

Child Network



Women's Charity Golf Classic - June 9



Mark your calendars and save the date for our 11th Annual Women's Charity Golf Classic on

Friday, June 9th at the Kankakee Elks Country Club.

This fundraiser is one of only a few golf outings in the area specifically for women. With 130+ working and retired female golfers and our volunteers, this is one of our most popular networking events of the year.

All monies raised will be used in Kankakee County by Child Network to provide services for the children we serve at no cost to the child or their family.

We hope that you will be able to participate at some level to help us achieve our fundraising goal.

Outing Schedule

7:45-8:15 a.m. - Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. - Tee Off

Registration Fee - \$85 per person

Registration includes:

- 2 Divisions (-55 & 55+)
- Shortened Tees
- Greens Fees & Carts
- On-Course Refreshments
- On-Course Games & Prizes
- Prizes for Course Winners
- Raffle Prizes
- Continental Breakfast
- Reception Luncheon

Sponsorship

Multiple levels of support are available for this fundraiser, ranging from \$100-\$1,000. Sponsorship of the outing will provide you with an opportunity to showcase your business to all golfers and volunteers. We are also seeking raffle items and gift certificates for a drawing held during the luncheon. All donors will be recognized at the outing and listed in a brochure which will be mailed to all participants.

Registration / Support

If you are interested in playing in the outing or supporting the event through sponsorship or by donating a raffle gift, please visit our web site at www.childnetwork.org, e-mail info@childnetwork.org or call the office at 815-936-7372.

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Reebok Spartan Super Team Raising Funds for Child Network

The weightlifting and the workouts have already begun as Child Network prepares to send a team to the Reebok Spartan Super on June 10 in Richmond, Illinois.

What Is A Spartan Super?

A leader in the sport of obstacle racing, the Spartan Super is as much mental as it is physical, spanning over 8 miles that are just as unforgiving as the 25+ obstacles that litter the distance of the race.

Strength Comes in Numbers - Under the direction of

board member Dr. Jim Simone, our team will be comprised of members of the Child Network Multi-Disciplinary Team; members of agencies involved in the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse/serious physical abuse cases.

Support Our Team - With each step in the race and each obstacle our team members overcome, "The Protectors" will be raising financial support for Child Network and raising awareness of the thousands of abused and neglected children

around the world who overcome their own obstacles of abuse and neglect every year.

If you would like to make a donation in support of our team, or if you would like more information on the Reebok Spartan Race, log onto the "Events" page of our web site at www.childnetwork.org or call the Child Network office at 815-936-7372.



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CAC Earns Re-Accreditation

The Children's Advocacy Center of Kankakee County, a program within Child Network, has been awarded re-accreditation by National Children's Alliance following an extensive application and site review process. As the accrediting agency for Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) across the country, National Children's Alliance awards various levels of accreditation and membership to centers responding to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient, and put the needs of child victims of abuse first. Accreditation is the highest level of membership with National Children's Alliance and denotes excellence in service provision.

Accredited CACs must undergo a re-accreditation process every five years to ensure that best practices are continually being applied. With accreditation standards being updated in 2010, re-accreditation this year reflects Child Network's commitment to providing evidence-based methods practice.

"Child Network is to be commended for its continued commitment to effectively serve victims of child abuse," remarked Teresa Huizar, Executive Director of National Children's Alliance.

Hidden in Plain Sight: Preventing Child Abuse Falls to us All

The physical signs of child abuse aren't always obvious. Burns or bruises hidden under clothing, a haunted look in a child's eyes, the shying away from a casual touch - all too often they go unnoticed. But often, there are people around that child who recognize that something's not right. They have a feeling, but can't put their finger on it. If they could, and they were aware of what to do about it, that child might be saved.



While April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, our obligation to help these children should be year-round. All of us should be conscious about the children around us - our neighbors, our own children's classmates - and be sufficiently aware of the telltale signs of abuse so that we can report it when we see it.

For those who are not child welfare professionals, how can you help? How can you tell the difference between a child who's moody or shy and one who's been abused? What are the signs that you should be aware of?

Warning signs of child abuse include:

- Scratches, bruises, welts, cuts, unexplained burns, shaking, fractures
- Fear of adults, wariness of contact and returning home

- Apathy, depression or extreme aggression
- Unsuitable clothing for weather
- Poor hygiene and lack of appropriate medical care
- Consistent hunger
- Chronic absences from school, running away from home
- Developmental delays, failure to thrive
- Substance abuse
- Behavior that is inappropriately adult or inappropriately infantile

Most states have a toll-free number for reporting. In Illinois, the number is 800-25ABUSE (800-252-2873). When calling to make a report, be prepared to provide information like the following:

- The child's name and location
- The name and relationship of the person you believe is abusing the child, if you know
- What you have seen or heard regarding the abuse or neglect
- The names of any other people who might know about the abuse

We've become accustomed to the mantra "if you see something, say something" when it comes to dangerous looking packages we may see on the street. We owe nothing less than that to the children of our community.

Source:
Bill Baccaglini, President and CEO
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IMAGINE... IF EVERY OTHER DAY THAT YOU OPENED YOUR DOOR, ANOTHER HURTING CHILD WAS STANDING THERE.

IN 2016, 259 KIDS CAME TO OUR DOOR.

Child Network - Children's Advocacy Center & CASA



Remembering Our Friend Jackie

It is with great fondness that we remember our dear friend and volunteer Jackie Keller. After a courageous battle with illness, Jackie passed away on December 17, 2016 surrounded by her family.

For an astounding 15 years, Jackie had accomplished some amazing things for Child Network and the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.



Jackie Keller

Her journey as a CASA began in 2002 and since that time, Jackie had given a voice in court to 25 abused and neglected children and helped to establish safe and permanent homes for them. In June of 2008, Jackie was selected to attend the CASA National Conference in Washington, D.C. She helped to recruit and retain volunteers, create a mentoring program, establish our CASA library, and reinvent and serve on the CASA Advisory Board. She also served on the planning committees for several Child Network fundraising events.

Jackie always had such a beautiful smile and a caring heart. She will be greatly missed.

"To give a child a CASA volunteer is to give them a voice. To give them a voice is to give them hope, and to give them hope is to give them the world."

- Pamela Butler, Former Foster Child

Blue Kids & Pinwheels Sweep Across The Area

Be on the lookout for "Blue Kids" and "Pinwheels for Prevention" during the month of April, as we recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Child Network has displayed the Blue Kids and Pinwheel Gardens around Kankakee County to raise awareness of his important issue affecting so many young children.

Blue Kids are the silhouettes of children who represent the thousands of children who have suffered abuse or neglect.

Pinwheel Gardens will pop up near the "Children's Memorial" at the intersection of South Main and Rt. 102 in Bourbonnais. Another Pinwheel

Garden will appear in Mommence near the Bill Gilbert Memorial Clock in MacDonald Park at the northwest corner of Dixie Hwy. and West River Street.

The Pinwheel Gardens were planted on behalf of the Child Abuse Prevention Committee of the 21st Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council. Child Network is one of many local agencies that are affiliated with the committee.



Why pinwheels? Pinwheels are a happy and uplifting symbol of the bright future all children deserve. They are the centerpiece of a growing movement across the nation



committed to stopping child abuse before it starts. The majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are entirely preventable. A community that cares about early childhood development, parent support and maternal mental health, for instance is more likely to see families nurturing children who are born healthy and enter school ready to learn.

Please consider taking action by volunteering at community events for families, collecting baby supplies for a local shelter, or contacting elected officials, asking them to support funding for child abuse prevention. Most importantly, if you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, please call the State of Illinois Hotline.

BE THE ONE...



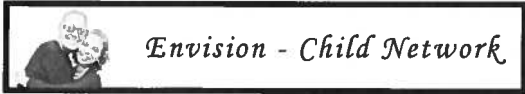
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or call your local law enforcement.



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CALENDAR OF _____ EVENTS

Sat., April 22	CASA Office Open - 9:00 am-1:00 pm
Wed., April 26	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner BrickStone Restaurant & Brewery 6:00 p.m., RSVP to 815-936-7372
Wed., May 24	Board Meeting - 12 Noon
Friday, June 9	Women's Charity Golf Classic Kankakee Elks Country Club 7:45 am Registration, 8:30 Tee Off
Sat., June 10	Spartan Race, Richmond IL

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Every dollar you invest in Child Network helps transform the life of a child. The number of children needing our help continues to rise, and we need your help now more than ever to meet those demands. Your generous gift will help restore a safe, happy childhood to young victims and forever change their lives.



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