



**Our Mission:**

To promote awareness of child abuse and neglect, to prevent its occurrence, and to provide a multidisciplinary approach to intervention in cases of serious physical abuse and/or child sexual abuse.

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"Believe the Hurt...Begin the Healing"



Meet Our Interns:



**Name:** Shaina Freeman  
**Major:** Human Development & Family Studies  
**Classification:** Graduating Senior

**Future Aspiration:** I am interested in Child Welfare laws and will be attending law school in Florida next semester.

**Memorable Quote:**

"Welcome to your life, there's no turning back!"



**Name:** Noelle Bertrand  
**Major:** Psychology  
**Classification:** Graduating Senior

**Future Aspiration:** I will be attending graduate school in the fall. My goal is to become a school counselor.

**Memorable Quote:**

"All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen." —Ralph W. Emerson



**Congratulations goes to...**

**Shalverri Stinson** for completing her Forensic Interviewer training in Huntsville this summer. As a student of Child Development, we look forward to her contributions in our child interviewing process. Kudos!

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Listening to  
**Small Voices**

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**SPECIAL THANKS:**

- **Sheri Spain**  
Instructor at Denson Recreation Center— *The CAC would like to thank you for your beautiful pottery contribution to our Silent Auction this year!*
- **Brandon Lake**



From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends,

The CAC wants to tell all of our supporter's *thank you*. We could not do the work we do with sexually abused children and severely physically abused children with out your help. We had a child come by a few weeks ago on her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. She just wanted to thank us for caring about her and helping her survive the abuse she went through for four years at the hands of her step dad. I told her, it is an honor to work with children that need our help. She said she did not think she would have made it through her ordeal with out the CAC. Because of you, our generous supporters, we can help children that would have terrible outcomes in life if they did not get the services we offer.

Some people have remarked how sad it must be to work here. What they do not get to see are the smiles that return to the precious faces of our kids after they engage in our services. Those smiles are beautiful, beautiful things! This is the best place to work in the world. Our staff is dedicated, hard working and have great senses of humor. We really like to come to work. Yes, this work is stressful sometimes. We see child abusers get acquitted when we know they hurt a child. We have to continuously look for funding sources all the time. But the bottom line is we are helping to heal the hearts of children, with a lot of help from our friends.

*J. Cleone Brock*

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New flooring in the family room!



**Macon County Reports:**

# Up Close & Personal with Courtney Hall

Mr. Courtney Hall, MSW, LGSW  
Program Supervisor  
Macon Co. DHR

**How long have you been employed in your current position?** Since June 2010

**What past experiences led you to where/who you are today?** I was a supervisor in Montgomery Co. for 3 years. Prior to that I was an Investigative worker (CA/Ns) for 2.5 years.

**Where did you attend school?**  
Oakwood College – BSW  
University of Alabama – MSW

**Why did you choose this field and what continues to inspire you to show up for work?**  
I have always had a strong desire to help others. Initially, I wanted to be a therapist, but changed my mind after an internship with DHR. I began to see that I could actually have an impact in child welfare. Also, the work was exciting and always kept me on my toes. I enjoyed that.

**How do you see DHR’s relationship with the Child Advocacy Center (CAC)?**

I believe that the CAC is an integral part of the work that we do. It is essential to have a “child friendly” place that is dedicated to interviewing children who have had traumatic experiences. The concept of CAC (one interview and done) works well. Unfortunately, I wish that it could actually be applied to the legal system so that a child would not have to recall the traumatic experience multiple times before varying audiences.

**What are some of the challenges your agency faces in the upcoming year?**  
We will be facing tremendous budget cuts which will, in turn, limit the resources that we can offer our clients.

**In your current position, what do you hope to accomplish?**  
I intend to facilitate the provision of superior services to our community so that children might be more adequately protected and families might have better access to resources.

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- Alice Reid–**  
Forensic Interviewer
- LeBrandon Silmon–**  
Therapist & Family Advocate

**Introducing our New Graduate Clinician...**

My name is LeBrandon Silmon. I am from Lafayette, AL, and I am the new therapist at the CAC. I have been a therapist at the CAC since September 1, 2010. I was offered the position after doing my practicum with them this past spring. I am very thankful that the staff not only considered me for the position, but also welcomed me with opened arms. I enjoy working at the CAC because it is something different everyday and a new opportunity for me to grow professionally and personally. Moreover, I get

a chance to meet people from all walks of life and often times we have something in common. In 2006, I received my B.A degree in Psychology with a concentration in Criminal Justice from Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University. While in undergraduate, I worked at Three Springs, Inc. as a Direct Care Counselor. I worked with adolescent females who struggled with emotional, behavioral, and learning issues. I have also worked as a Rehabilitation Instructor and Pro-

gram Manager for a Mental Health Agency. In 2007, I began working on a Masters in Community Counseling at Troy University- Phenix City. I will obtain my Masters on December 18, 2010. I have worked with an array of people, but my passion lies in working with adolescents and teens; helping them see that there are brighter days ahead. My plans for the future are to obtain a Masters in Forensic Psychology, become a *Licensed*



**Mr. LeBrandon Silmon**

*Practicing Counselor (LPC), and obtain a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.*

# 11 Good Reasons To Do Something Good in 2011

1. **You** can help physically & sexually abused kids.
2. **You** can help people that cannot help themselves.
3. **You** can help a child victim become a healthy adult.
4. **You** can help put sex offenders in jail where they belong.
5. **You** can make our community a safer place to live.
6. **You** can give the CAC the resources to help families at no cost to them.
7. **You** can get a tax deduction.
8. **You** will help the CAC inform citizens about the alarming frequency of child sex abuse crimes.
9. **You** can help the CAC empower people to be pro-active about child abuse in their own homes, schools, & churches.
10. **You** will feel very good about yourself as you should!
11. **You** will have the chance to share this very important message about child sex abuse & bring it out of the darkness into the light so everyone can help fight for the innocence of all children.

**Pledge \$11 per month to the CAC**

Sign-up at  
[www.cacea.net](http://www.cacea.net) or call 705-0770

**That’s less than two trips to Starbucks!**

## Our Supporters

In kind and cash donations help to support services provided for children and their non-offending caregivers whose lives have been impacted by abuse. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff, and most importantly, the children. . .

**We Thank You!**



*“No one who achieves success does so without acknowledging the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this with gratitude.”*

**-Author Unknown**

**Donations**

This Fiscal Year Contributions (October 2009—September 2010)

**Capital Campaign :**

- Dr. & Mrs. Murray Adams
- McDonald’s (Polly A. Marshall)

**Cash Donation:**

- Ally Cound
- Jr. League of Lee County
- Street Burnerz Motorcycle Club
- Circle of Friends Trail Riderz
- Auburn Fellowship
- Auburn Rotary Club
- Kiwanis Club
- Auburn United Methodist Church
- St. Michael’s Church

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**We thank Miss Molly Cound for having a lemonade stand that raised \$19 for the CAC!**