



CAC Update

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Children's Advocacy Center Recognizes April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month

CAC hosted its 6th Annual Meet & Greet luncheon on Wed., April 10th. The Board of Directors and staff welcomed many new agency partners.

The purpose of this event is to introduce multi-disciplinary partners, both "old" and new, to the CAC collaborative model and program components, including referral procedures and updates to the Pomona CAC. Also, it's an opportunity to provide networking among the disciplines.

Attendance at this event is critical in the sense that we count on agency feedback to continually improve our services to children and families.

We would like to thank our elected officials who attended. Keeping updated on community programs and how child abuse referrals are being addressed in the cities they serve is critical to the Agency's growth.

Some of our friends at the event....



Last year, 2012, the CAC interviewed 300 children where an allegation of abuse had occurred. Since our opening in 2004, we have interviewed over 1700 children and assisted their families with case management and referral services. All cases are followed to resolution with the mandated agencies. More than 40% of cases are accepted for prosecution, with an approximate prosecution rate of 30%. More importantly, children are less traumatized by having only one, non-duplicative (recorded) interview and entering into counseling and other services much more quickly.

What is the Children's Advocacy Center?

Our Mission: The Children's Advocacy Center is a center that serves child victims of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and children who witness such abuses or other acts of violence. Our multi-disciplinary services are provided in a supportive and

culturally-sensitive environment with the best professional standards that optimize outcomes and *reduce trauma to children.*

The CAC *uniquely provides:*

- ◆ Child friendly facility
- ◆ Professionally-recorded,

child forensic interviews

- ◆ Medical coordination
- ◆ Therapy referrals
- ◆ Support & Advocacy
- ◆ Multi-agency team intervention, case review and follow-up

The Children's Advocacy Center is accredited by the National Children's Alliance in Washington, D.C.



www.nationalchildrensalliance.org

Welcome New Volunteers!

In late February of this year, the CAC trained an additional four volunteers to assist with its programming needs. New volunteers will be assisting children and their families as “family care volunteers” -



Veronica

introducing them to the Center, attending to their comfort needs, providing information, referrals and guidance through the process of forensic investigation at the CAC.



Briana

Additionally, volunteers help out in the main office with data collection/entry, general office tasks, family and team follow-up calls and are invaluable in our fundraising events and efforts. Thank you and welcome to all who participated, and we look forward to working with you!



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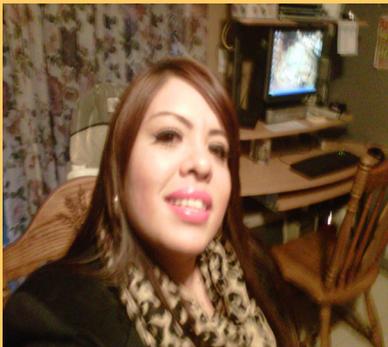
Maribel, long-time volunteer



Shawna

Welcome, Laura Cardona, Office Assistant!

Laura joined the “CAC Team” in July of 2012, after a 14-year career in administrative assisting in tax, medical and retail sales. More importantly, Laura brings a compassionate heart for the children we serve. She lives in Montclair with her husband and two children, and fortunately for CAC, is also an experienced caterer and excels in private party décor. Needless to say, her hobby is cooking and dining with family and friends! Laura brings a warmth and professionalism to the CAC front office.



Laura also trained and now assists with the CAC volunteer program, coordinating, training and supporting our volunteers.

She is a wonderful addition to the staff!

CAC Honored as a “Center of Excellence”

April 20th was a special day for the Children’s Advocacy Center. The agency was honored at the 16th Celebration of Excellence Awards, sponsored by the Inland Valley News and Shining Glory Publications. The Gala event was a red carpet, star-studded, black-tie event, honoring many community leaders and those committed to “excellence in community service”. The event is also an opportunity to support an important scholarship program for deserving, college-bound students. Most importantly, the CAC is able to “get the word out” about the important work of the agency, and to highlight the importance of supporting programs dealing with child abuse. Our deepest gratitude to these sponsors for their warm welcome and memorable evening!



THANKS TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL DONORS!

Since it’s opening in 2004, the CAC has been fortunate in receiving consistent and generous donations from family foundations, board members, individuals in the communities we serve, service groups and from all of our professional partners, particularly from law enforcement and police officer’s associations.

In this issue, we would like to especially thank the *Assistance League of Pomona Valley*, providing comfort to the children through their on-going contribution of Teddy Bears, food and beverages for the children who visit our center. They have worked hard to “grow with us” in terms of numbers of items needed, and we are extremely grateful for their contribution. Thank you so much!! We couldn’t do it without you!!



Come celebrate and support the CAC!



SAVE THE DATE!!
SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2013

5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

“3 Vinos” Restaurant
Covina

\$35 per person

Price of ticket includes:

ADMIT ONE
LIVE MUSIC
DINNER BUFFET
ONE FREE SANGRIA
SILENT AUCTION / DOOR PRIZES
Tickets on sale at www.cacpomona.org or at the door

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*Welcome also to new board member, Theresa Barreras!
More on Mrs. Barreras in our next newsletter.

Thank you to Sgt. Nancy Drake, Jonathan Byers, Paula Vlasich and Sylvia Walker, "retiring" board members (Dec. 2012). We are so grateful for your service!

To Schedule a Forensic Interview:

Phone (909) 629-6300

FAX (909) 629-8195

By Appointment Only:

**Law Enforcement
DCFS (child protection agency)
District Attorney's Office
Dependency Court
FBI**



The Children's Advocacy Center serves the Pomona Valley and the San Gabriel Valley

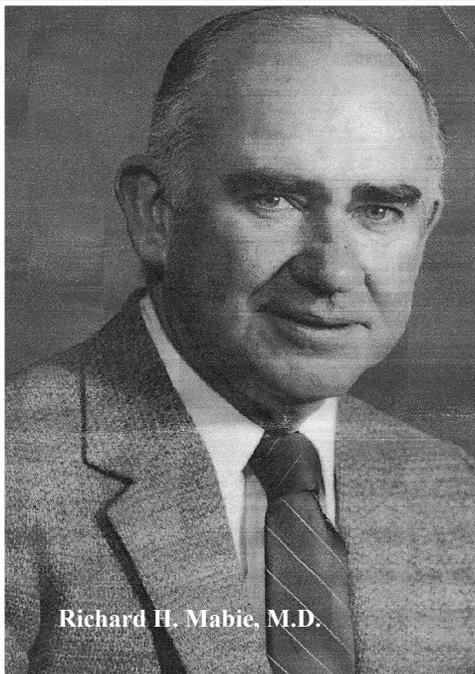
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Who can I refer to the CAC?

- ◆ Children 2-17 years of age
- ◆ Developmentally-delayed individuals
- ◆ Special cases considered/consultation available (please call)

For which allegations?

- ◆ Sexual abuse and related offenses
- ◆ Severe physical abuse
- ◆ Children who have been witnesses to



Richard H. Mabie, M.D.

Remembering Dr. Richard Mabie

In remembrance of Dr. Richard Mabie, former Board Member and friend to all at the Children's Advocacy Center. Dr. Mabie passed away on January 26th of this year, and he is deeply missed by family, friends and colleagues. Dr. Mabie quietly battled cancer for more than a decade.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the CAC, he acted as Treasurer and compassionate supporter of abused children and their families. We miss his wonderful charm, sense of humor, and calm & deliberative presence. He was a mentor to many and respected by all.

Dr. Mabie was a pediatrician in the community for many years until retirement, had 9 grown children, 20 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren.

Thank you, also, to the family for designating the CAC as the recipient of donations from friends and family, "in lieu of flowers". Dr. Mabie will be deeply missed by all.