



OVER THE RAINBOW

Children's Advocacy Center

CAC Newsletter

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Message from the Director-Dianne Kelso

As I sit looking out the window of my office on a hot July afternoon, I am briefly taken back to a childhood filled with seemingly endless summer days of adventure and fun. The daydream fades as another child and family enter the Children's Advocacy Center for services and I am thankful.

Thankful for the nearly 1,200 children who have been courageous enough to share their experience of abuse, neglect or violence through a forensic interview at Over The Rainbow Children's Advocacy Center. Thankful for the coordinated professional response of a multidisciplinary team which focuses upon the needs of the child above all else. And, without a doubt, thankful for you, and all those who have supported these children and families, by providing financial support to Over The Rainbow.

We are also thankful and excited to let you know that we will be expanding our services to children in order to assure that the path to healing and restoration will be readily available for all who come to Over The Rainbow Children's Advocacy Center.

I hope that this summer season finds you well and perhaps you will have the opportunity to be reminded of childhood days filled with adventure and fun. Lightning bugs always work for me!



Service Spotlight: The Family Advocate

The family advocate is the first point of contact for children and their families as they arrive at the CAC.

The investigative process can be stressful and confusing to families. The advocate helps the family to navigate through this experience. Families are provided with resources and support throughout the entire process. These resources may include education regarding trauma and child sexual abuse, referrals to mental health services, crisis debriefing and support during the court process.

The CAC partners with Women In Need to provide this valuable service to families.

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Donor Spotlight

HORNBAKER'S LANDSCAPING

The Children's Advocacy Center has been fortunate in receiving generous donations throughout the years from the community that we serve. These donations, which have come from family foundations, board members, individuals, service groups, ministries and businesses, are essential in assuring that the specialized services of the CAC remain available to suspected child abuse victims.

In this instance we would like to recognize and thank Hornbaker's Landscaping for the great care that they provide year-round to our facility. From plowing the parking lot to making sure the grass is mowed, we can always count on their prompt response to our needs. Since 2015 Hornbaker's Landscaping has donated a large portion of these services to Over The Rainbow Children's Advocacy Center.

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2019

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Meet The Board April Braxton Membership and Community Engagement Director Chambersburg Memorial YMCA



Tell us about your career and your professional path?

After relocating to PA from VA I began my employment with the Chambersburg YMCA in 2007 as the Community Outreach Director. I have been employed with the YMCA for over 8.5 years in various Director level roles. Currently, I am the Membership and Community Engagement Director. I thoroughly enjoy the role I am serving in now and I am looking forward to seeing what my position may evolve into. From both a professional and personal perspective, the YMCA is fulfilling my career goals.

What motivated you to become involved with the board of directors at Over the Rainbow CAC?

I have always had a passion to work with youth. For the last 20 years I have spent all of my volunteer as well as employment working with youth. Our local CAC was a natural fit for me. Over the Rainbow is fundamentally in my wheelhouse... a life impacting youth serving agency helping to lessen the effects of abuse and bridge the gap with resources for victims and their families.

What do you feel is the best way you can impact Over the Rainbow as a board member?

I feel that I am most beneficial to the CAC by continuing to aid in educating our community members about the needs of our center and the resources we offer.

If you had to share one thing with a member of the community about Over the Rainbow, what would it be?

I would share our overall mission and goals of our CAC. I would also share our funding sources and our needs for donations.

Besides your involvement with Over the Rainbow, how else do you stay involved with the community?

I am a board member of our Homeless Matters. HM is an organization made up of community members working to aid CASD students that are affected by homelessness. I am also a member of the P.E.O. Chapter AG, a local women's group promoting educational opportunities for women.

What do you think our society needs to do as a whole to allow the best opportunity to decrease the amount of child abuse cases?

Child Abuse is preventable! I believe education is key; educating children on boundaries and appropriate forms of contact, educating parents on how to react and proceed if their child is a victim, educating the community that our local CAC exists and our need for funding... The list goes on.



New Partnership

The CAC is excited to announce a new partnership with Wellspan Chambersburg Hospital to better serve the needs of children in our community.

Since July 2018, nearly 300 children were interviewed at the CAC, but, we did not have the ability to offer those children a medical exam with specially-trained staff. During such a vulnerable time, the last thing we want to do is ask a child and their family to travel a far distance for the services they need. Under our new partnership, a team of specially-trained pediatric sexual assault nurse examiners from Wellspan will provide medical examinations to children on site at the center.

The medical exam is an important piece in providing each child with comprehensive services to assist in the identification, investigation and treatment of child abuse. The purpose of the exam is to collect evidence and document trauma if present (especially in acute cases). The exam is also used to assess for and treat sexually transmitted infections, injuries and pregnancy. Most importantly, it is performed to reassure the child and family that his/her body is okay.

Through this partnership, each child who comes to the center for services will be offered a medical exam. We are thrilled to have found a local partner in Wellspan Health that shares our strong passion for serving the children in this community. Together, we aim to develop and offer the needed services to support children during their time of need.

A Look Back at April



April was Child Abuse Prevention Month. Franklin County professionals and community members came together to plant 290 pinwheels at the center. Each pinwheel represents a child who received services in 2018.

On April 4th, the Franklin County commissioners read a proclamation declaring April as child abuse prevention month.



The community also helped to bring awareness by purchasing vases of pinwheels and planting pinwheel gardens. Forty five pinwheel gardens and 39 vases were bought and displayed throughout the county.



On April 4th, the Exchange Club of Chambersburg sponsored OTR-CAC's 2nd annual Dinner for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention. Guest speaker Jenna Quinn, a survivor of childhood sexual abuse, shared her story while highlighting the importance of prevention. Business leaders, community members and supporters of the CAC shared in this evening of hope and education. Thank you to our guests!



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