



## The CPCAN Offers a New Program to Protect Children

CPCAN is pleased to provide a nationally recognized child sexual abuse prevention program for the Jackson community. The program developed by the organization Darkness to Light is called *Stewards of Children*. In the past many programs developed to protect children from sexual abuse taught them about personal safety, the difference between good touch and bad touch and to say “no” to adults who want to touch them inappropriately. Although these types of programs are important, research has shown that sexual perpetrators know how to manipulate children.



Many perpetrators recognize how hard it is for children to say no to a coach, teacher, clergy or family member who asks them to “keep a secret” or do “something special.” Perpetrators often threaten to harm the child or the child’s family or pet and to withhold privileges if a child “tells” on them. The *Stewards of Children* program puts the responsibility of keeping children safe on the shoulders of adults in the community. It teaches adults to recognize dangerous and compromising situations, signs and symptoms of child sexual abuse, teaches strategies to keep children safe and the importance of implementing policies and procedures such as background checks and criminal history checks for all new employees and volunteers who will work or interact with children.

The CPCAN is grateful to the Jackson Exchange Club for donating the funds to start the program, and Exchange Club members will be the first group trained in Jackson this April. Trainings are approximately 3 hours and will be offered free to the community except for the cost of training materials, which are \$10 per person. Trainings can also be done online at: [http://www.d2l.org/site/c.4dICIJ0kGcISE/b.6243735/k.12D8/Stewards\\_of\\_Children\\_ONLINE\\_User\\_Guide.htm](http://www.d2l.org/site/c.4dICIJ0kGcISE/b.6243735/k.12D8/Stewards_of_Children_ONLINE_User_Guide.htm)

For more information or to schedule a training call the CPCAN at (517) 788-4239.



### Spring’s First Blush Wine & Orchid Fundraiser

JOIN CPCAN SUPPORTERS AT THE LONE OAK VINEYARD ESTATE (L.O.V.E) AT 8400 ANN ARBOR RD., GRASS LAKE, MI ON FRIDAY MAY 4 FROM 5:30-8 P.M. You’ll be treated to three hearty appetizer stations and one desert, each are paired with L.O.V.E’s estate grown wine. Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Owners Kip & Dennise Barber will be available to talk about their vineyard which recently celebrated it’s 10th anniversary. A variety of beautiful orchids will also be available to purchase, they make wonderful Mother’s Day gifts and are available for preorder. Advanced prices are \$45 per couple/\$25 single or \$50 couple/\$30 at the door. Call the CPCAN today to order your tickets or to become an event sponsor.

## Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month Events

**CAP Month Kick-Off - Monday April 2 at noon in Austin Blair Park** Join CPCAN staff, volunteers and supporters to plant a pinwheel garden. The pinwheel has become a symbol of child abuse prevention and that of a carefree, happy childhood which every child deserves. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Child & Parent Center.

**April 26 - CPCAN Presents a Training to Support Human Service Professionals, “Recognizing Child Abuse in Fragile Populations: Children with Disabilities.”** Presented by Brad Schweda, M.A., LLP, HS-BCP at the Cascades Manor House, 1970 Kibby Road, Jackson, MI 49203 from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. \$25 course fee includes a continental breakfast and 3 SW CEU’s.

**April 28 - Family Expo at Westwood Mall, Jackson, 1-3 p.m.** This FREE family strengthening event has the theme, “Families Gettin’ Fit & Havin’ Fun!” The Family Expo highlights the importance of building strong relationships between parents and children, encourages positive lifestyle choices and promotes healthy eating and physical fitness for life.

“Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.” John Wesley

## CPCAN's New Volunteer Coordinator



My name is Donita Bentley and I am very excited to be the new Volunteer Coordinator with CPCAN. I have a B.A. in education and have most recently worked with volunteers through MSU Extension's 4-H program. I have also worked as a parent educator with Head Start families. Education and Human Services have always been passions of mine, and I am happy to be in a position that combines both of these passions. My family and I live in Jackson.

## The High Costs of CSA

Child sexual abuse (CSA) prevention is not only a wise investment in the overall health and well being of children - our future - but consider the catastrophic financial repercussions of abuse:

- The immediate and tangible costs of intervention and treatment for a single incident of substantiated child sexual abuse are \$14,345
- These expenses are largely paid for by the public sector – the tax payer
- The U.S. spends \$3.4 billion annually for the immediate costs of child sexual abuse
- Sexual abuse represents the second most expensive victim crime behind murder, costing the U.S. \$35 billion annually
- It costs little over \$10 to train an adult to improve their child-protective behaviors
- Research suggests that the average trained adult will better protect at least ten children from sexual abuse in the years after training
- That's \$1.05 to better protect a single child
- The money saved by preventing just one substantiated case of child sexual abuse would pay for prevention training for 1,362 adults

That training would result in 13,620 children better protected from abuse

Invest in our future and make a donation to fund the *Stewards of Children* program.

The CPCAN has a new Facebook page and we are excited about using it to reach new people and to keep people up to date with our programming. You can help us raise awareness and gain new supporters by simply 'liking' our Facebook page. Just login to your Facebook account, then find our page at [www.facebook.com/cpcanjackson](http://www.facebook.com/cpcanjackson) and click the 'Like' button. Then ask your friends to check out our page and do the same.

Recently I have had the opportunity to work with students in the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) from Western Options School. The group decided that they would like to raise money for child abuse prevention and chose CPCAN as one of the organizations they would like to help. As a group they have held bake sales to raise money and started a school awareness campaign about child abuse prevention. The teens are currently selling Pinwheels for Prevention to help us raise awareness of Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) month. The money collected will benefit CPCAN and our programming. The teens are also planning on beautifying our Child and Parent Center by acquiring the paint and painting the fence that surrounds our building. We are very appreciative and excited about the opportunity to work with these young people.

Thanks again to the Knight Foundation for awarding us the internal capacity building grant which made my position possible. It takes a community to stop child abuse and neglect and I am excited to broaden our volunteer base and reach more people in the community.

## Spotlight on an Amazing Volunteer



Cathi Kelley, is our former Board Chair and has served on our Executive Board at CPCAN for many years. Cathi also serves on our Fundraising Committee and has often gone above and beyond soliciting donations and sponsors for CPCAN events. Her experience and voice of reason play an invaluable role in our organization. Cathi is always willing to help and donates many hours of her time. We would like to thank Cathi for all the time and energy she donates. She is a great asset to the CPCAN and we greatly appreciate all she does. The Board and staff are nominating Cathi our Board Member of the Year. We hope this small token of appreciation will let Cathi know how much she means to the CPCAN.