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KS Dept. for Children and Families
Wichita Regional Office
KU School of Medicine - Wichita
Office of the District Attorney, 18th
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Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office
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Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center
Wichita Police Department

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

Behind Closed Doors: A Campaign to End Childhood Abuse, Neglect and Sex Trafficking

Earlier this year, the CACSC publicly launched a \$6.5 million **BEHIND CLOSED DOORS** Campaign at the former Lincoln Elementary School. Once the goal is reached and renovations are completed, this building will be the new home of the CACSC. In addition to our CACSC staff and services, the building will provide offices and support for partner agencies that participate in child abuse and neglect investigations and treatment. This larger, child-focused facility will allow us to more effectively serve the 4,500 child abuse and neglect cases investigated annually in our county and will allow for enhanced community education and partner training opportunities.

To date, we have raised \$3.55 million in gifts and pledges towards the goal. If \$650,000 can be secured by December 15, 2014, we will receive a \$500,000 grant from the J.E. & L.E. Mabee Foundation of Tulsa. This grant serves to inspire past and first-time donors to become involved in the work of the CACSC. However, as an all-or-nothing challenge, it requires us to secure the \$650,000 or we lose the \$500,000. Multi-year pledges will count toward the challenge. Success over the next four months will be important to the success of the campaign!

Our campaign leadership team gives voice to the CACSC's mission to end the suffering of abused children. Honorary Campaign Chairs are Ken and Jan Shannon. Co-chairs, Mark & Kathy Melhorn, Tim & Susan Norton, and Ron & Suzanne Vaupel, along with other leadership team members, assist the Executive Director in facilitating campaign efforts. The time and personal gifts they devote to the campaign are appreciated.

We thank the individuals, foundations and businesses in our community and state who are donors to the campaign, and would be pleased to have your help in improving the lives of abused children and enriching the future of our community. Start by contacting Diana Schunn by phone or email (below).

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Therapy for Abused Children - Preventing Poor Mental Health Outcomes

Based on the well-documented Adverse Childhood Experience studies, children who experience abuse or neglect are at increased risk for long-term physical and mental health disorders. Through specialized mental health treatment, providers can assess and treat mental health issues that may result from abuse. Child Advocacy Centers play a critical role in treatment and offer abused children methods to strengthen family and peer relationships, which act to mitigate the mental health effects of abuse. Also, further research studies will help us understand factors that lead to resilience in victims of abuse. The CACSC is fortunate to be able to provide in-house therapy for victims and their non-offending caregivers. Having Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy available early in the recovery process helps ensure a better outcome for victims.

Introducing a CACSC Board Member

Juston White is a Wichita native and former member of the Wichita State University Men's Basketball team. His passion for children and their success is displayed through his work serving children in the Wichita community. Currently, Juston is the Region-5 coordinator for Wichita State University's Kansas Kids @ GEAR UP program, which is designed to increase the number of foster care and low-income students who graduate from high school prepared for enrollment in postsecondary institutions. Juston is a strong advocate for life-enhancing and character development programs for youth. Prior to his Wichita State University position, Juston was an assistant campus director for Youthville's psychiatric residential treatment facility, where the use of evidenced-based programs helps treat children who have experienced severe trauma.

For Your Calendar:

September 6, 2014: ICT S.O.S, 3rd Annual Race for Freedom; a benefit to support Youthville's Secure Care Program. Info at: <http://www.race4freedom.com/the-race/>

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

Nov. 1, 2014: CACSC Heroes Gala, Scottish Rite Center

April 27, 2015: 4th Annual "Change A Child's Life," CACSC Golf Tournament, Wichita Country Club.

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