

2009 Annual Report of the Child Abuse Prevention Association

Letter from the President of the Board

It goes without saying that these are hard economic times for everyone. Especially so for CAPA. Grant distributions are down, there are organizations that have reduced all philanthropic contributions, and individual donations are at an all time low. Budget cuts from the state level down to the local level have impacted the shelter and the outreach and administrative staff to the point that we have had to lay off employees and implement furlough days. Even with all of these actions, we are in desperate need for monetary donations and are at a critical stage.

CAPA not only facilitates the Open Arms Shelter and office staff, but we also have Professional Development, Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, Child Abuse and Peer Abuse in the Elementary and Middle Schools, and various Parenting Programs. This does not include the many presentations that we also conduct to various groups.

We want to stop child abuse and the cycle that is perpetuates. However, we cannot do this without the help of the community. There are many costs involved in running an organization such as ours.

During these self-correcting times, child abuse and neglect continue and more than likely, greatly increase the need for services to families. We are committed to reinventing ourselves and moving forward to ensure that children don't fall between the cracks during these trying times.

Sincerely,
Robin Boozer
Board President

Beaufort County Child Fatalities at All Time High

2009 was a terrible year for Beaufort County's children. According to SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) statistics, from 1999 to 2007 there were three child homicide victims in Beaufort County. In 2009, Beaufort had four children die in their own homes from suspected child abuse and neglect.

The human service and law enforcement providers in our county are working together to identify gaps in service and create more ways to band together to protect children. Engaged in this process are over 30 members of the 14th Judicial Circuit Multi-Disciplinary Treatment Team.

We need your help! Please make a report if you suspect a child may be a victim of abuse or neglect. CALL 911 or the Dept. of Social Services at 843.470.4589. CALL us at CAPA if you need help in making a report or if you are seeking services. We CARE and want to help!

We can do better...when a child dies at the hand of a caregiver, while we are outraged, we must all take responsibility for changing a system that is stretched too thin.

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Executive Director's Notes

Endowment Investment Can Make A Real Difference in Future Programs and Services

CAPA established the CAPA Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in 2004 to raise funds for future projects and operations in support of child abuse prevention.

Please consider making a current gift of cash, stock or real estate to our endowment fund which will offer you tax benefits.

Consider making a donation to CAPA's Endowment Fund for a significant event for family or friends (a birthday, wedding, anniversary, or a memorial for a life well lived).



2nd CAPA Angel Walk
Saturday, April 24, 2010
Downtown Beaufort

Be an advocate for children, get involved!

Our staff, volunteers and board accomplished much in 2009.

We were excited to launch a new website just in time to help us promote our first Angel Walk, a community awareness event that raised over \$21,000 for our organization. The walk, a long-time goal, involved over 150 people who walked, ran, pushed strollers, wheel chairs and walkers, pulled wagons loaded with happy children along a route in downtown Beaufort. The event culminated in the park with a celebra-

tion honoring many wonderful people who have touched the lives of our residents. On April 24, 2010, we will once again fill streets with participants in the 2010 Angel Walk.

CAPA's Open Arms Shelter will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on March 28th. We hope to celebrate this momentous event at the Angel Walk and with shelter tours throughout the year. Former residents are encouraged to contact us to share their memories of the shelter and to help us celebrate.

CAPA weathered many budget cuts throughout 2009, keeping our course

steady in supporting Beaufort's children and their caregivers. It has been somewhat of a rocky ride. Staff members are currently being furloughed one day every pay period in an effort to maintain services.

We are currently facing one of the toughest times in CAPA's nearly 30 year history. With the support of our donors, volunteers, board members and partners, we are committed and ready to help our community get through these tough times.

Respectfully,

Susan F. Cato

CAPA Principles

- **Excellence** – commitment to meeting and exceeding industry standards through maintained accreditation and overall performance improvement.
- **Ethics** – ensure the highest ethical standards are sustained in our care of children, delivery of programs, goods and services, rapport with parents and operations of CAPA.
- **Protection** – provide a protective safe residential home for children who must be separated from their families due to allegations of child abuse and/or neglect.
- **Education** – continually provide opportunities to equip parents, children and the community in the prevention of child abuse and neglect through a quality integrated system of support, education, services and advocacy.
- **Privacy** – secure the privacy of all children and families.
- **Professional development** – maintain staff professional skills through training and education.
- **Sustainability** – committed board that ensures the long-term financial strength, viability and growth needed to meet the agency's goals.

CAPA—Accredited by



CREDIBILITY • INTEGRITY • ACHIEVEMENT

Founded in 1977, the Council on Accreditation is an independent, not-for-profit (501-c3) international accreditor of the full array of social and behavioral healthcare services for children, youth, adults, seniors and families. The COA mission is to partner with human service providers worldwide to improve service delivery outcomes by developing and promoting accreditation standards.

CAPA Outreach Programs

In FY2006-7, there were 380 investigations into reported cases of abuse and neglect involving children. DSS determined that 235 children were victims of abuse or neglect, constituting 0.7% of children in Beaufort County. (KidsCount)

CAPA provides parent education, parent support and numerous school and community-based education classes for both adults and for children ages 6 to 18. These programs deal with a variety of topics ranging from peer abuse (bullying) to child abuse and neglect and are coordinated by Jessie Chapman.

CAPA also offers programs targeted at breaking the cycle of teen pregnancy. Working with the faith community and other youth-serving organizations, our staff delivers best practice, science-based curricula.

Outreach Programs 2009

Professional training for adults:
4 sessions with 45 participants

Parent Education Classes:
113 sessions with 292 participants

Youth Multiple Sessions:
535 sessions reaching 9,976 youth

Youth Participants in one time sessions: 11

Special events: KidFest, health fairs, etc. 5,200 estimated

2009 Volunteers Investment

CAPA could not function without the services donated to our organization. Volunteers very modestly recorded 10,000 hours of donated time in 2009. Conservatively speaking, the cash value of that time is nearly \$120,000!

Thank you, volunteers.



Shelter Update

The Open Arms Shelter continued to be a busy place as we cared for 56 children for 2,627 days of care in 2009 (an increase of 355 days of care over 2008). We also increased our average daily attendance from 6 children to 7.2 per day. Although we experienced an increase in overall days of care during 2009, in the last quarter we saw a significant decrease in referrals and placements at the shelter.

The current economy's impact is a significant issue for human service agencies, including the S.C. Dept. of Social Services, who is our referral base. DSS also is in the process of implementing a process improvement plan to address issues identified in a 2009 Federal audit. This has resulted in a reduction in the number of active cases and, whenever possible, avoids taking children into protective custody by developing a treatment plan that leaves the children in their own homes, with relatives and/or friends. This resulted in a decline in shelter placements statewide in late 2009. We also experienced a 15% decrease in our daily rate from DSS in early 2009 which resulted in a loss of \$35,100.96 in CAPA reimbursements. After a year negotiating, the daily rate has been renewed at the pre-cut amount for the next 5 years. As DSS works to protect abused and neglected children, we anticipate referrals to go back to levels previous of the last quarter of 2009.

Even in this climate of financial crisis, CAPA was blessed in 2009 to find government funds to update our facility and im-

prove services. With a grant awarded by the S.C. Dept. of Public Safety from Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) funds, we are able once again to fund our Case Manager and Case Manager Assistant positions, repair the shelter ceilings, and purchase a much-needed washer and dryer set. Part of our contract is to provide and document follow-up services for children that have been in our care on a 30/60/90 day basis after discharge.

The shelter maintains a safe, warm and caring environment with highly trained staff who deliver quality care to the children who come into our care.

We are also in close conversation with other human services stakeholders to include Hope Haven and other members of the 14th Judicial Circuit Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT). They offer much appreciated support, services and encouragement during this tough time.

Sincerely,
Fleetwood O'Farrell
Shelter Director

Shelter statistics for 2009

of children who lived at the shelter in 2008: 56
#of days care provided: 2629
Average daily: 7.21

Placement by county:

Beaufort: 29, Jasper: 10, Colleton: 7, Hampton: 4, Allendale: 0, Charleston: 1, Other: 0

Ages: 0 to six years: 24
7-12 years: 14
13-18 years: 18

Gender: M: 26 F: 30

Race: African American: 31, Caucasian: 17, Hispanic: 6, Biracial: 2

Placements requested: 109

Approved: 71

Denied: 38

Approved but withdrawn: 26

Financial Report 2009*

Income

Thrft Sales	\$177,447.58
Government	330,507.04
Contributions	286,224.93
Miscellaneous	1,564.63
Fundraising	130,925.07
Total	\$926,669.25

Expenses

Shelter	\$550,217.63
Outreach	186,755.11
Thrft	109,323.00
Management & fundraising:	164,405.69
Depreciation	27,026.04
Total	\$1,037,381.47

Net (\$110,712.22)

Balance Sheet (as of 12/31/09)

Assets:

Cash Accounts	33,783.80
Investment Accounts	69,992.49
Accounts Receivable	40,497.42
Total Current Assets	144,273.71

Fixed Assets

228,846.47

Other Assets

5,328.05

Endowment Fund -

Community Foundation
197,325.83

Total Assets \$575,774.06

Liabilities:

Payables 17,197.47

Payroll & FICA/MC

-176.20

Line of Credit 77,755.63

Other (includes accrued leave) 25,364.07

Total Liabilities

\$120,140.97

Total Equity \$455,633.09

Total Liabilities & Equity \$575,774.06



A United Way agency

Vision Statement:

All Children deserve to be loved, nurtured and kept safe from intentional and unintentional harm.

Mission Statement:

The Child Abuse Prevention Association breaks the destructive cycle of child abuse and neglect by equipping parents, children and their caregivers with necessary skills, knowledge and values.

Who's Your Angel?

Join our walk on April 24th

CAPA will hold its 2nd Angel Walk on Saturday, April 24th in downtown Beaufort. Whether you choose to walk a mile or 5K (3.1 miles), do it in recognition of the angel in your life, defined as **anyone**, living or deceased, who has made or continues to make a difference in **your** life.

Honor your angel by raising funds to support CAPA, who is viewed as the "angel" in the lives of Beaufort County's children. Each walker is encouraged to raise \$100 or more to support CAPA, a **local** nonprofit United Way agency that works to build a community intolerant of abuse and neglect in order to break the destructive cycle.

Call for more information. Start fundraising now!

Individuals raising \$100 or more receive Angel Walk t-shirts and a reserved spot on the finish line for their angel. All donations are tax-deductible. Please contact Katie Grindle at 843.524.4350 or capa714@earthlink.net with questions.

Thanks to you, CAPA has been supporting Beaufort families for 30 years.



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We're on the web...
Check it out at www.capabeaufort.org

Being a child should not hurt.....join our grassroots effort to reduce the incidents of child abuse and neglect in our community—contact us to find out how to help or if you need help.