



Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County

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

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Primary Partner Agencies

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

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Wichita Police Department

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HelpWichitaKids.com

Charitable donations to show you care



This holiday season, Reddi Industries is helping raise awareness of the Child Advocacy Center of Sedgwick County (CACSC) and collecting items for children. While they are available, you can receive 2 free admission tickets to Botanica's Illuminations by dropping off your items until December 23 at one of the following locations during regular business hours: Reddi Industries, 6205 E. Kellogg Dr. or RSM Marketing, 400 S. Commerce St. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, go to www.helpwichitakids.com or www.cacsckansas.org for additional information.

They are seeking donations of the following (new) items:

- *Individually wrapped snacks: animal crackers, granola bars, fruit snacks, cookie packs, Cheez-Its, bottled water and juice pouches/juice boxes
- *Small toys: action figures, sports balls, dolls, Barbie dolls, Legos, coloring books and art accessories
- *Teen items: adult coloring books, Walmart gift cards, Target gift cards, music players, gas cards and \$5 fast food gift cards

For Your Calendar

Nov. 24—Dec. 23, 2017:
Reddi Industries Toy Drive:
Drop off sites are Reddi
Industries and RSM
Marketing:
www.helpwichitakids.com

January 2018: **Ten Year
Anniversary** of the Child
Advocacy Center of
Sedgwick County

May 7, 2018: "Changing A
Child's Life" Golf
Tournament: Willowbend
Golf Club

Get to Know the CACSC's Newest Employee

Greg Peterson, a licensed Social Worker, joined us in November as our new Program Manager. Greg previously served at the Newton Child Advocacy Center where he was responsible for day-to-day operations. Greg has also served as a child protective services supervisor in the Department for Children and Families and as an investigator in the Exploited and Missing Child Unit. Greg's dedication to child victims, experience in social services, and management background are all vital to the vision of CACSC. Also, in his first month here, Greg's exemplary baking skills have boosted team spirit and camaraderie among CACSC staff and partner employees!

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Heroes Gala Success!

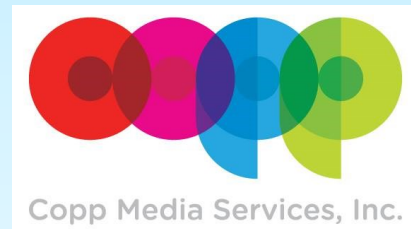
Thank you to everyone who volunteered, attended, sponsored or donated to the 6th Annual Heroes Gala. Our keynote presenter was Kevin Papineau, Detective, Major Crimes Bureau, with the Elk Grove Police Department in California. Kevin was the lead investigator on the "Blue Pillow" child pornography investigation which led to the rescue of a 12 year old victim and the arrest of her abuser. Kevin, the survivor, and the survivor's mother shared their insightful and impassioned message of how their lives were impacted.

The hard work and dedication that contributed to making the night a success is greatly appreciated! A special thank you to the Heroes Gala Planning Committee: Chair-Mandy Wilbert, Deb Cook, Rose Boundy, Vonda Wilson, Juliane Walker, Diana Schunn, Kathy Melhorn, Jessica Zellner, Cynthia Cross, Gina Sutton, Brian Gaddis and Theresa Lewis. There were approximately 265 guests and volunteers who attended the evening. Due to the generosity of vendors, private donors, and business owners, there were 67 silent auction packages and 55 bottles of wine for the wine pull that added to the funds raised for therapy and advocacy at the CACSC.

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Without you, the Heroes Gala wouldn't be possible.

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"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