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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

According to the *Los Angeles Times*, California's home foreclosures hit a record of 47,171 in the first quarter of this year. But that's not the only crisis in California. In 2005-06 there were over 481,000 reported cases of child abuse, and experts agree that there are probably many more cases that go unreported (Center for Social Services Research, University of California at Berkeley). The Centers for Disease Control report that child abuse is America's number one public health crisis. It is sad that almost 50,000 Californians have lost their homes. It is even more tragic that nearly 500,000 children annually suffer from abuse or neglect, most often at the hands of a trusted adult.

What can we do? While the solutions seem complex, they are not impossible. We can help reduce stressors on parents and caregivers by using programs that have documented successes. Stressors can include: single parents with no support, drug/alcohol addiction, poor health, unemployment, isolation, poverty or homelessness.

How do we reduce stressors? Join The Child Abuse Prevention Center by contacting our local, state and federal representatives to let them know that cutting funding for programs that have an impact on the lives of children and families is not acceptable. Children must be our priority. Home visitations, community family resource centers, parenting classes, support of foster parents, mentoring of youth and other programs make a difference in the quality of life for a child and for generations to come. California taxpayers are now spending an estimated \$9 billion a year on the terrible consequences of child abuse and neglect — crime, broken families, poor health and more violence. We could be saving billions by preventing it. While the foreclosure crisis has been receiving national attention, child abuse and neglect data does not receive nearly

the same media attention, even though the cases of abuse are alarmingly disproportional. An epidemic of child abuse has been occurring, and unlike the foreclosure storm, it seems unnoticed.

The Child Abuse Prevention Center urges all public policymakers, voters, parents and community members to actively protect existing funding for programs that reduce incidents of child abuse. While we know that there is an enormous gap in government budgets — now is not the time to reduce funding to programs that protect children.

For the life of a child,

Sheila Anderson

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President & CEO
The Child Abuse Prevention Center

BIG HEARTS LITTLE HANDS

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A Chance Drawing arranged by community volunteer Joe Wilson of Joe Wilson Presents included a diamond necklace, a glass art piece by artist Nina Caron, a mountain bike (won by Roger Dreyer), a basket of beauty products from SkinStore.com and a "foodie" package with gift certificates to fine dining establishments.

Thank you to the Inspirations committee and co-chairs Laurie Rose, Sutter Medical Center, and Andrea Weiss of Andrea Weiss Consulting, and to all of the designers and sponsors. To see photos from the event go to www.thecapcenter.org, news and events, and click on the Inspirations 2008 photo album. And mark your calendar for May 15 for Inspirations 2009.!



Inspirations 2008

Congratulations to the Inspirations 2008 award recipients who were honored for their dedication and extraordinary efforts to protect children. Honorees included David Ballard and the Children's Receiving Home of Sacramento; Anthony G. Pico; Catholic Healthcare West-Mercy; Sacramento County Child Protective Services; Sacramento County Public Health Nursing; Sutter Medical Center; UC Davis Medical Center; and Sacramento County's Department of Health and Human Services. Inspirations 2008 was a resounding success with over \$115,000 raised to benefit The Child Abuse Prevention Center's programs and services.

Inspirations was presented by Sutter Medical Center and CBS 13 / CW 31 with news anchors Pallas Hupé and Sam Shane as emcees. The event had over forty table top displays by some of the most creative designers in the region. They transformed the room into a magical backdrop fitting for the honorees and audience. Poignant words were shared by the retired Honorable Talmadge Jones, California Superior Court, Sacramento County, on the importance of providing a safe, caring community for all children.

OHIO EDUCATORS SEEK PLAN

In April, Yessenia Suazo and Judy Murphy of Community School Solutions of California's Parent Led Assistance Network (PLAN) program were invited to consult for the Ohio State Department of Education.

Suazo and Murphy provided workshops and trainings to school leaders representing 150 low-income and low-performing schools. These school and district leaders are part of a network that provides services and out-of-school time programs for Ohio's most vulnerable children and families. "Most of the schools were only thinking about parent involvement as something that parents could or should do to help the school. They were really interested to learn more about how parents could be trained to serve as resources for other families in the community," noted Murphy.

The Child Abuse Prevention Center is proud to be home to programs like PLAN that build the capacity of communities in California and throughout the United States.!

AMERICORPS

In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the National and Community Service Trust Act which established the Corporation for National and Community Service. The act brought domestic community service programs under one umbrella. It also launched AmeriCorps, a program that engages Americans in intensive service to meet the nation's critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

Agencies of The Child Abuse Prevention Center use AmeriCorps members to deliver services throughout California. It is the largest AmeriCorps child abuse prevention program in California and is one of the premier programs in the nation. In May, The Center's Prevent Child Abuse California was one of only two California programs awarded funding to deliver services through the Child Welfare Systems Redesign program. The program provides services to families who were reported to Child Protective Services for possible child abuse.!



California Kids' Plates has selected Sacramento County's Safe Beginnings Project as a grantee for the 2008-2010 funding cycle. The Safe Beginnings Project is a joint effort of the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento (CAPC) and Safe Kids Greater Sacramento (SKGS), with the mission of protecting children from unintentional injury and death. In Sacramento County, infant sleep-related deaths are one of the most preventable types of deaths for children under one year of age and drownings are the number one cause of death for children one to five years of age. The goal of the Safe Beginnings Project is to reduce the number of infant sleep-related deaths and drownings in targeted Sacramento County communities by the year 2010.

Proceeds from Kids' Plates sales provides funding for child safety programs throughout the state, including: prevention of child abuse and neglect and unintentional injury by motor vehicles, bikes, drowning, poisoning, fire/burns, falls, firearms and SIDS. To purchase your own Kids' Plate, please visit www.kidsplates.org.!

HELP WHILE YOU SHOP

Center supporters that shop online at Borders, Best Buy, Office Depot and Sports Authority to name a few now have the opportunity to donate a portion from their transaction to any of The Center's agencies. iBakeSale (iBakeSale.com) is free and offers up to 20% cash-back rewards on every purchase. Just sign-up to use iBakeSale and shop. Then you select any of The Center's agencies (Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento, Community School Solutions of California, Lift the Children, Prevent Child Abuse California) and designate one or more to receive a portion of your discounted price.

Don't forget that you can make a donation to The Center directly at www.thecapcenter.org or donate your vehicle. Your donation will make a difference in the life of a child.!

CONNECTIONS ACROSS BORDERS

This spring, Lift the Children welcomed child welfare professionals from Siberia and introduced them to our multi-faceted system of services for vulnerable children and families. The Russians found the expertise of The CAP Center agencies and partners to be extremely valuable to their efforts to create new child protection systems and programs in their countries. The visitors gave rave reviews about their experience.

We wish to thank the generous families who opened their doors to our Russian colleagues.

CAP Center Board Director Dee Hartzog said, "The best part of hosting a Community Connections visitor was learning more about the culture, economy, and social programs of Russia. Even with Nadia's limited English, we were able to communicate."

Lift the Children is now signing up families to host domestic violence professionals from the Ukraine, August 5 - 26. Lift the Children will connect the visitors with domestic violence organizations so they can learn from successful intervention and prevention models. Host families will provide breakfast, dinner, a room for the visitor, and must live within a 30-minute commute of The CAP Center. To find out more, please contact Mary Jennings (916) 244-1929, mjennings@thecapcenter.org.!



THE CENTER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Congratulations to **Ray McNally**, The Center's Chairman of the Board for being honored by the Community Services Planning Council for his work on behalf of The Center.
- Congratulations to **John Lambeth**, The Center's new Chair of the Nominating Committee, and thank you to **Ken Blomsterberg** for his previous leadership of the committee.
- Congratulations to **John Crisan** who was nominated for a CFO of the Year Award from the *Sacramento Business Journal*.
- And a sad farewell to **Tim Sellers**. Tim was a Center Board Director for over ten years until his unexpected and untimely death in April. Tim was a CPA with Hewlett Packard and past Chair of The Center's Finance Committee. A tribute was given to Tim at Inspirations 2008 by the Honorable Talmadge Jones. We will miss his gentle spirit and dedication to all children. His kindness inspired us all. He is gone too soon.!

KIDS' DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Prevent Child Abuse California and the California Department of Social Services Office of Child Abuse Prevention hosted the annual Kids' Day at the Capitol to celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month. With over 70 exhibitors and 1,000 attendees, the day was a smashing success! The exciting morning included an award ceremony to honor the winners of the 4th annual Heroes for Kids Art Contest, generously sponsored this year by CGI. Guest speaker, Dr. Kyle Pruett, spoke about the importance of father involvement. Kids' Day at the Capitol was a great way to kick off Child Abuse Prevention Month!!

