



# The Child Protection Center

## 2004 DR. DAVID ATER MEMORIAL GOLF CLASSIC



The 2004 Dr. David Ater Memorial Golf Classic was a great success! Over 80 golfers came out and participated in the event held at Chillicothe Jaycees. We would like to thank everyone: hole sponsors, skill prize donors, contributors, golfers and volunteers (*above in picture*) who made this event possible. *National City Bank* sponsored all of the golf carts and our corporate sponsors were, *Classic Brands, FedEx Ground, and Kerr Wholesale.*

We would especially like to thank Cindy Drummond, Todd Ramsey, Jim Burger, Tom Hewitt, Alan Davis from

Etched In Our Memories, Just Meats, Pepsi-Cola, All Signs, Grinders/ Touch of Class and Jaycee Golf Course and Staff.

The staff here at the Child Protection Center began working on the golf outing months ago and extra care went into every detail to ensure that everyone had a wonderful and memorable experience. We wanted the day to be meaningful for the friends and family of Dr. David Ater. We were all excited to see the event unfold with laughter, sunshine, and happiness for all!

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## GOLF CLASSIC PICTURES



*Dr. Seidensticker's team won first place award.*



*Dr. Naumovski and his team receiving their award.*



*Left: Shirlee Ater and Coletta Danneker. Above: One of the golfers taking a swing.*



## JULIE'S FORUM

Traditionally, summer is a busy time for people. It is a time of harvest, a time for school to begin and a time to prepare for winter. It is hard to imagine that children feel pressures. What could children possibly stress about? Stress is the demands placed on us and the ability, whether perceived or not, to meet these demands. These demands come from school, parents, friends, family, church and the child's own desire to do well or excel in something.

A child's reaction and defense mechanisms may vary with the change in his/her developmental stage. Preschoolers react to stress by showing irritability, anxiety, uncontrollable crying, eating and sleeping problems, anger outbursts and withdrawing or

clinging to the parent. Elementary children react by whining, worrying about the future, having stomach or headaches, nightmares, crying, withdrawing or clinging to a parent, eating and sleeping problems. Adolescents may have a lack of self-esteem, anger, rebellion, depression symptoms, sleep and appetite problems and withdrawing. It is important for the parent to assist the child in reducing his/her stress by demonstrating patience, creative thinking and separating reality from fantasy. Many times adults place demands on children, (i.e. perfectionism in school, sports, social situations) that are unrealistic or developmentally/physically impossible. We also must praise and encourage the child for attempting, these activities even if they fail.

Be aware of the child's limitations. For example, it is hard to believe that a 5'8" male teen could be a center for the NBA, but it's okay for the child to continue to play. Acknowledge the feelings of the child. It is okay for the child to be angry. We all feel anger at one time or another, but they need to be given appropriate ways to demonstrate their anger.

Lastly, provide a neutral time when the family can come together to discuss things. Meal time and family fun nights are good times for a child to feel supported and encouraged. As adults, we can assist our children to be patient, honest and to seek positive solutions to difficult situations.

*Julie A. Oates, LPCC*

## RHONDA'S REPORT

**H**ow many times has your child come home from school and told you that one of their classmates has hit them or called them a name? Across the U.S nearly 160,000 children stay home from school because of bullying. Bullying should not be considered "just a part of growing up." Bullying can leave lasting effects on the child that can linger for a lifetime. Our children deserve a peaceful and nurturing school environment where they can develop and learn without fear.

As a parent we want our children to feel good about themselves in a positive, self-confident way. It's always important to spend quality time with your child. Sit down and ask them questions about school and

about friends. Involve yourself in your child's day-to-day activities but don't force him or her to talk when they don't want to. Let them know you're always willing to listen when they're ready to talk.

If you learn that your child is being bullied, remain calm and try to come up with a peaceful solution together. A child will appreciate having your support. Teach your child to say "No!" It should be stated in a commanding, forceful voice and many times this will extinguish the problem. If the bully refuses to stop, then the child should walk away and get help from a teacher or an adult. Never teach the child to solve problems by using violence. Dealing with the problem with anger can only make a situation worse.

Sometimes the warning signs of a bully are obvious. Some of the signs are:

- > A person who doesn't have compassion for other's feelings.
- > A power hungry attitude.
- > Disrespects others, especially authority figures and those who are different.
- > Enjoys violence or encourages violence.

If you have concerns about your child's well-being, seek help from school counselors, teachers or the principal. Do not let a problem like this go unheeded. It's important to be a positive role model and by standing up to a problem you will show your child that they too should stand up for themselves.  
*Rhonda Kinzer-Carver, Prevention Specialist*

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

**S**ince our last newsletter was written, we have lost a beloved friend and colleague. Dr. David Ater, 71, passed away on June 4, 2004 following a 4 1/2 year battle with colon cancer.

The last day Dr. Ater worked at the clinic was only 2 weeks prior to his death. He knew he had exhausted nearly all of his treatment options. In spite of this, his enthusiasm for life remained strong. Every day he worked at the Child Protection Center, he showed up with a smile on his face and a story to share. He treated every person he met with respect and compassion. The children would share their stories with him and allow him to examine them because they instinctively trusted him.

Dr. Ater practiced medicine for 35 years and was a pediatrician at Smith and Fleischer Pediatric Group. He worked at the Child Protection Center since 1999 doing more than a hundred child abuse exams and interviews with children. He had gone for advanced medical training in the area of child abuse in November 2003. In addition to investing himself in im-

proving his skills, he invested himself in each child that he worked with and was passionate about getting them the help they needed to heal. He also was dedicated to seeing that justice was served and testified in court as necessary.

Dr. Ater was honored in the health care category at the American Red Cross's first Heroes' Breakfast last year. He showed his humility when he said upon receiving the honor, "I feel unworthy of this honor. I've only done what I've been expected to do. This was my calling." He was honored again this year during Child Abuse Prevention Month when he was awarded the Col. Richard C. Enderlin Award for his lifelong work with children. Following this award, he gave a short but very emotional speech where he again reiterated "it was a calling for me." His picture and an article about this public recognition of his service were in the last newsletter.

Golfing was another big passion of Dr. Ater's. He would golf when he could with his family and friends. So, after he died, it seemed

like an obvious decision to rename our golf tournament after him. It was the perfect way to blend our love for him with some of the things he loved—helping children and supporting the work at the Child Protection Center as well as living life to its fullest, especially while enjoying a round of golf. We renamed the golf tournament in his memory with the permission of his family. His wife, Shirlee, son, Mike, and his daughter-in-law's family all participated in the Dr. David Ater Memorial Golf Classic on September 21, 2004. It was a beautiful day and 84 golfers played golf, participated in the raffle and enjoyed a picnic dinner at the end. We raised more money this year than last year and honored a man we will all miss. I know he is in heaven with the Lord he loved with all his heart and I hope he was smiling down at our attempts to celebrate his life.

*Coletta Danneker—  
Executive Director*



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## **WHAT'S NEW**

**C**heck out the new set of classes for Parenting Resource instructed by Marie Vukin.

August 26th— *Learning to Slow Down and Pay Attention*

September 16th and 30th— *1-2-3 MAGIC Effective Discipline for Children Ages 2-12.*

October 21st— *Soothing the Stormy Outbursts of Toddlers*

November 11th— *How To Talk To Your Kids About Important Things*

December 2— *Children and Choices*

To register, call our office at 740-779-7431.

The new school season has begun for children and scheduling has already begun for the Body Safety Program for grades K-3rd grade classes. The presentations will be presented in the following schools; Mt. Logan, Tiffin, Allen, Huntington, Zane Trace, Paint Valley, Southeastern, Unioto, and Bishop Flaget. If you have questions regarding the program or if you would like for us to present the program at your child's school, please call Rhonda Kinzer-Carver at 740-779-7431.

The Supervised Visitation Coordinator, Heath McDowell, has left the position to pursue work in another agency. We have hired a new Visitation Coordinator, Doris Clary, who has already taken over the position. Doris comes to us with over ten years of experience in the field of Human Services.

Terrie Seibold has left the position of Office Manager. Teresa Esslestein has stepped in as the new Office Manager. Teresa has worked as Office Manager for us in the past.

Julie Oates has taken the position of Child Abuse Specialist and will begin counseling clients who have been seen in our clinic. She has a Masters of Education in Community Counseling. She is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor.