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LIFT THE CHILDREN JOINS THE CENTER

The Child Abuse Prevention Center is founded on the principle that we must do whatever we can to prevent child abuse wherever it occurs. With unanimous approval from the Board of Directors, an international child-focused agency called Lift The Children has joined the other outstanding not-for-profits in The Child Abuse Prevention Center.

Lift The Children was founded in 1998 by Katherine and Richard Miller, after a pivotal trip to Romania. There they witnessed first-hand the tragedy of children who had been abandoned, neglected and abused, and left without hope at the end of an austere political era. The

Romanian Revolution of 1989, culminating in the execution of Communist Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, brought an end to one of the harshest regimes in Eastern Europe. For many living under Ceausescu's rule, the only alternative to starvation was to abandon their children to state-run institutions that were appallingly ill-equipped to handle the tens of thousands of children in urgent need of care. After seeing these deplorable conditions, the Millers created a generous endowment and Lift The Children, to promote children's basic human right to be loved and live with dignity.

The program's Deputy Director, Katie Smith, oversees this international effort. Lift The Children identifies, supports and strengthens programs that help abandoned and at-risk children in Eastern Europe. Lift The Children provides the following services to children:

- Family-style care for HIV+ children who are orphaned or abandoned
- Social support for impoverished families at-risk of abandoning or abusing their children
- Long-term foster care that

reunites siblings separated by the institutional system

- Therapy for infants and toddlers neglected and developmentally delayed by institutionalization
- Programs to help integrate orphanage graduates into communities
- Services to support the transition of children with special needs from institutions into families and group homes

Since Lift The Children's inception in 1998, the results have been extraordinary — parents, grandparents, new siblings and cousins have been tightly woven into the fabric of the children's lives, resulting in enormous improvements in health and school performance. Children have gained enduring relationships that will last a lifetime. Older children with special needs are placed safely in foster care, away from the distressing institutional setting for the disabled, for only \$75 per month per child. Children receive weekly visits from a trained outreach worker, foster parents have monthly support groups and receive special needs equipment.

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BIG HEARTS LITTLE HANDS

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CENTER SUPPORTERS ANSWER THE CALL

Just three days before Christmas, The Child Abuse Prevention Center's CEO & President, Sheila Anderson, Deputy Director Michael Lawson and Board Chair, Ray McNally learned that over 100 low-income families with small children (ages 0-6) who receive services through The Center's PLAN (Parent Led Assistant Network) may not be having a Christmas.

Sheila, Michael and Ray started making phone calls and sending e-mails to board members and colleagues asking for donations to help provide for the PLAN families. The call for help grew as others started networking. Gifts and money were delivered to The Center from all over the greater Sacramento region. Center staff members spent countless hours organizing and preparing the items for delivery.

The results were overwhelming — hundreds of children received gifts, making it a memorable holiday for some of Sacramento area's most impoverished families. In addition, The Center provided gifts and outreach materials to other impoverished families and established new relationships with families that desperately needed assistance.

On behalf of Sheila, Ray, the Board of Directors, Center staff and the children, thank you to the following good samaritans!

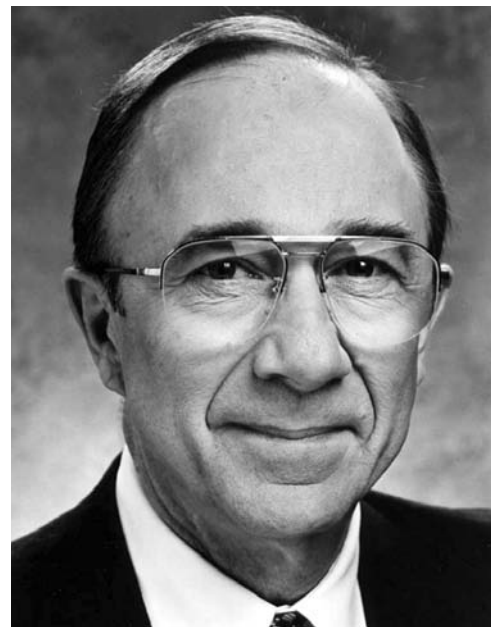
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THANK YOU DICK CABLE

Dick Cable has tendered his resignation from the Board of Directors in order to spend time with his loving wife Berta, five children and nine grandchildren. A true champion of children's issues, Dick began his term on the Board of Directors in 1996. The Child Abuse Prevention Center is eternally grateful to Dick for his tireless work improving the health and well-being of children.



Dick has earned countless honors from board associations and from the community, as well as numerous professional accomplishments, including an Emmy. His work on behalf of children is priceless.

Thank you Dick!
The Staff of The Child Abuse Prevention Center

"Your good work on behalf of CAPC has continued to inspire me, the staff and every other member of the board. You have been generous with your time and always gracious with your comments. You are a true gentleman and I am very proud to have worked with you."

Ray McNally
Chairman of the Board

CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM ANNUAL REPORT

For the 15th year, the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento, Inc., has provided a detailed report of all child deaths in Sacramento County. The Sacramento County Child Death Review Team (CDRT) investigates, analyzes and documents the circumstances that led to

all child deaths in Sacramento County. Together, CDRT members review each case, as well as any pertinent case information and/or history, and come to consensus on the manner and cause of each death. The goal of the CDRT is to identify how and why children die in order to facilitate the creation and implementation of strategies to prevent child deaths.

Data from this year's report include:

- One-quarter of all deaths were preventable
- Injury related deaths comprise the vast majority of all preventable deaths
- Child abuse and neglect homicides are on a downward trend
- The majority of perpetrators of child abuse and neglect homicides are parents of the decedent
- History of substance abuse is present in one-quarter of all child fatalities
- Children under one year of age continue to represent the majority of all child deaths
- African American infants continue to die in disproportionate numbers as compared to other ethnic groups
- Multiracial children have a higher death rate compared other ethnic groups
- Reckless driving is a contributing factor in vehicle deaths among teenagers

CDRT Recommendations include:

- Support the implementation, continuation and expansion of public education and awareness campaigns aimed at modifying adult behaviors to educate parents and caregivers on preventable deaths through home visitation programs, hospitals and family resource centers
- Expand the development of public and private substance abuse prevention and treatment programs
- Mobilize the African American community to better assess and coordinate services and delivery to African American families
- Coordinate and expand prevention and early intervention programs
- Conduct education efforts to reduce modifiable reckless and negligent teenage behaviors

The Center would like to thank the Child Death Review Team and Council's Deputy Director Stephanie Biegler and Program Manager Joey Lidgett, for their overall supervision of staff, management and the production of the document. Call 1-800-CHILDREN to request a copy of the CDRT report. |

Inspirations LIFE HAPPENS AROUND THE TABLE

As many of us reflect on fond family memories, especially those that took place around the dinner table, we appreciate that "life happens around the table." On Friday, May 12, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento, the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento will host *Inspirations*, a recognition luncheon to honor community members and businesses that have performed extraordinary work on behalf of children and families in the greater Sacramento region.

Over three hundred business and community leaders will join *Inspirations'* Master and Mistress of Ceremonies Sam Shane and Pallas Hupe of CBS 13 and special guest Jack Gallagher for this unique luncheon. In keeping with the notion of "life happens around the table," the luncheon will feature unique table-top décor by some of the areas most creative talents from the interior design, retail, architectural, floral, food and landscape industries. For sponsorship or other information, call 1-800-CHILDREN. |

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE

Call The Center at 1-800-CHILDREN to donate your vehicle, motorhome, boat or motorcycle. Proceeds benefit The Center's training and prevention programs. Not all vehicles may be accepted. |

CENTER WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Child Abuse Prevention Center leads the way in providing groundbreaking programs and training that have been replicated nationwide and now internationally. The Center's successes are linked to the strong and caring support from the Board of Directors, who generously give their time, talents and financial support to improve the lives of children and families. In January, the board held their annual dinner, welcoming new members and reaffirming their commitment to preventing child abuse in all its forms, wherever it occurs. The Center welcomes to the Board of Directors:

- Codruta (Co) Catanescu**, Attorney, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP, Sacramento
- Captain Robert Caldon**, Retired, Captain, Long Beach Fire Dept.
- Robert Conheim**, Senior Staff Counsel, California Integrated Waste Management Board, Auburn
- John Crisan**, Senior Vice President, CFO, SkinStore, Inc., Gold River
- Joel Hynek**, President, Digital Domain Corporation, Agoura
- Katherine Miller**, Co-founder, Lift The Children, Auburn. |



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Kaiser Permanente for their wonderful donation of a new van! The van will help staff members with transporting items for training, outreach, seminars and community fairs. **Kathleen McKenna**, Public Relations Director at Kaiser Permanente and Center board member, was instrumental in coordinating this donation. **McNally Temple Associates** for providing in-kind design services for the van's wrap and agency collateral pieces. **Blue Cross of California** for awarding the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento, Inc., with a 2006 Community Support Award. **Soroptimist of North Sacramento** for supporting a skills exchange project in the PLAN program. |

