



Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County

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

The Mid-Month Memo

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Wichita Regional Office
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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

***It's not too late to be a part of this year's Heroes Gala on
October 30 from 5:30 to 9 PM at the Scottish Rite Center!***

***This inspirational event honors our community heroes,
celebrates the work of the CACSC and our partners, and
supports advocacy & therapy for child abuse victims.***

Our featured speaker for this year's Gala is **Margaret Hoelzer**, who is an Olympic medalist in swimming and spokesperson for the National Children's Advocacy Center.

In addition to our speaker and the celebration of community heroes, the evening includes a catered dinner, and silent and live auctions. Some of the wonderful items waiting for your bids include 2 tickets to the Masters in Augusta, GA, a 5-day trip to the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa in Sonoma, CA, a trip for two to Chicago's Wrigley Field Rooftop Seats with a Dining Experience, and a weekend stay for up to 13 at the YMCA Camp Wood Strickland Cabin overlooking the beautiful Kansas Flint Hills. Other fabulous items include use of the Candela Venue at The Lux with catering by Larkspur, dining options, and sports, jewelry, art, wine, bourbon, scotch, cigars, yoga and fitness packages, ... and more!

For information and tickets, contact:

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For Your Calendar

October 27, 2015: Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center Lunch and Learn: Risks and Benefits of Protection Orders; for more information call 316-263-0185

October 30, 2015: **Heroes Gala**, Scottish Rite Center

November 4-6, 2015: 39th Annual Governor's Conference for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Capitol Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, Topeka. Info and registration through KCSL: https://www.kcsl.org/training_conference.aspx

November 24, 2015: Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center Lunch and Learn: Holiday Challenges and "Traumaversaries"

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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

A home is thought of as a safe haven, a place with caring and nurturing family members. But for too many, it is the opposite. Demeaning words and violence damage the physical and emotional health of family members. Since we cannot always see the emotional, or even the physical scars, that domestic violence (DV) leaves on its victims, we might believe that DV is not a problem in our community or families. However, nearly three out of four Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of DV. If children are in the home, they become unintentional witnesses and victims of the violence. The behavioral, societal and health effects are long-reaching and destructive. Research has shown that:

- *Young children are at risk of being collateral victims while being held; older children can be physically harmed when trying to intervene between adults in the home*
- *30%-60% of perpetrators of domestic violence also abuse children in the household*
- *Witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor for violent behavior in the next generation*
- *Boys who witness DV are twice as likely to abuse their families when they become adults*

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 or www.thehotline.org

Introducing a New EMCU Partner

Detective Latavia Krump was on active duty in the Air Force for 4 years while stationed at the Air Force Academy in Colorado with Security Police. Joining the Wichita Police Department in 2001, she was assigned to Patrol East. Detective Krump moved to Community Policing in 2009 and then was selected to be the Field Crime Analyst for Patrol South in 2012. After her promotion earlier this year, Exploited and Missing Child Unit became her first assignment as Detective. In addition to her work experience, Detective Krump earned a Bachelor's degree in 2008 from Wichita State University in Social Work. She has four daughters whose sports activities keep her busy in her "off" time. We are pleased to have Detective Krump at EMCU.

Thank you to the Better Business Bureau

We were selected to be the recipient of a suggested \$5 per box donation at the annual Better Business Bureau's "**Shred It**" event earlier this month. A total of 646 cars dropped off 33,973 pounds of paper to be shredded and the CACSC received \$2,555 in donations! The BBB hosts this identity theft prevention event which features on-site shredding, electronic recycling, and tips to protect your identity. We appreciate the opportunity to increase awareness of child abuse and of our services.



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."

**The CACSC is accredited by the National Children's Alliance:
Empowering Local Communities to Serve Child Victims of Abuse**