



The Child Protection Center Fundraiser Edition

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OUR GROWING PROGRAM

The Child Protection Center is growing by leaps and bounds. When

we first started this program our clients were limited to children who had been physically and sexually abused. Since 1996, we have expanded the program to include a prevention program, Body Safety. This program is now taught in all Ross County city and county schools by our Prevention Specialist, Rhonda Kinzer-Carver.



Coletta Danneker

Other programs include the Parent Resource Classes, which are free to anyone in the Ross County area.

are taught by Marie Vukin, our Parent Educator. Please refer to Marie's article in

the newsletter for more information on these classes, and how to register for them.

The Families in Transition Program was originally taught by Adena Health System. It was offered to us, and we accepted this responsibility. This class is taught by Doris Clary.

Ohio law mandates that any parent going through a change in custody, divorce or dissolution, take this class. There is a fee of \$20 for this class. It is a one day class and very informative for all parents. Parents can call (740) 779-7431 to register.

Doris Clary also runs our Supervised Visitation program. This is arranged by a court order from the mag-

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DR. DAVID ATER GOLF MEMORIAL CLASSIC 2005

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The Dr. David Ater Golf Memorial Classic was held on August 30, 2005 at the Jaycee Golf Course.

Over \$9,800 was raised benefiting the Child Protection Center. We had 120 players on 30 teams participate in our largest event yet.

We would like to thank **Al Schneider of esigns4u.com**, who

donated all the trophies for the teams, **All Signs**, who helped with the cost of the signs; **Herr Food**, **Touch of Class**, **Wissler & Myer DDS** and **Pepsi Cola Company** who donated desserts and drinks for the players; and **Jaycee Golf Course and Staff** for their help.

We also want to mention **Cindy Drummond**, who makes sandwiches for the players each year and donates the cost of the ingredients. Last but not least, we are grateful to **Jim Burger**, who helps our organization immensely with this event.



First Place Team:

Dr. John Seidensticker
(pictured)

Second Place Team:

Matt Southerland

Third Place Team:

Greg Tracy

Last Place Team:

John Ater

Poker Winner:

Jim Cahill



2005 Staff and Volunteers

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 rom September 2004 to September 2005, the Child Protection Center provided over 140 forensic interviews and over 120 medical exams for children suspected of being sexually abused. Unfortunately this number is rising. We are unsure if the increase is due to improvements in reporting by care providers of the children or if it is due to the increase rate of abuse. What we do know is that many of these families and children come to us needing support and help in understanding the abuse to obtain mastery of the event.

Because we recognize that abused children need an avenue to express these feelings or tell their "story", all clients are offered free counseling services. Children who are abused, frequently have behavior problems that are viewed as unruly, defiant, oppositional or "just being a brat". Studies have shown that a high percentage of abusers are people that the child knows. Therefore, it makes sense that a child will constantly be testing his or her caregivers. How do they know if these people, who supposedly love them, will not hurt them the same way the perpetrator did? Unfortunately, many times these negative behaviors create conflict in the family and interfere with the child forming positive relationships with others.

It is our belief that we can help children to be healthy, happy people. A child can learn to cope with abuse if the child and family work towards growth in counseling. We focus on assisting the child to feel safe.

Many children who have experienced abuse, struggle to feel a sense of control in their world as well as have a lack of trust for those around them. Not only is it important for a child to be safe but also to *feel* safe. A child can learn to trust others and themselves again. This marks the beginning of the healing process. The Child Protection Center will continue to work on helping children and families to heal.

KID'S DAY 2005

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On April 20, 2005 we had another successful Kid 's Day fund-

raiser. **Ohio University-Chillicothe** generously donated the use of their facility for this event.

Kid 's Day was moved to April to coincide with Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child abuse is a serious problem that affects everyone. Kid 's Day provides a positive experience for area children while raising funds for services for the prevention of child abuse.

One hundred forty-five children participated in the event, taking classes ranging from Going on a Bear Hunt to Karate. During lunch, N ' Step Dance Troupe showed off their moves to upbeat tunes and routines under the instruction of Allison Bowling. Participating

dancers were as young as 2 years of age. Children walked away from the event with smiles, handmade crafts and skills that will last them for years to come. Marie Vukin, Parent Educator for the Child Protection Center hosted the Parent Café sponsored by the Center for Effective Discipline. Parents discussed topics such as positive approaches to discipline, resources and developmental stages. One parent stated, "Marie made me feel encouraged. She made me want to be a better parent."

We want to thank all instructors, volunteers and contributors who enthusiastically voted time and to make event a



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Thank you Brownie Troop 2224

We want to take a moment to thank Brownie Troop 2224 for the colorful flowers they planted and cared for at the Child Protection Center. We have enjoyed them all spring and summer.

Please check out our website at



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PARENT RESOURCE CLASSES

Over the last five months there has been a new and improved parenting program. Not only are we offering more classes per month but some unique offerings have proven to be popular and quite fun. For four weeks in September, Play Time in the Park brought moms, dads, grandparents and children to Yoctangee Park. These two hour classes were filled with opportunities for parents to enhance their interactive skills through music, art, and play. Families returned week after week. Look for this family focused class to move indoors in the new year during our Winter/Spring

session.

Another first for our Parenting Resource Classes was the ten week course, Building Foundations. This intense class has brought a group of parents together who are becoming experts in being play partners for their children. By learning play therapy skills, these parents are discovering the inner worlds of their children 's thoughts and feelings. They are teaching their sons and daughters how to make choices, see themselves as decision-makers, and learn self-control. This group of parents has expressed approval of the amount of learning and support that has been present in this course. We will be offering Building Foundations again.

Just as our program is changing so are the parents who are attending our classes. They are getting excited and not afraid to try new skills. They see that discipline can not only be positive but a teaching tool that can impact the parent-child relationship on all levels.

Parents are making requests for particular topics they would like to see as a part of the program. As it has been in the past, parents needs and interests help shape this program. We feel that these classes provide realistic and appropriate response to their parenting needs and that we continue to support families through education.

Look for our new brochure in January!



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This past year we began working with Jobs & Family Services of Ross County by providing space, as well as staff to help with the Active Parenting Now Class. This is for at-risk families who have an active case plan with Jobs and Family Services. It is a six week course discussing parenting styles, problem solving, communication, effective discipline and understanding the child's behavior. To register for this class please contact your case worker.

Our newest addition is the Stewards of Children program. This class will be taught by Rhonda Kinzer-Carver and Doris Clary. It is for all organizations that work with children. It helps them to recognize abuse or to avoid placing themselves in a position where they might be accused of abusing a child.

With all these programs available, we hope to better serve you and your loved ones.

Please contact us if you need any further information on any of these classes. We can be

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