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Do You Need a Speaker for Your Organization?

Did you know that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 5 boys will be a victim of child abuse and neglect before their 18th birthday? Are you concerned about the impact of child abuse and neglect in our community? A representative from CAPA would welcome the opportunity to come and meet with your group, organization or church to discuss the issue and ways to prevent or minimize the incidence of child abuse and neglect.

CAPA is actively involved in advocating and acting as the voice to protect children through outreach efforts and awareness education programs. Our shelter serves children

from Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton, Colleton and Allendale primarily.

For more information or to schedule a speaker for one of your upcoming meetings, contact Gloria Duryea at 843.524.4350 or email her at capagduryea@earthlink.net.

Calling Seasonal Volunteers to Help with CAPA's Closet

CAPA operates a thrift store called CAPA's Closet located in Midtown Village next to the Parris Island Bi-Lo. The thrift store is a community resource that sells clothing, books, furniture and appliances to the community at very reasonable prices. The store is also a critical revenue

source that helps to support our emergency shelter, parenting programs and education programs for children.

CAPA's Closet is dependent on volunteers to help sort, price and sell donations from the community. During the summer months, many of our regular volunteers are unavailable to assist at the thrift store due to travel and family obligations. The thrift store needs an average of 3-4 volunteers daily, Monday through Saturday, to assist staff members. Morning or afternoon shifts are available.

This would be a great opportunity for individuals or groups to volunteer and help the community as well. If interested in volunteering, contact Bobbi Aimar at 524.0281.

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

A Silver Anniversary

Twenty-five years can go by in the blink of an eye or feel like a lifetime. It really does depend on how you perceive it. For CAPA, it has been both.

CAPA's Open Arms Shelter for Abused and Neglected Children opened its doors on March 28, 1985. Three days later, Susan Cato was hired as the part-time coordinator for CAPA. Susan worked out of her home to raise funds for the shelter and the two programs CAPA was running - Welcome Baby Program and a Parents Anonymous hotline. Volunteers were used for both programs and also as respite for the house parents who lived, at that time, at the shelter.

Susan was the glue that held everything together in the early years. She was operating with a budget of \$52,000. Grants had to be written, volunteers had to be recruited, trained and evaluated, groups and organizations requested speakers from CAPA, and the community was actively involved. All this was handled by Susan Cato.

Within the first years of Susan being with CAPA, the University of South

Carolina's Guardian ad Litem Program had a program in Beaufort facilitated by CAPA's volunteers and staff. Weekly parent education classes were implemented, a partnership with the SC Board of Realtors provided the "Someone To Talk To" puppet show, and teen pregnancy prevention programs started. We now have over 40 different awareness and safety education programs, several teen pregnancy prevention programs, and three parent education programs.

CAPA's Closet was opened in 1996. It has become an invaluable source and resource to so many in our community. The staff and volunteers have made this the "go to" thrift store for Beaufort. It is so popular that we are out growing our space.

In 2008, CAPA was accredited by the Council on Accreditation. It was a very long process in which the entire staff and board of directors were heavily involved. It was well worth the sweat and long hours.

Our crowning glory is still our Open Arms Shelter. It is a highly regarded emergency shelter for children and youth and respected throughout the state of South Carolina. The shelter

was 25 years old in March and Susan Cato celebrated her 25th Anniversary with CAPA in April. It has been a lifetime, but if you asked Susan, I am sure she would say that it passed in the blink of an eye.

Thank you, Susan Cato, for your dedicated service to our community.

Fondly, *the CAPA staff, board of directors, and the thousands of volunteers who have passed through our doors*

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CAPA is Going Green!

In an attempt to conserve CAPA funds, newsletters are now available by email. Please contact our office by phone, **843.524.4350**, or email our office manager at **capaoffice@earthlink.net** to receive the next newsletter electronically. Thank you for supporting CAPA and the environment.

16th Annual CAPA Golf Challenge, First Angel Ride & 2nd Angel Walk Raised Much Needed Funds

The sun smiled brightly upon the 16th Annual Waste Management CAPA Golf Challenge on March 19 and 20 on Dataw Island. Seventy golfers played the Cotton Dike Course on Friday and 51 golfers played the Morgan River Course on Saturday. The tournament netted over \$16,000 this year. "While our net proceeds were down significantly from prior years, every dollar raised will help CAPA provide quality programs throughout the year. Without the support of our local businesses, this would not be possible," stated Susan Cato, CAPA Executive Director. A special thank you to Waste Management, our title sponsor, and all businesses and individuals who sponsored the event.



The Beaufort community really "stepped up" to support the 2nd CAPA Angel Walk on April 24! Many people walked through downtown Beaufort and celebrated in the Waterfront Park in support of child abuse prevention. Participants walked in recognition of the following angels:

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| Keri Adams | Mark Mansell |
| Dollie Blume | Julie Moody |
| Ruth & "Brad" Bradshaw | Beatrice Herbert Morris |
| Charles Brown | Jeanine Mullen |
| Trannie Burgess Brown | Fleetwood O'Farrell's |
| Patrick Calhoun | Aunts & Uncles |
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Help "Sponsor" a Child this School Year

CAPA operates the Open Arms Shelter for youth birth to 21 years of age who have been removed from an abusive or neglectful situation. The shelter is open 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Now that summer is coming to a close, we need your help to prepare our residents for a successful school year.

Remember how important it was to have a new dress or outfit for the first day of school? Remember the pride you felt walking through the front door of a big school knowing you looked your best? Consider a donation to CAPA to "sponsor" a child this school year. Donations will be used to provide school uniforms (of appropriate size and color) for children living in the shelter. For example, a gift of \$25 would purchase a new collared shirt and pair of pants for a resident. Any gift is appreciated and will help to improve a child's self-esteem and educational experiences.

Open Arms Shelter Needs

With the school year right around the corner, the shelter staff welcomes the following items to fill backpacks and tummies this fall:

- 3-subject notebooks
- 3-ring binders (2" or 3")
- Dividers (packages of 5)
- Individual snacks
- Juice boxes

Drop off items at CAPA's Outreach Office at 714 14th St, Port Royal.

Meet Teresa Lowe - Dedicated Teacher and Volunteer

Teresa Lowe is a retired early childhood teacher who now spends much of her time volunteering and fundraising for CAPA. Since moving back to Beaufort in 2004, she has helped with the CAPA Golf Challenge, Exchange Club Auction and Exchange Club Ghost Tours - all fundraisers that benefit CAPA.

Lowe smiles as she talks about her participation in Ghost Tours. She served as a storyteller for both walking and carriage tours for several years, played the part of one of the talking "visions" in 2008 and 2009, and plans to go back to being a storyteller on the carriage rides this fall.

Most recently, Lowe participated in the 2nd CAPA Angel Walk held on April 24, 2010. She walked for the prevention of child abuse and in memory of her husband, Bruce Lowe, who's birthday was April 7. "Everyone that knew Bruce loved

him. When asking people to donate (to the Angel Walk) in his memory, it was easy," Lowe said about her late husband. Lowe was one of the walk's top fundraisers. Lowe solicited her family and friends, including Bruce's parents (Wayne and Barbara Lowe) and brother (Ken Lowe), who donated generously.

As a former teacher, Lowe is no stranger to child abuse. When asked about the cycle of child abuse, Lowe said, "In my 28 years of teaching I've had many sibling groups come through my classroom and saw the same things over and over. Parents either don't know how or want to change it (abusive behavior), really, they don't know how (to change)."

Upon retiring from teaching six years ago, Lowe fills her time volunteering for CAPA, participating in monthly prison ministry with youth, and delivering hot meals to senior citizens every Tuesday. "It's easy to do things you're passionate about," said Lowe about staying busy. In addition to her donation of time and funds, Lowe has also agreed to

serve on CAPA's board of directors in the near future. Thank you, Teresa Lowe, for your commitment to our community's children and to CAPA.

CAPA is Humbled by Community Awards

CAPA is humbled and honored to have won the following awards this spring:

- CAPA was voted The 2010 Favorite Non-Profit Organization by the readers of The Island News
- CAPA was voted The Beaufort Gazette's 2010 Readers Choice Award of Best Non-Profit Organization by the readers of the Beaufort Gazette
- CAPA's Closet received the Beaufort Gazette's 2010 Readers Choice Award of Best Thrift Store as voted by the Beaufort Gazette readers

CAPA was also nominated for the 2010 Beaufort Regional Chamber Civitas Award for Outstanding Non Profit. Thank you, Beaufort community, for your continued support. Together we are making a difference in the lives of local children.

Donate today! Please cut out the form below and return to CAPA, PO Box 531, Beaufort, SC 29901. All checks made payable to CAPA.

I want to help the Child Abuse Prevention Association and the children of Beaufort and surrounding counties.

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