



# Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County

## **The Mid-Month Memo**

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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. ~

### **ICT-SOS Race for Freedom**

The CACSC is the recipient of funds raised from the ICT-SOS Race for Freedom that was held on September 7th. There were 940 participants and over 150 volunteers! ICT-SOS is a project-based organization that acts as a liaison between local professional groups who work with trafficked youth and the Wichita volunteers who seek ways to be involved in finding solutions. This organization's work includes recruiting donors and volunteers, community awareness and education about human trafficking issues, improving state legislation and collaborating with local agencies to address emergency shelter and long-term housing and rehabilitation needs.



CACSC runners and volunteers: (from left - right), Anne Ellis, EMCU Social Worker; Chris Zandler, EMCU Detective; Kathy Goebel, Wichita Police Department officer in EMCU; Brent Allred, Captain, Wichita Police Department investigations; Diana Schunn and Juliane Johnson (in front) with the CACSC.

## *Heroes Gala 2013*

*Please join us as we celebrate with Heroes, Humor and Hope!  
Saturday, November 9th at the Scottish Rite Center*

Bonnie Bing, Freelance Writer and Community Volunteer will host and emcee the program. Nathan Ross, Director of Youth Programs, Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association is our guest speaker. Some special Wichita community heroes of abused and neglected children are being honored. Enjoy the live and silent auctions! Sponsorships are available. Contact Mary Starkey: 660-9494 or mstarkey@cacsckansas.org for info.

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### **How You Can Help the CACSC - Ways to Make a Charitable Gift: #4**

As a non-profit charitable organization, the CACSC depends on grants, government, foundation, corporate and individual support. Cash donations, multiple year pledges and gifts, and appreciated stock or securities are ways to give. A fourth way to help a charitable organization with its annual operations and capital projects is to donate bonds or mutual funds. These are similar to cash in the way they are treated for tax purposes. State, Municipal and U.S. Government Bonds are welcomed contributions.

### **Introducing a New Member of the CACSC Team**

Melissa Gardner is our new part-time Child and Family Advocate. She comes with the experience of having worked for the Department for Children and Families for nine years, seven of those with Exploited and Missing Child Unit. Melissa graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. As parents of an eight month old boy, Melissa and her husband are both busy people. She is finding enjoyment and stress relief in yoga, a new activity for her. Melissa is also an avid Kansas State fan. She feels that coming to work for the CACSC has been a great move for her because the staff has been so welcoming and she enjoys working one-on-one with victims and families. Melissa says, "I wholeheartedly believe in the CAC's mission and want to provide victims the best possible experience when they come to our office." Melissa's co-workers find her to be kind, compassionate, and genuinely caring about the families who seek assistance from her. They describe her as passionate about helping and protecting children. Between May and August, Melissa provided advocacy services for 103 additional families that would not have been assisted without her part-time position.

### **For Your Calendar:**

Nov. 6-8: 37th Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka, KS. To register, visit "Training" at: [www.kcsl.org](http://www.kcsl.org).

Nov. 9: Heroes Gala 2013 at the Wichita Scottish Rite Center, 6:30 PM.

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**

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