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# Williamson County Child Advocacy Center

## ***“Serving the 21st Judicial District”*** **2005–2006 Annual Report** **The Year in Review**

There’s an old saying that says “In order to know where you are going, you have to know where you have been.” Although I am not sure where the saying originated, I think it rings so true. It is amazing to me to think that when the Child Advocacy Center opened its doors over 6 years ago we operated out of three small rooms located inside Mercy Children’s Clinic. We had very little square footage to speak of and many of our rooms served dual purposes.

Knowing where we had come from, you can imagine my delight this past April when the Child Advocacy Center moved into our new offices on Mallory Station Road. Our new location has both a Client Services Suite and an Administrative Suite which allows us to offer increased confidentiality to our clients and more room to provide services such as counseling, forensic interviews and support groups.

Not only has our location changed but our service area has also expanded. We opened our doors six years ago under the name the “Williamson County Child Advocacy Center”. The name is pretty straight forward – our agency is a Child Advocacy Center and we provided services in Williamson County. But Child Advocacy Centers are set up to serve Judicial Districts. Our Judicial District includes four counties – Hickman, Lewis, Perry and Williamson Counties.

I am happy to say in the last year we have added a tag line to our original name which says “Williamson County Child Advocacy Center – Serving the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District.” Over the past year, clients from Hickman, Lewis and Perry Counties – or the Southern Counties as we have affectionately termed them – have been accessing services at our Williamson County office. More exciting changes are in the works for this coming year with the opening of a satellite office in Lewis County to provide closer and more convenient services to these families.

When the Child Advocacy Center opened its doors, we had one full time staff member (that was me!!) Now six years later, we have 2 full time and 1 part time employees and in the process of hiring a second part-time employee. We have expanded our counseling program, our Child and Family Advocate program and offer a quality forensic interview to every child who comes through our doors. But with all the changes that have come over the years I am happy to say that one thing has remained the same – our purpose. The Child Advocacy Center exists for one reason and one reason alone – to help protect our children. It is at the core of what we do as an agency and I know it will be that way for many, many years to come.

- Amy Baynes, Center Director, 2000 – 2006

**The mission of the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center is to combat child abuse by coordinating services to child abuse victims and their families in crisis and providing community education focused on prevention and early intervention.**

# Legacy Ball 2006 Wrap - Up

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Legacy Ball was held on March 8, 2006 at the Embassy Suites in Cool Springs. The theme of the event was "A Night at the Oscars" and the 400 guests enjoyed an evening of good food, music and dancing. There were even special appearances from personalities such as Joan Rivers, Marilyn Monroe, Gene Autry, and Rhett and Scarlett O'Hara. The evening raised \$22,500 to support the mission services of the Child Advocacy Center.

What would "A Night at the Oscars" be without those little gold statuettes?!? Awards were handed out to some of Williamson County's best and brightest, including:

## Best Media Coverage in 2005

*Southern Exposure* – Brandy Blanton

## Dedicated Team Player in 2005 –

*Detective Richard Hickey* – Brentwood Police Department

## Performance by a Partnering Organization in a Supporting Role –

*Williamson Medical Center*

## Performance by a Partnering Corporation in a Supporting Role –

*Wal-mart* – Don Brown

## Performance by a Board Member in a Supporting Role –

*Rodger Klein*

## Lifetime Leadership Award –

Ronald L. Davis – District Attorney General

## Honorary Friend of the CAC Award –

*Mercy Children's Clinic*

The Child Advocacy Center is fortunate to be supported by so many wonderful individuals, groups and corporations that it made it very difficult to choose a winner in each category. All the nominees have our heart felt thanks!! The true winners are the children who benefit from the time, energy and finances donated by these wonderful volunteers and donors.

A huge thanks also goes out to our Chairmen for the event, Greg and Trish Maples and our incredible sponsors for the evening included Sonic, Bancorp South, Tennessee Commerce Bank, Pinnacle Bank, WAKM and Williamson Medical Center.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this night a huge success! We truly appreciate all our Chairmen, Greg and Trish Maples, our sponsors, our committee members, Child Advocacy Center staff and all our attendees! Through your support you are partnering with the Child Advocacy Center and helping us make a difference in the life of a child.

- Amy Baynes, Program Director

## Save the Date:



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# Legacy Ball 2007

## Saturday, February 24

at

## Embassy Suites Hotel



## Statistics

**1 in 4 girls will be sexually exploited by age 18.**

**1 in 6 boys will be sexually exploited by age 18.**

**1 in 7 kids will be solicited online by a sexual predator.**

**20% of children are sexually abused before the age of 8.**

## CPIT Team Member

### Spotlight:

## Detective Becky Johnson

### "It's All About the Kids"

That's what Detective Becky Johnson will say when you ask her what drives her to work so hard on child abuse investigations. In a field where professionals usually burn out within the first five years, Detective Johnson is a true example of endurance and commitment.

Every county across the state has a Child Protective Investigative Team with the purpose of investigating allegations of sexual and severe physical abuse. Becky is the longest standing member of the Williamson County Child Protective Investigative Team – in fact she has served on the team since it's inception. Detective Johnson has also been with the Franklin Police Department for nearly 20 years. Her experience and expertise are a tremendous asset to the team. Detective Johnson has attended many specialized trainings such as Crimes Against Children Conference, Forensic Interviewing of Children training and the National Symposium on Child Abuse.

Aside from her extensive experience and training, Detective Johnson is such an asset to the CPIT team because she is truly dedicated to helping children. She continually goes the extra mile and is always willing to assist other team members in any way possible. The Child Advocacy Center appreciates everything Becky does on behalf of the children in our community and we are so fortunate to have Becky as both a colleague and friend.

- Amy Baynes

## What is CPIT?

The Child Protective Investigative Team is a multidisciplinary team comprised of prosecutors, representatives from law enforcement, child protection professionals, CAC staff, medical and mental health professionals. The CPIT team's purpose is to investigate allegations of sexual and severe physical abuse. The goal is to meet the needs of children who have been abused through the sharing of expertise, information, ideas and perspectives.

# The Button Jar

One of the first things that you see when you walk inside of the Center is a large glass jar containing buttons. Unlike other containers such as candy jars that exist to be filled so that they can then be emptied, this large container is emptied in hope that it will never be filled again.

Each child that visits the Child Advocacy Center, who has suffered from severe physical or sexual abuse, receives a button to put into the jar. This allows children to see that they are not the only ones who have experienced such traumas. There are, unfortunately all too many buttons in the jar.

The Button Jar is perhaps the single most compelling image in our Center. When giving tours, it is the Button Jar that people are drawn to in shock. While everyone realizes that every case of abuse is one case too many and that every case is a tragedy, the number of buttons in the container never fails to surprise people.

What is equally surprising to many is that the buttons in the jar are not from children in Asia or Africa, New York City or Hollywood, not Memphis or Knoxville. It would be a rarity that we would have buttons from Nashville children. The Williamson County Child Advocacy Center serves the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial District – Hickman, Lewis, Perry and Williamson Counties. Last year, there were 156 buttons in the jar, of those, 125 of them were from children in Williamson County. Franklin children placed 65 buttons in the jar, Brentwood children placed 18 buttons in. Most disturbing, is that we know there are many, more cases of abuse in the community that are not being reported. The Button Jar is a reminder for everyone who sees it, that child abuse can and does happen here.

I choose to see the Button Jar as a message of hope, as well. The buttons represent children that are receiving the services that we provide. The buttons represent the children whose cases have been reported, children who are receiving counseling, children who will heal.

- Kelly O'Connor



## Did You Know?

The WCCAC provides community education focused on prevention and early intervention of child abuse. The key to addressing the issue of child abuse is to educate the community about abuse, services available to the victims and the legal obligation of all members of the community to report suspected child abuse. Staff at the WCCAC is available for presentations to community organizations or groups, free of charge.



## The CAC Button Jar

## Volunteer Spotlight:

### Gail Hayes

As most people know, people that work in the Social Services field are not here to make millions; instead they do the work because they are passionate about helping other people. Gail Hayes is an example of someone who is trying to make a difference in the lives of others.

She first came to the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center (WCCAC) in September 2005 as a practicum student. She has since graduated with her Master's Degree in Counseling and is currently pursuing licensure. She has spent the last 13 months generously donating her time and her self to providing mental health counseling to help child abuse victims and their non-offending family members through the healing process. Our counseling program is one of the most important things we do at the WCCAC, and without her these past few months, we may not have been able to provide this service to these families. Not only has she provided mental health counseling for these clients, but she has also facilitated our Non-Offending Caregivers' Support Group and she has provided court support to some of the families. She has been valuable in many different areas of the WCCAC's mission, not just in the counseling program.

In addition to her work as a counselor, Gail is also a wife and mother. Gail's commitment and caring nature can be seen in her interaction with her family and through her interaction with the clients at the WCCAC. We are thankful for all of the time that she has spent at the WCCAC and know that Gail will continue to help improve the lives of others.

- Angie Thompson, Child & Family Advocate

## Did You Know?

During the last year, The WCCAC provided over **700** services to **279** clients.

**156** of the clients were child abuse victims.

**125** of those children reside in Williamson County.

## 2005–2006 Williamson County Child Advocacy Center Supporters and Donors

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**Many thanks to all of our generous supporters for making such a difference in children's lives. If we have inadvertently omitted your name from the list, please forgive.**

## FULL-SERVICE CARING

Contributions to the WCCAC help fund the following services to child abuse victims, their families in crisis and the community:

- Forensic Interviews
- Victim Advocacy
- Counseling Services
- Kids' Support Groups
- Non-Offending Caregivers' Support Groups
- Community Education
- Resource Library
- Kids' Court Preparation
- Adopt-A-Bear
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund
- Christmas Treasures
- And Many Other Services

## Profit & Loss Statement - Year ended June 30, 2006

<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
Silent Auction	2,098.00
Andrea's Walk Fundraising	36,078.32
Reimbursements from public	500.00
<b>Fundraising - Annual Ball</b>	
Advertising Sales	250.00
Fundraising - Annual Ball - Other	<u>35,850.52</u>
<b>Total Fundraising - Annual Ball*</b>	36,100.52
Grant Revenue-DCS	50,000.00
Interest income	291.32
Grant Revenue - VOCA	47,500.00
Corporate sponsorships	15,000.00
United Way Grant Income	4,472.78
Cash Contributions Revenue	13,732.99
Grants	2,151.16
Fundraising Income	<u>670.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	208,595.09
<b>Expense</b>	
Fundraising-Annual Ball	13,151.27
Miscellaneous	865.53
Equipment-Capital Purchase	638.98
Snacks & Juices	684.83
Salaries	83,892.67
Payroll Taxes	6,417.94
Benefits	4,822.68
Professional fees	7,916.40
Supplies	4,278.69
Telephone	2,889.28
Postage and shipping	1,055.84
Occupancy	8,518.95
Equip Rental & Maintenance	1,812.97
Printing & Publications	2,225.60
Travel	3,247.59
Conferences & Meetings	4,056.59
Insurance	2,403.25
Depreciation	<u>430.18</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>149,309.24</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	59,285.85
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
In-kind contributions	<u>19,470.00</u>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	19,470.00
<b>Other Expense</b>	
Accounting Fees (in-kind)	7,595.00
Occupancy - Inkind donation	<u>11,875.00</u>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>19,470.00</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Net In-</b>	
<b>come</b>	<u><u>59,285.85</u></u>

\* Annual Ball money has been Board Designated for rent

## A Look Ahead

**Thank you** so much for your support of the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center. The Center remains committed to our **mission**: *to combat child abuse by coordinating services to child abuse victims and their families in crisis and providing community education focused on prevention and early intervention.* This is a very exciting time for the Center as we celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and we simultaneously look forward to what we can achieve in the future.

Under the leadership of Amy Baynes and with the support of a committed Board of Directors and dedicated staff, the Center has continually expanded the services offered and the areas served. With the birth of her second child, Amy chose to step down as Executive Director and has focused her attention on directly serving the needs of children. Amy is serving as Program Director for the Center and we remain very fortunate to have her talents. Angie Thompson, the Child and Family Advocate, also continues to make a lasting contribution to the welfare of our children.

I am thrilled to share with you our plans for the year. We are in the process of updating the equipment used to record and archive forensic interviews. We are also in the midst of opening a second office in Hohenwald. This second office will not be staffed but will be equipped and ready for CAC staff and Child Protective Investigative Team (CPIT) members to use to better serve our families in need in the southern counties so that they may receive services much closer to home. There are plans to continue enhancing and expanding a number of our existing services such as, increasing our counseling schedule and providing forensic interview training for representatives from local law enforcement and the Department of Children's Services. We also wish to create an Advisory Board, and develop the Friends of the WCCAC group to support our efforts and increase community awareness of both the services that we provide and the prevention of child abuse.

Save the date - **Saturday, February 24**, for **First Tennessee presents Legacy Ball 2007** at Embassy Suites Hotel. We are thrilled to have First Tennessee bank on board as our presenting sponsor this year and look forward to a fun-filled event with many new features to look forward to including spectacular auctions. There will also be a special Patron's Party for Legacy Patrons— all to create a legacy of hope and healing for the victims of abuse. Keep watching your mailbox for more information!

Thank you for investing in us so that we can better serve the children and families that we serve.

- Kelly O'Connor, Executive Director