



"Together we CAN stop child abuse and neglect"



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"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 40 years. This month, introduce a family member, friend, coworker, 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 to 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 8 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 and Freeland McDonald's, as well as the Burger King on Michigan Avenue in Saginaw will be selling pinwheels for a donation throughout April. Purchase one and plant it in a flower pot in your office or in your front yard at home!



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LETTER FROM LEADERSHIP

It's a time of new beginnings for our CAN Council – a new role for me starting April 8th as our president and CEO, a new director for our CASA Program and a new strategic plan in the works. That's a great deal of change for our team to weather within a short period of time. But we're up for the task and with the constant goal of protecting our children as our quiding light.



I've already heard from many of you congratulating me and wishing the CAN Council well in our next chapter. Some have cast out ideas for future programming and partnerships. Others have reiterated their commitment to our mission and still more have offered their time and talents for future volunteer roles that may arise. The outpouring of kindness and goodness leaves me feeling so incredibly encouraged. Tackling child abuse and neglect is an enormous goal, and the strength of our outcome truly will require each of us playing the very greatest role we are able to play.

As we move forward together, please know I'd love to hear from you. What more could the CAN Council be doing? How can we continue working together? What new collaboration may exist for our organization to make an even greater impact? What doors can you open for our team to inspire others to get involved? You'll reach me at (989) 752-7226 and eyeager@cancouncil.org.

I'm grateful for your commitment to the CAN Council, and I look forward to conquering child abuse and neglect with you!



Emily Yeager Future President/CEO











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SAVE THE DATE FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2019

DINE & UNWIND

FEATURING 40 WINES TO TASTE, PLUS ...

BOURBON BEER LIVE+SILENT SO/SO+TRIP
TASTING SAMPLES AUCTIONS RAFFLES

Our **16TH ANNUAL** cocktail-style, strolling 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 26, 2019
5:30 to 9 p.m.
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON HOTEL
BAY CITY – RIVERFRONT

TICKETS: \$75 per person

EVENT SPONSOR:



Making membership count.



Together we CAN stop child abuse and neglect.

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

Laissez les bon temps rouler or "Let the good times roll!"

The CAN Council's 26th annual *Mardi Gras Auction* presented by **Garber Automotive** took place on February 28th at **Horizons Conference Center**. The masks, sequins, beads, and bid paddles were out as fun and generosity filled the room. Over 500 guests enjoyed a strolling dinner, the most exciting silent and live auction experience to date, and New Orleans-style entertainment, all while raising critical funds for our programs and services.



Wayne Maier was honored and celebrated as the CAN Council's Child Advocate of the Year for his years of dedication improving the lives of countless children across the region. Under Wayne's leadership, **Maier & Associates Financial Group** has benefited numerous nonprofit organizations that help children including the CAN Council. Wayne also founded the **Just for Kids Foundation** with the unique mission of meeting the individual needs of children and rewarding kids based on kindness and doing the right thing. A huge thank you to Wayne, his wife Rita, and the whole Maier family for your services to children and the entire community!

As the evening came to a close, Saginaw County sent **Suzanne Greenberg**, former CAN Council President/CEO, off with a smile by raising their paddles in her honor for the "Together We CAN" portion of the live auction to help purchase new infant simulators that will go on to teach hundreds of students. Thank you to all of the donors that made this and all CAN Council programs and services possible through your kindness and generosity!



For the 1,200+ 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 2019.





Visit our Facebook page to see more photos and a video highlighting the evening, thanks to **Jeff Carpenter Studios!**

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Beyond the Basics: Advanced Peer Review and Self-Review Strategies for Forensic Interviewers

Since 1999, the National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) has provided "Forensic Interviewing of Children" training to thousands of professionals from all 50 states and 12 foreign countries, as well as personnel from the Navy, the Marine Corps, the Air Force, and non-governmental organizations. Many other participants are involved with children's advocacy centers, law enforcement, child protective services, medical services, legal agencies, and therapeutic practices.

Current research suggests that, in addition to training and supervision, peer review and self-evaluation are necessary to maintain and improve preferred forensic interviewing practices. Knowing the importance of this, the CAN Council hosted "Beyond the Basics: Advanced Peer Review and Self-Review Strategies for Forensic Interviewers," a workshop that taught participants to develop techniques in the areas of enhanced rapportbuilding, narrative event practice, question strategies, victim blaming issues, quality versus quantity, reluctant youth, and presentation of evidence.

On March 15th, Julie Kenniston, MSW, LSW, Program Manager, NCJTF/FVTC, presented to nearly 30 registrants in attendance from all over the state including CAN Council's very own Morgan Candela, Haylie Oldenburg, Vickie Stuart, and Cindy Morley. Thank you to Olga Mathis, CACmi Program Director, for organizing this excellent training opportunity!



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S **ALLIANCE**®

ACCREDITED MEMBER

Bittersweet Goodbyes

The CAN Council's Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) would like to sincerely thank all of the interns including Alyssa Jesselaitis, Andrew Mertz, Amy **Quintero**, and **Roger Sherman** for the 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. Thank you for your unwavering dedication!



2019 National Crime Victims' Rights Week

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. This year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 7th – 13th and the Saginaw Police Department will be showcasing local service providers that assist victims of crime and those agencies that have taken an active role in promoting this event over the years.

Look for the billboards throughout Saginaw and placemats in local eateries, bars, coffee shops, VFW Halls, and hospital cafeterias that will show participating agencies and their associated events going on throughout the month of April.

National Victims' Rights Week is April 7th – April 13th!

Stay connected with the latest crime and safety updates, as well as community happenings by connecting with the **Saginaw Police Department:**

@SaginawPD



SaginawPoliceDepartment

Ready to change a child's life? Become a CASA.

A **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** is a volunteer who devotes time to advocate for children who are in the court system due to abuse or neglect. CASA volunteers come from all walks of life and receive specialized training for the role.

The next training series will begin this summer. The training will consist of 30 hours of instruction at the CAN Council office and 6 hours observing court proceedings, all culminating with a swearing-in ceremony. This training is for community members interested in advocating for children from either Bay or Saginaw County.



Be a powerful voice in a child's life.

Every abused or neglected child needs a caring, consistent adult to advocate for his or her well-being.

Apply today! (989) 752-7226 cancouncil.org/CASA



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: CAPE

April's Child Abuse Prevention Month challenges our community to examine the impact of child abuse and what we CAN do to prevent it. Help the CAN Council further their impact on the Great Lakes Bay Region in April by getting involved:

APRIL'S CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April 2019

Monday, April 1st

Bay County Kick-Off Event

Pinwheel Planting Time: 11:30AM

Location: Bay County DHHS 1399 W. Center Road Essexville, MI 48732

Tuesday, April 2nd

Saginaw County Kick-Off Event

Pinwheel Planting Time:12PM

Location: Saginaw County Courthouse 111 S. Michigan Avenue Saginaw, MI 48602

Tuesday, April 9th **Grandparent's Class**

Time: 5PM - 7PM

Location: CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region

Saginaw County

1311 N. Michigan Avenue Saginaw, MI 48602

Tuesday, April 23trd

Darkness-to-Light Presentation

Time: 1PM - 3PM

Location: CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region

Saginaw County

1311 N. Michigan Avenue Saginaw, MI 48602

Monday, April 1st

Brann's Steakhouse & Sports Grille Fundraiser

10% of all restaurant sales will be donated to CAN

Time: All day

Location: Brann's Steakhouse & Sports Grille

3898 State Street Road Bay City, MI 48706

Monday, April 8th

CAN Day at Brann's Steakhouse & Sports Grille

15% of restaurant sales will be donated to CAN; flyer

must be presented at time of purchase

Time: All day

Location: Brann's Steakhouse & Sports Grille

3898 State Street Road Bay City, MI 48706

Thursday, April 18th

Darkness-to-Light Presentation

Time: 10AM - 12PM

Location: CAN Council Great Lakes Bay Region

Bay County

715 N. Euclid Avenue Bay City, MI 48706

Thursday, April 25th

"Get on the Bus!" for Prevention Awareness Day

Departure: 9AM, Return: 4PM Location: Lansing, Michigan

Comments: RSVP required! Please call (989) 752-7226

or e-mail cancouncil@cancouncil.org to

reserve your seat!

THROUGHOUT THE MONTH:

Pinwheel Campaign

For a small donation, you can pick-up your own pinwheels at various Bay County and Freeland McDonald's, as well as at the Michigan Avenue Burger King in Saginaw.

Get Your Hands Dirty!

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

Pinwheels for Prevention Gardens

Look for the gardens of pinwheels at area school sites, Head Start buildings, local businesses, governmental buildings, and churches.

National Victims' Rights Week

April 7th - April 13th

For more information, visit Eventbrite or:

SaginawNationalCrimeVictimsRightsWeek



@2019NationalCrimeVictims





CALLING ALL **CANBASSADORS**

If you enjoy connecting with your community and have a passion for networking, we'd love to meet you. The CAN Council is looking for enthusiastic ambassadors (or CANbassadors as they're proudly dubbed) to be faces of the organization; promoting the mission and attending outreach events.

To be a successful CANbassador, you need to have strong interpersonal skills and a passion to connect with your community. CANbassadors will attend community events to educate the public on the mission of the CAN Council. CANbassadors are encouraged to have a personal social media presence serving as an influencer; sharing and promoting CAN Council events. This opportunity can help build your résumé and provide real-life experience in campaigning and advocating.

Apply today by contacting Katie Bell, Volunteer Coordinator, by e-mail: kbell@cancouncil.org, or phone: (989) 752-7226.



Spirited Sellers Break New Records

Being appreciative is an understatement when talking about the 50/50 ticket sellers that donated their time at the **Saginaw Spirit** hockey games this season! The CAN Council could not have been present at these games if it weren't for Aidalys Cruff, Aimee Minard, Amy & Daniel Dwyer, Angelo Kapp, Anne Wininger, Clark Piper, Cliff & Madison Leibold, Connie Champine-Derocher, Dametroen Strong, Emily Stroebel,



Hilary House, Jenni Bush, Ken & Michele Bell, Laura & Brian Kelley, Lori Frollo, Lucy Pagan, Matt Benson, Michelle Luna, Rizzabelle Sotherland, Serina Gupta, Shannon Kaudle, Stacey Heilig, Stephanie Curtis, and Suzanne Pearce. You all have made this hockey season fulfilling and fun!









With passion and enthusiasm, these volunteers beat the previous 50/50 record on Saturday, March 16th with a final 50/50 pot of \$9,105! A quarter of these proceeds benefited the **Saginaw Spirit Foundation** and another quarter went toward the CAN Council.

All told, the CAN Council received \$4,935 this hockey season! Without the zeal of these dedicated volunteers (our very-own MVPs) and the support of the Saginaw Spirit, this wouldn't have been possible. It's this sort of spirit that's essential in the continuing efforts of building communities where children are free from child abuse and neglect.

We look forward to rejoining the Saginaw Spirit next year and wish the team the very best in the play-offs!

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Imagine the change your change could make.

Participate in the *KidCents* program by rounding up your purchases at Rite Aid and give the change to programs for kids in our communities.

Sign-up today to benefit CAN Council programs and services by visiting KidCents.com today!



John Kunitzer Jeanne (Murphy) Causley *In memory of Ken Tribble*

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Honoring Eugenia Jarema's Facebook birthday fundraiser

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