



CPCAN News

Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect



So Much to Be Thankful For

Greetings to all CPCAN supporters,

So many of us have much to be thankful for - supportive family, friends and community, a variety of plentiful fresh food, access to health care and the good habits of a healthy life style, educational opportunities and life-long learning aspirations. It's important for us all to be grateful for our many blessings and to spread the wealth among those less fortunate. In our community of Jackson the most vulnerable and often least fortunate are our children. Let's continue in our efforts to protect and safeguard them and their interests and in doing so lay the foundation for a more just and peaceful world.

Wendy Gonzalez, Executive Director

CPCAN Participates in Winter Wonderland Events

CPCAN Holiday Tree

Our holiday tree will be in display in the American 1 Events Center during the Nite Lights drive through Christmas display in the Jackson Fairgrounds. Admission to the Center is included with a

Nite Lights entering cost. Last year over 10,000 people came to the event. Guests can vote for their favorite tree by making a monetary donation to that tree's mailbox. There will also be a silent auction for each tree including its decorations with bid forms attached to each mailbox.

The event is hosted Dec 3-4, 10-11 and 17-23. All money collected will go to the charity and an additional \$500 to the overall winning tree. Don't forget to check out our tree at the Nite Lights!

Holiday Window Display

CPCAN will be participating in this years Winter Wonderland Window Display organized by the DDA. Our window display will be located at 125 E. Michigan Ave.

Voting for the best window display starts at the holiday parade Nov. 19 and will continue until Dec. 31 where the winner will be announced at the NY's Eve ball drop. Helps us be the winner by voting for us!!!

Welcome our new Executive Director



Wendy Gonzalez started as the new Executive Director for CPCAN November 1, 2010. Ms. Gonzalez has a Graduate Certificate in Non-profit Management from Eastern Michigan University as well as a Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (formerly American Humanics) National Certification in Nonprofit Management and Leadership. She graduated from Columbia College, Chicago earning a Bachelor of Liberal Arts from the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Ms. Gonzalez previously worked with the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative in Washtenaw County developing programs for participants, managing marketing and public education projects and assisting in grant writing and research. Most recently she served as a research assistant for the national nonprofit GuideStar USA, Inc. an information service specializing in U.S. nonprofit companies. She has a background in communications and marketing and is very happy to be with the Council.

Welcome Wendy...we're glad you are here!



Parent Education Classes Really Work

Keith, a 43 year old Jackson resident, recently stopped in the Child and Parent Center looking for one of his teachers. He wanted to share the good news that he had received full custody of his 10 month old baby daughter. After the mother of his baby gave up her parental rights he worked with Child Protective Services for 9 months to gain custody. One of their requirements was a Parent Educational class. He was resentful and skeptical at first but said he learned a lot of parenting skills from the class. His teachers also encouraged him when he was afraid he wasn't bonding with his daughter while she was living with a foster family. Keith worked hard to secure a job, stable housing and to stay clean and sober and is now very happy and proud to have his daughter home with him.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who attended our second annual Murder Mystery Dinner at the Cascades Manor on October 15.

We had a SELL OUT!

It was a fun night figuring out "who-dunnit" and the table with the closest answer to the mystery won prizes and bragging rights.

What a great opportunity for the Council to showcase our board members and supporters.

All the proceeds went to achieve our mission:

"to strengthen families and reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect"

CPCAN would like to start sending bimonthly newsletters to our supporters. If you would like your newsletter to be delivered via email please contact Volunteer Coordinator Shelly Gillespie at rgillespie@cpcan.net or (517) 788-4239 Monday – Wednesday 8 a.m. -12 p.m.

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