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Exploited and Missing Child Unit

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Office of the District Attorney, 18th
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Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center

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



Gala Heroes Lori Chandler, Linda Johnson, Linda Fair and Bonnie Bing Honeyman (L to R) with Diana Schunn, Executive Director (back right).

Heroes Gala 2013

Thank you to our inspirational guest speaker, Nathan Ross, Director of Youth Programs, Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association, who, with his story of recovery after years of being physically and psychologically abused by his biological mother, made it abundantly clear how important it is for abuse victims to have heroes and hope in their lives. At the event, we honored special Wichita community heroes of abused and neglected children. Our local heroes were a beautiful teen and her grandmother, along with the child protective service workers, Wichita Police Department detective and firefighters who were involved in the case. At the age of 10, this young woman was burned by a family member in an incident initially thought to be an accident. Social worker, Linda Fair, pressed for an investigation which later led to an admission by the perpetrator. This young lady is now a high school freshman who loves music and singing, and is involved in many service activities.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors and VIP table hosts, auction item donors, bidders, wonderful volunteers and event participants! Special thanks to Bonnie Bing Honeyman, host and emcee, and to Terry Rupp, auctioneer. Save the date for next year: Nov. 8, 2014!

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Cyberbullying is an Intense Form of Psychological Abuse

Cyberbullying - voluntary and repetitious abuse using electronic devices - is a modern method of victimization that has affected more than 40% of youths in the U.S. in the past year. Like traditional bullying, cyberbullying is used to exert dominance over another person, but technology enables the bully to harass, threaten or ridicule a victim in both public (Internet) and private (text messages) domains. It can occur 24 hours a day and is persistent, amplifying the frequency and impact of the abuse.

Most research on cyberbullying has examined short-term effects of victimization, with less study on long term psychological health. Because cyberbullying and traditional bullying share similar goals, such as tormenting the victim, it can be suggested that both forms of bullying share potential effects such as loneliness, low self-esteem, peer rejection, poor mental health, depression, isolation, hopelessness and suicide.

Recent high-profile cases of teens who have committed suicide because of relentless cyberbullying have increased the public call for accountability. However, changing a culture that accepts bullying as a behavior or even entertainment - as is played out in much of today's popular culture - is often more difficult than changing policy and law.

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, please call the **Sedgwick County Suicide Prevention Hotline at 316-660-7500**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Marilyn Cook, Executive Director, COMCARE of Sedgwick County

For Your Calendar:

December 12, 2013: Red Stocking Breakfast for Kansas Children's Service League

April 16-17, 2014: Crime Victims' Rights Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka

April 28, 2014: Changing A Child's Life 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