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Primary Partner Agencies

COMCARE of Sedgwick County
Exploited and Missing Child Unit
KS Dept. for Children and Families
Wichita Regional Office
KU School of Medicine - Wichita
Office of the District Attorney, 18th
Judicial District, Sedgwick County
Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office
Via Christi Health
Wesley Medical Center
Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center
Wichita Police Department

*~ To lead our community in eliminating the
suffering of abused children. ~*

Getting to Know Our Board Members

Sister Janet Rowley is a Certified Chaplain with Via Christi Health at St. Francis and St. Teresa Hospitals. Completing a Bachelor's degree from what is now Newman University, she then taught for 12 years in elementary schools in Kansas and Oklahoma. A Master's degree in Christian Spirituality from Creighton Univ. and chaplaincy training with the Baptist Hospital System in San Antonio started thirty years of ministry. Significant experiences that motivate her service on our board include meeting a young nursing student whose life continued to be negatively affected by an incident of abuse years earlier, and being a chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital during the early years of the SANE/SART program. A member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Sister Janet is also influenced by 180 years of attention to improving the lives of women and children.

Michael Ramsey is the managing partner of Bokeh Development, LLC, which for the past few years has focused its investment energy on Downtown Wichita, specializing in the rehabilitation of distressed and blighted buildings. He is also a certified physician assistant who devoted many years to the practice of orthopedic surgery. Michael feels that a trained multidisciplinary team is the only way to handle child abuse, and that the most efficient way for communication to occur and care to be provided to the children and their families is to house the team under one roof.

For Your Calendar:

April 28, 2014: **CAC Golf Tournament**, Wichita Country Club

May 13-14, 2014: **Crime Victims' Rights Conference**; Info at:
<https://www.governor.ks.gov/cvrc>

Oct. 15-17, 2014: **Governor's Conference for the Prevention of
Child Abuse and Neglect**, Wichita; Info at: www.kcsl.org

Nov. 8, 2014: **CACSC Heroes Gala**, Scottish Rite Center

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Our Capital Campaign Announcement and Open House

On February 27th, the sunshine and relatively fair weather removed some of the chill from the unheated former school building at Lincoln & Emporia as we announced the \$4.5 million comprehensive capital campaign and a \$500,000 challenge grant from the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation. Many of the 120 people attending toured the facility, heard about the future of the CACSC and viewed preliminary renovation plans. All the volunteer work is tremendously appreciated. Special thanks to our tour guides, Shannon Wilson, Virgil Miller, Lori Chandler, Robert Lacy, Anne Ellis, Melissa Dame, Melissa Gardner and Ericka Purcell. Sharon Van Horn with Ray's Party Rental provided tables, chairs and serving supplies. Dan & Jean Hogan donated the cake and Bonnie Tharp, Marcie Zwygart and Hawley Shoffner with Copp Media graciously served our guests. Thanks to Casey Schunn and Visual Fusion for the "growth chart" we will use to track the campaign progress, and to the *Eagle* editorial board for sharing our story.

Our challenge is to raise \$1.8 million in additional gifts and pledges to secure the Mabee grant and our campaign goal. The purpose of the CACSC's new, child-focused center is to help children in reporting their abuse, assisting them with recovery, finding justice, and building a future beyond the pain and suffering of abuse. Advocate, investigative, legal, medical and mental health services will be significantly expanded in the new CACSC facility as partner agencies work to simplify the process of investigation and follow-up for children and their caregivers.



The special cake created to celebrate the big event.



Jennifer Wright presenting a check from the proceeds of the ICT-S.O.S. Race for Freedom



CACSC staff lead visitors at the capital campaign kick-off on a tour of the future CACSC home.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect call 911 or 1.800.922.5330

"The purpose of child advocacy centers is to provide a comprehensive, culturally competent, multidisciplinary team response to reports of child abuse, in a dedicated, child-focused setting."

National Children's Alliance

Empowering Local Communities to Serve Child Victims of Abuse