later, plant a pinwheel – the national symbol of child abuse and neglect prevention — in the lawn of the State Capitol Building. Your presence will lend support as child advocates educate legislators about prevention programming needs across the state.

Date

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Departure/Return

9 a.m./4 p.m. CAN Council's Saginaw County Office

RSVP Required

(989) 752-7226 or cancouncil@cancouncil.org

Lunch provided by Children's Trust Fund

Transportation provided by AAA Transport & Stretch Limousine

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Tuesday, April 311

Seginaw Exchange Club Kick-Off Event

"Believe in the Blue" Pirrwheel Planting:

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Location: Saginary County Courthouse

111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginary, MI 48602

Comments: Every piniwheel planted represents a commitment to helping prevent child abuse in our

community. Come show your support!

Sunday, April 81

Celebration & Support Service

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Location: Bethlehem Lutheren Church

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Comments: All are welcome to attend!

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Tuesday, April 10th Youth Support & Play

Time: 38M - 58M

Location: Mid-Michigan Children's Museum

315 W. Genesee Ave., Seginary, MI 48602

Comments: Free admission for children and their caregivers to the museum. Advocates and counselors sell be available. Refreshments will be provided.

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Wednesday, April 11th

Support Services & Healing Art

Time: 1PM - 6PM

Location: St. Mary's of Michigan Center of HOPE

723 Emerson, Sapinary MI 48601

Comments: Licensed counselors, advocates, and survivors will be available. Therapeutic arts and crafts

will also be on hand.

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■ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 14th

Resilience Walk & Balloon Release

Time: 2PM

Location: Begins at Nash Park, continues over Genesee St. Bridge, and ends at Saginaw Police Dept. Comments: Concludes with a balloon release and refreshments for participants.

Wednesday, April 18th

Exchange Club's Keeping Kids Safe Viewing

Time: 5PM – 6:30PM

Location: CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region

Bay County Office

715 N. Euclid Ave., Bay City, MI 48706 Comments: Parents must accompany youth.

Wednesday, April 25th

"Get on the Bus!" for Prevention Awareness Day

Departure: 8:30AM, Return: 4PM Location: Lansing, Michigan

Comments: AAA Transportation and Limousine is providing transportation for (44) guests. Please call

(989) 752-7226 to reserve your seat!

Wednesday, April 18th

Protective Factors Interactive Presentation with Heidi Coggins

Time: 1PM – 3PM

Location: CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region

Saginaw County Office

1311 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 Comments: Participants will receive necessary tools

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Thursday, April 19th

Exchange Club's Keeping Kids Safe Viewing

Time: 5PM - 6:30PM

Location: CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region

Saginaw County Office

1311 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602

Comments: Parents must accompany youth.

Thursday, April 26th

Resilience: The Biology of Stress & Science of Hope Viewing

Time: 10AM

Location: CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region

Saginaw County Office

1311 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602

Comments: *Resilience* is a new documentary that delves into the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and describes a new movement

to treat and prevent toxic stress.

THROUGHOUT THE MONTH:

Pinwheel Campaign

Various Bay County & Freeland McDonald's will distribute pinwheels for a donation.

Pinwheels for Prevention Gardens

Visit area school sites, Head Start buildings, various businesses, governmental buildings, & churches.

National Victims' Rights Week

April 8th – April 14th

For more information, visit Eventbrite or:

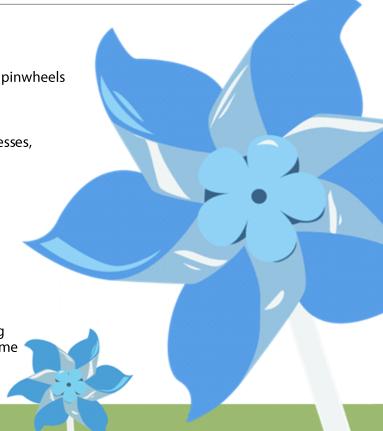
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If you're interested in helping to sell pinwheels or planting your own pinwheel garden, please let us know. We welcome everyone's participation!



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