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Caring About Clackamas County Kids

*By John Foote, Board Chair
Clackamas County District Attorney*

September 25th marks the Children's Center 5th Annual Hope and Healing Breakfast. The program includes Clackamas County Sheriff Craig Roberts speaking about the impact the Children's Center has had on our community. I am excited to announce that a \$50,000 challenge has been provided by Marianne Cursetjee of DiscoverThis.com, Clackamas Federal Credit Union, An Anonymous Parent, Warn Industries, Lake Oswego Junior Women's Club, Northwest Natural, Pacific Power and Verizon Foundation. Please help us match their generous contributions, call the Children's Center office to reserve your seat at the breakfast. In addition to attending the breakfast, there are many ways to become involved with the Children's Center and I encourage you to see how you can help children who are victims of abuse in our community.

Top 5 Ways You Can Help:

- Educate yourself about child abuse and what you can do to protect children. Go to our website, www.childrenscenter.cc for more information and links to other resources.
- Donate to the Children's Center so they can continue to provide their valuable services.
- Attend "If These Walls Could Talk..." tours of the Children's Center. Contact Shauna Lugar at the Children's Center for available dates.
- Invite a representative from the Children's Center to speak at your church, civic meeting or PTA.
- Introduce the work of the Children's Center to your friends and other parents. Awareness is key to prevention.

Mark Your Calendar



FIFTH ANNUAL HOPE & HEALING BREAKFAST

7:45 am to 9 am

Abernethy Center
606 15th Street Oregon City

Featured Speaker
Craig Roberts, Clackamas County Sheriff

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SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2008



Please help us reach our
\$100,000 goal with a
generous contribution
toward the challenge.

Homework, Backpacks & Heroes

Dear Friends:

Welcome back from summer vacation. For most of us, summer was full of camping trips, relaxing days on the boat, pool parties, weddings, and other fun-filled activities. My kids were so disappointed to see the school supplies appear on the shelves at our grocery store, meaning an end to their summer play dates and a beginning to homework, backpacks and packed lunches.

But I want to remind you that summer vacation wasn't fun for everyone. As kids come back to school this fall, many will talk to their teachers, friends and school counselors about the abuse that happened over the summer. They will softly tell someone that their uncle made them play a "secret game" or the bruise on their back is from their mom's boyfriend. Local law enforcement and the Department of Human Service will see a significant increase in reports. And the Children's Center staff and facility will be strained to almost three times the number of cases as we saw in the summer.

I implore you to sit down with your children and talk with them about their safety. Statistics show that children will disclose, on average, nine times before someone takes action. I encourage you to listen closely and report any suspicions you may have.

Children *can* recover from abuse. Studies suggest kids need three things to heal. They need to be believed, to feel safe, and for someone to *do something*.

Please be the hero in a child's life. Listen, take action, and tell them that you love them always and forever.

Thank you all for your incredible support.

Sincerely,

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Tonia Hunt, Executive Director

Please Join Us in Welcoming Our Two Newest Board Members:

Janet and Linda joined the Children's Center Board of Directors this summer. Both women not only bring exceptional organizational and sustainability skills to the Board but more importantly, caring and compassion for the work we do and a commitment to help us protect all of Clackamas County kids.

Janet Gravdal, Attorney, McEwen Gisvold LLP

"I wanted to help protect a segment of our society who needs the most support and protection—our children. Once we've met the immediate needs of serving children who are not currently being protected, I would like to help expand education and prevention programs to protect future generations of children."

Janet Gravdal, a Clackamas County resident since 1989, is a private practice commercial real estate attorney for McEwen Gisvold LLP. In addition to her community volunteer work, Janet is also a frequent speaker and writer for legal education and volunteers her service on other boards. Janet also has a "fabulous" husband—a prosecutor for the Oregon State Department of Justice—and daughter, who attends West Linn High School.

Linda Pearce, Executive Vice President & CFO, Warn Industries

Linda Pearce comes from a strong background in finance and information systems. She currently serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Warn Industries. In addition to having raised "two awesome children with a heart to serve," Linda has worked in a number of industries and always enjoys helping companies improve and expand.

"I hope to help the Children's Center grow and expand their facility to serve more children in need. I want to raise the awareness in the community of the professional level service that is provided by the Children's Center and encourage more support from businesses and individuals."

A place where healing begins...

Community Impact

On May 16th, employee volunteers from WARN Industries Community Impact Employee Project came to the Children's Center to spruce up our front yard with fresh plants and flowers, a good cleaning and new bark. Adel Adams, Marian Burks, Shelli DeHaven, Dwight Geber, and Rich Zahm all came together to help our Family Support Specialist, Laurie Lorenz-Glantz and her husband, Don Glantz.

The Children's Center of Clackamas County sees between 22 and 32 families per month. These families usually spend at least half a day at the Center. Families with two or more children involved typically spend the entire day at the Center becoming very familiar with our waiting room and front yard.

Because of WARN employees' generous donation of funds and labor, our front entry has become an inviting and welcoming place for hurting children and families. The kids and their caregivers who visit the Children's Center can walk through our doors and take their first steps towards healing.

**Warn Industries Community Impact Employee Project has an ongoing relationship of volunteer activity and support with the Children's Center of Clackamas County.*



H.E. Anderson Family Foundation

At the 2008 Champions for Children Women's Luncheon, Gretchen Pilip presented the Children's Center with a generous contribution from the H.E. Anderson Family Foundation towards the Open Doors Initiative. While still relatively new, the foundation first began distributing grants in 2007. The foundation, named after Gretchen's father, is made up of three family members who collectively choose charities each cycle.

The Open Doors Initiative will increase service capacity for additional children who are suspected victims of abuse in Clackamas County. The Children's Center represents our communities' promise and priority that children will be safe and families will get help. There is no better tribute to our common commitment to protect our most vulnerable community members—our children—than the investment made by supporters like the H.E. Anderson Family Foundation to the future of the Children's Center.

**The H.E. Anderson Family Foundation currently does not accept unsolicited applications for funding.*

Special Thanks...

To the following organizations and businesses for choosing the Children's Center as their event beneficiary and for the attendees who participated.

Recent Events Supporting the Children's Center

- Minuteman Press Grand Opening After Hours
Thursday, May 15th
- Cypress Restaurant & Bar
Saturday, May 31st
- California Pizza Kitchen Charity Pizza Day
Tuesday, June 10th
- Lake Oswego Rotary Annual Lobster Feed & Auction
Saturday, June 14th
- Clackamas Rotary Foundation Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, June 20th
- John L. Scott Annual Charity Golf Tournament
Friday, August 22nd
- Street of Dreams Ladies Night sponsored by West Linn MedSpa
Friday, September 5th



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