

~Putting the Pieces Together~

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The Child Advocacy Center's mission is to reduce trauma to children and families through a comprehensive response to child abuse.

Our vision is to eliminate child abuse through prevention and education.

Where we cannot, all victims will receive comprehensive and compassionate services from an effective team of professionals.

“If a child is given love, he becomes loving ... If he's helped when he needs help, he becomes helpful. And if he has been truly valued at home ... he grows up secure enough to look beyond himself to the welfare of others”.

DR. JOYCE BROTHERS

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**Volunteer
Corner!
Recognizing
Annabelle
Gilbert**

Annabelle has been a volunteer with the CAC for the last year and has shown her dedication to the CAC in many ways. She works wonderfully with the families providing family support and is always willing to volunteer her time with other needs of the agency and events. Annabelle holds a master's degree in Social Work from Colorado State University.

From all of us at the CAC, we thank you!

~With Gratitude~

Thank you to all who attended the Shopping Extravaganza at the Outlets of Loveland, Saturday, October 22nd. This year we sold more tickets than ever before and were able to raise over \$1,000.00!

***We would also like to thank Jenny Lampe for her time and efforts, selling tickets and co-organizing the event!
Thank you again!***

Your support means a great deal to the children and families seen here at the Child Advocacy Center

On behalf of the CAC we would like to thank all that attended the first annual CAC Breakfast on November 2, 2011.

We had the honor of Marilyn van Derbur be our guest speaker. She shared an inspirational story of her journey healing from 13 years of childhood sexual abuse. Marilyn has a strong dedication to helping survivors begin their healing process.

Demonstrating this by taking the time to talk to anyone at the end of her speech.

Thank you Marilyn you had the audience captivated with our words. The breakfast was a great success and could not have happened without the help of the Table captains and our sponsors:

Realities for Children, Fort Collins Youth Clinic, Tooth Zone and Dando Associates.

Thank you all.

Thank you to all attendees, volunteers and committee members who made Bocce 2011 an enjoyable and successful event.

A very special thank you to our 2011 Sponsors!

**RC Special Events
Hunt, Spillman, & Associates
Jennifer Kelly with
Remax Alliance Realtors
OtterCares Foundation
Advance Tank & Construction
Bullhide 4x4
Dohn Construction
Lind's Plumbing
Tandem Select
Evergreen Landscape
Advanced Medical Imaging Consultants
Angie Spangler with
ReMax Advanced Realtors
Northern CO Anesthesia Professionals
InkWorks**

The Child Advocacy Center would like to acknowledge and thank the Kiwanis Club of Ft Collins for their continuous support and dedication. The Kiwanis Club of Ft Collins truly understands and supports both the mission and vision of the CAC. Kiwanis Club of Ft Collins has been a generous donor as well as a sponsor of the school-based prevention program. This year they provided funding for the distribution of the "Swimsuit Lesson Book", written by Sargent Jon Holsten, which was given to all Kindergarten students at Laurel Elementary.

***With deep appreciation
we thank you!***

~Upcoming Events and Announcements~

**DONATE NOW
THROUGH
GIVINGFIRST.ORG**

Child Advocacy Center Participates in Colorado Gives Day 2011!

"Give Where You Live" is the slogan for Colorado Gives Day!! This is a 24-hour period on Tuesday, December 6th starting at 12:00 a.m. where everyone

is encouraged to make a donation to your favorite charity through the www.givingfirst.org website.

The advantage of giving on this day through this site is all credit card and processing fees will be covered by Community First Foundation and sponsors so that 100 percent of your donation goes directly to your charity of choice.

New to Colorado Gives Day 2011 are Bonus Bucks, prizes in the amount of \$1,000 each. During each hour on Colorado Gives Day, a donor will be randomly chosen and the nonprofit associated with his or her donation will receive the cash prize.

Donors can also go to the CAC website at: www.larimercac.org and press on the green GivingFirst icon. That will take you directly to the Child Advocacy Center donation site. Individuals can also use GivingFirst.org to locate the Child Advocacy Center's mission, programs, successes and detailed financial information and donate online. Just type in Child Advocacy Center in the "Looking for a specific charity" located on the lefthand side. Giving First will continually be available on our website along with PayPal so donors can make online donations when it best suits them.

To donate online, visit www.larimercac.org and look for the link above

Donate any time over the 24-hour period of December 6 to Give where you live!

**More information on Colorado Gives Day 2011 go to
www.GivingFirst.org/cogivesdayhttp://**

Please join us for a FUNKY Holiday Event!
Enjoy holiday shopping at Fine and Funky and give back
at the same time!
The weekend for Shopping & Giving is
December 1st-4th!
Benefitting four nonprofit organizations

Thursday, Dec 1st 2pm-6pm- Child Advocacy Center
Friday, Dec 2nd- 2pm-6pm- Healthier Communities
Coalition of Larimer County
Saturday, Dec 3rd- 11am-4pm- ChildSafe
Sunday, Dec 4th- 12pm-3pm- Santa Cops

**Fine & Funky
4120 Main Street
Timnath, CO 80547**

**You can't afford
to ignore sexual
abuse. Protect
their only
childhood**

**The CAC will
be conducting
Adult
Prevention
trainings**

**January 17th
and
February 21
from
6pm -8:30 pm,
& January 26th
from
9 - 11:30 am
at the CAC
5529 S.
Timberline
Road.**

**Introducing "Richie's Payback Rewards Card"
This is a new dynamic rewards program that gives back
to nonprofit organizations!
Support the Child Advocacy Center just by washing your
car at Richies Express Carwash**

**Swipe your Payback Rewards Card when you purchase a
single "Works Wash" or a "Works Wash Book".
A \$3.00 donation "per swipe" will be given to the
Child Advocacy Center!
~Payback Rewards Cards available at the CAC~
Richies Express Car Wash
3141 S. College Avenue
Fort Collins CO**

~Announcements/Upcoming Events~

~An Introduction of the Infamous Princess~

Princess has been a part of the CAC's family for over 5 years. She lives up to her name quite well, always making sure she gets her afternoon snack and receives attention whenever she desires. Princess is well known by our Multidisciplinary team, playing a crucial part to family advocacy. The presence of princess comforts the families; as she sits on everyone's lap, snuggles with them and does not discriminate her love and affection with anyone. She knows her role and she goes above and beyond everyday. She has the capability to form bonds with the families faster than the average advocates. Princess helps break the ice allowing the family advocates and families to start talking. Due to her hard work and love for all of us Princess has been nominated this year for the most honorary staff member.

In the new coming year Princess has the opportunity to become a certified H.A.B.I.C (Human Animal Bond in Colorado) cat. Princess will finally receive some credentials and acquire some recognition she deserves!

Help Take a Child Out of the Dark.... Give them a NightLight!

As you may be aware Larimer County Child Advocacy Center is an affiliate agency with Realities For Children Charities. Thanks to this long term partnership of support we have a unique opportunity to truly leverage year end gifts to support our work in the New Year. For every nightlight sponsored through Realities For Children's NightLights Campaign that designates Child Advocacy Center as the Champion we will receive matching funds for our work and service next year! So if you donate \$100 to sponsor a light and reference CAC not only will 100% of that gift benefit our children but your gift will be matched dollar for dollar and \$200 will be granted for our work!

Please consider making your support double in its impact for these valuable services and sponsor and help us to reach further into the darkness of abuse by giving a child a NightLight this Holiday season.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 in gifts and receive \$10,000 in support! Each light sponsorship is a \$100 tax deductible donation and 100% of the NightLights we champion will benefit the children we serve in the New Year!

If you would like to give a NightLight:

You can do so online at www.GiveaNightLight.com

[Thanks again for your support in any way you can help brighten the lives of abused children locally.](#)

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*If you would like to be on
LCCAC's mailing list,
please send an e-mail to:
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Responding to child abuse through services, prevention, and education

The Child Advocacy Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. In addition to our annual grant writing and fundraising efforts, we need and appreciate the financial support of corporations, small businesses and individuals. If you feel the CAC is a worthwhile cause and would like to help, there are a variety of ways you can contribute. Monetary donations are always appreciated and are tax deductible.

In addition, the Center maintains a Wish List, which includes items the Center needs in order to continue effectively serving families. Any items purchased for or donated to the CAC are also tax deductible. If you would like to make a donation to our wish list you may simply drop the items off at our facility, Please call us at (970) 407-9739 or visit us at www.larimercac.org for more information.

~WISH LIST~

- * Pop in Cans
- * Juice Boxes
- * Paper Towels
- * Automatic shut-off coffee maker
- *Reams of copy/printer paper
- * Gift Cards to Sam's and Office Depot
- * Clorox Wipes
- *DVD's (MUST BE DVD-R)
- *DVD Cases
- *New Board Games
- *Dishwasher Detergent
- *Hand Sanitizer
- *Two Pocket Folders
- *Locking Filing Cabinet
- * Stamps
- * Coffee
- * Toilet Paper
- *Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- * Cat Litter
- * Gift Cards to local restaurants to provide meals for families while at the center
- * Kleenex
- *Individually wrapped snacks (the healthier the better)
- *Kid Appropriate Xbox 360 Games

Children's Books that are specifically for children who've experienced trauma:

- * "Finding Sunshine After the Storm: A workbook for Children Healing from Sexual Abuse"
- * "There's A Volcano in My Tummy"
- * "It's My Body"
- * "The Feelings Alphabet"
- * "I Like You to Make Jokes with Me, But I Don't Want You to Touch Me"
- * "Mia's Secret"

Become a fan of CAC on
Facebook!
Stay connected, view
updates, and upcoming events.
Help spread
the word and support for the
Center!

You can now follow the
Child Advocacy Center on
Twitter and Linked In!

