

From the Director's Desk



Dear Friends,

The Child Advocacy Center of East Alabama is getting so excited about the benefit that Ware's Jewelers, Lee Magazine, and The Bennett Group are hosting for us. If you have not heard yet, it is the Dancing Stars of East Alabama! There has been such an interest in dancing in the last few years on TV. Check out the web site at www.dancingstarsofeastalabama.com. What a fun way to raise funds for our children in Lee County. There are nine local "Stars" that have agreed to partner with 8 local dance "Pros". The couples will battle it out to help the sexually abused children in Lee County. Our stars include **Mindy Street**, a former Miss Auburn.; **Mary Cho**, an area realtor; **Alice Reid**, the CACEA's own Forensic Interviewer; **Cristin Herring**, the Auburn City Schools Assistant Superintendant; **Sherriff Jay Jones**, a great friend to the CACEA; **Debbie Beebe**, Drake Middle School principal of Survivor fame; **Parker Tant**, a radio DJ on Kicker 96.7; **Aubie**, Auburn University mascot extraordinaire, and **Mr. Penny**, perhaps the biggest Auburn Tiger Fan of all time! Our pros include: **Carl Ettinger**, East Coast Swing and Ballroom Dancer; **Scarlett Brockewell**, Zumba instructor with 25 years of dance experience; **Jessica Carry**, Zumba Instructor that has also taught Body Sculpting, Hip Hop Cardio, Circuit Training and Bootcamp classes; **Laura Olds**, who has been dancing since she could walk and is currently involved in the Auburn swing dance scene; **Cody Wayne Foote**; an attorney, an engineer, and teaches over 20 different dances; **Katherine Hoerlein** is from Auburn and teaches at the Auburn University Swing Dance Association while she studies to be an industrial design engineer; **Omar Romagnoli** is a famous Tango dancer who has taught the likes of Robert Duvall, Madonna, Sean Penn and Jane Fonda just to name a few; and **Doc Waller**, a dancer, actor, poet and so much more! Doc is the Artistic Creative Director for the Dancing Stars of East Alabama. He is also the Executive Director of the Layman's Group, a local growing arts organization; It is so great to have these "Stars" and "Pros", and the gang of people that are helping to make this production happen, so unselfishly giving of their time and their talent. The children that will be helped by these individuals, will never know who to thank. I do, though!

The well-being and welfare of children should always be our focus. Todd Tiahr





SHALVERRI STINSON
FAMILY ADVOCATE

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM BY SHALVERRI STINSON

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW FAMILY ADVOCATE PROGRAM

The mission of our Family Advocate Program is to support non-offending caregivers in cases of alleged child sexual abuse in such a manner that they can act responsibly to protect and support the alleged child victim.

We, at the Child Advocacy Center have identified four goals for achieving our mission. They are as follows:

Ensure the child's physical safety and assist in preserving the integrity of the caregiver-child family unit by:

- Identifying the DHR safety plan for the family
- Ensuring the non-offending caregiver's understanding of the plan
- Identifying areas where the non-offending caregiver needs assistance to carry out the plan
- Providing support to the non-offending caregiver in the concerning areas

Educate non-offending caregivers on their roles in the investigative process by:

- Helping them understand the legal and child protective systems
- Assuring that they understand their role is to support the child and not to gather case facts

Empower the non-offending caregiver to rebuild a safe and stable home by:

- Identifying housing, transportation, education and financial needs
- Facilitating the non-offending caregiver's ability to retain the needed resources

Decrease the likelihood of the non-offending caregiver allowing the alleged offender back in to the home during the investigation by:

- Providing consistent and professional emotional support from a Family Advocate
- Connecting the non-offending caregiver with a broader support system through a support group- *PEP Talk*
- Assisting the non-offending caregiver in coping with the realities and complexities of the system as the case evolves.

~Please visit us on Facebook~

Your generous donations to the Child Advocacy Center of East Alabama are tax deductible!

DON'T FORGET FIRST FRIDAY'S AT THE CENTER. WE HOST A TOUR AND INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CENTER EACH FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH STARTING AT 10:00 AM. BRING A FRIEND!



INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING PROGRAM OFFERED TO MACON COUNTY

RESIDENTS

Written by Shalverri Stinson

The Child Advocacy Center of East Alabama received a \$1425.00 grant from Central Alabama Community Foundation in order to provide free parenting classes to Macon County residents. We have partnered with Macon County's Department of Human Resources to help families that can greatly benefit from these classes.

The following is a great example of the kindness from people in our community.....

Cleone,
I came to the Child Advocacy Center yesterday to repair troubles with your fax telephone line. I think that I got that problem solved and hope that I helped out with some other minor inconveniences. You gave me a business card and graciously offered to promptly pay for the service call. I just wanted you to know that you will not be receiving an invoice from me. I think that the Child Advocacy Center does noble and necessary work and I want to support it by donating my services. Thank all of you for your care for the children of our community.
Sincerely,

**Bennett W. Jones
East AL. Telephone Specialties, Inc.**

RECENT DONATIONS

AUBURN FELLOWSHIP	MR. & MRS. CANNON
DELORES DRISCOLL	MRS. R. PLATT BOYD, JR.
STEVEN HARRISON	MR. & MRS. DAVID HOUSEL
KENNETH GIBBS	THOMAS CROWLEY
NYOTA FIGGS	JOY GARRETT
MRS. MURRAY ADAMS	JULIA PIPES
SHIRLEY CUNDARI	LYNN PARKER
SYLVIA HUGGINS	CH2M HILL FOUNDATION
DIANE EURELL	
REGINA ISBELL	
DEBBIE KOON	
JENNIEFER DAY	
SHAUNA KILPATRICK	
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	
JACKSON LEDBETTER	
KITTY SUE GREGORY	
ANNE MAY	
SUSAN HUBBARD	
JEFFREY NANCE	
WILLIAM BOYER	
1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	
MARY ANN POTTER	
MAYOR AND MRS. GARY FULLER	
WILLIAM DYAS	

WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!!!

CAC BOARD MEMBERS

Beth Vaughan-*President*
Yarbi Cound-*Vice President*
Anne May-*Treasurer*
Julia Pipes-*Secretary*
Dr. Linda Anz
Pat Bennett
Kathy Buck
Becky Buxton
Mark Chambers
Sara Cox
Katie Crow
Kenneth Gibbs
Dr. Charles Greenleaf

Capt. James Majors
Wesley McCollum
Julia Pipes
Luis Gallardo Rivera
Dr. Tom Smith
Henrietta Snipes
Ben Taylor
Carlyn Tucker-Simmons
Judy Van Dyke
Lola White
Tina Ware
N. Shane Yarborough

CAC STAFF

Cleone Brock-Executive Director
cleone.brock@cacea.net

Alice Reid-Forensic Interviewer
alice.reid@cacea.net

Shalverri Stinson-Family Advocate
shalverri.stinson@cacea.net

LeBrandon Silmon-Therapist
l.silmon@cacea.net

Katrina Ryan-Administration
kryan@cacea.net

Caitlin Braasch-Intern
intern@cacea.net

Visit us at cacea.net

HELLO!

Hello to everyone! My name is Katrina Ratliff Ryan and I'm the new Administrative Assistant here at the Child Advocacy Center. I am from the Opelika area and graduated from Lee-Scott and attended Southern Union majoring in Business Management. I am the proud mother of 3 children, ages 19, 18 and 2 1/2. My husband is an Alabama State Trooper and a HUGE Auburn Fan! Our family attends First Baptist Church of Opelika. I feel very blessed to be a part of the Child Advocacy Center of East Alabama. Although my main job here is Administration, I am still able to interact with the children who come here. I really hope everyone realizes what an incredible job is done here at the Center. The staff are so dedicated to helping a hurt child realize that life can change for the better.

The Child Advocacy Center
of East Alabama, Inc.
1810 Corporate Drive
Opelika, AL 36801
(334)705-0770
(334)705-0741 Fax

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.”



NATIONAL
CHILDREN'S
ALLIANCE®