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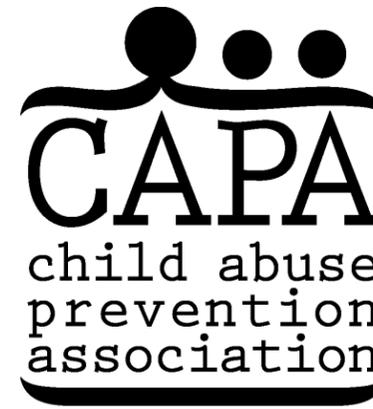


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Child Abuse Prevention Association
of Beaufort County, SC

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.

Note from the President

It is hard to believe it is already June! The flowers are blooming and the temperatures are rising. During the last few months CAPA has, as always, been hard at work.

In March, we held our first ever Smarty Pants Trivia Night. A great time was had by all who participated. We saw so many old friends from the Spelling Bee days and were joined by many new faces. Thank you to Stephen Murray and his wife Melissa, our team judge, for hosting the event at the Kazoo Factory.

The Golf Tournament was also held this past March on Callawassie Island. It was a huge success and raised \$34,243. This 17th annual event would not be possible without our major sponsor, Waste Management.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and KidFest was our kick-off event. Saturday, April 2nd was a windy day at Cross Creek Shopping Center filled with fun, entertainment, and information. We had several booths set up to make angel wings and hand print poems as well as to pass out information about

our outreach and parenting classes. Teeth were checked, fire safety was taught, and farm animals petted.

Angel wings made at KidFest were then seen at the Angel Walks. This year we had two walks, one in Bluffton and one in Beaufort. These events are done to raise awareness of child abuse in our communities but also to recognize the "Angels" we all have in our lives - that someone special who has made a positive or life changing influence. Together, the walks brought in over \$30,000 for CAPA. We also had our second motorcycle ride at the end of May. Nearly 60 bikers (and 3 antique car owners) participated in the ride and raised over \$1,000 for CAPA.

April is also the month of our volunteer appreciation social. CAPA could not function without our team of volunteers. They are our backbone and help us in so many ways. Whether it be tutoring at the Open Arms Shelter, cooking food at an event, answering phones, working at CAPA's Closet or participating in the Exchange Club of Beaufort's Ghost Tours in October, we could not do it all without your help and devotion.

So, THANK YOU, Beaufort, Bluffton, Hilton Head, and all our volunteers.

Have a great summer,

Robin Boozer

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Summer Safety Tips

Summer is here and parents are looking for ways to keep their children entertained. Below are ten safety tips to help keep your kids safe during the summer months.

- 1. MAKE SURE** children know their full names, address, telephone numbers and how to use the telephone.
- 2. BE SURE** children know what to do in case of an emergency and how to reach you using cell phone or pager number. Children should have a neighbor or trusted adult they may call if they're scared or there's an emergency.
- 3. REVIEW** the rules with your children about whose homes they may visit and discuss the boundaries of where they may and may not go in the neighborhood.
- 4. MAKE SURE** children know to stay

away from pools, creeks, or any body of water without adult supervision.

- 5. CAUTION** children to keep the door locked and not to open the door or talk to anyone who comes to the door when they are home alone.
- 6. DON'T** drop your children off at malls, movies, video arcades or parks. These are not safe places for children to be alone. Make certain a responsible adult supervises your younger children at all times when they are outside and away from home.
- 7. TEACH** your children in whose vehicle they may ride. Children should be cautioned to never approach any vehicle, occupied or not, unless accompanied by a parent or other trusted adult.
- 8. BE SURE** your children know their curfew and check in with you if they

are going to be late. If children are playing outside after dark, make sure they wear reflective clothing and stay close to home.

- 9. CHOOSE** babysitters with care. Obtain references from family, friends, and neighbors. Many states now have registries for public access to check criminal history or sex-offender status. Observe the babysitter's interaction with your children, and ask your children how they feel about the babysitter.
- 10. CHECK** out camps and other summer programs before enrolling your children. See if a background screening check is completed on the individuals working with the children. Make sure there will be adult supervision of your children at all times and make sure you are made aware of all activities and field trips offered by the camp or program.

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CAPA's Little Sweethearts Calendar - A Huge Success!

At her May 4th grand opening, local award winning child portrait photographer Nadine O'Quinn presented a check for \$11,173 to CAPA. Nadine donated her time and talents while she photographed 48 area children to compete against each other in the CAPA's Little Sweethearts Calendar Contest. Funds were raised through sitting fees and voting. Family members and friends visited Nadine's website during the month of April and voted for their favorite "little sweetheart." Each vote was \$1.00. The thirteen photographs receiving the most votes were selected as finalists and will appear in the 2012 calendar. Calendars will be available for sale in time for the holidays. All funds raised through the process, including 100% of calendar sales, go directly to CAPA.

"This project was a lot of fun and it was a pleasure to support CAPA," said photographer Nadine O'Quinn. "I look forward to next year and my continued relationship with CAPA." Nadine specializes in portrait photography, both at her new studio



located on Elton Lane downtown Beaufort and off-site. If you or your business is interested in sponsoring the calendar, please contact CAPA at 843.524.4350. Advertising space will be available on the back of the calendar. For a sampling of portraits, visit Nadine O'Quinn Photography at www.nadineoquinn.com.

Volunteer of the Year

CAPA recognized Kathleen Jordan as CAPA's 2010 Volunteer of the Year at the annual meeting held on Thursday, January 20th.

Kathleen Jordan has been a CAPA volunteer, board member, board president, board secretary and board treasurer. Many times she was the taker of minutes and drafter of agendas; she was also the force behind the recent certificate of accreditation. She has spelled in our spelling bees, attended our auctions, chaired many of our committees, volunteered for Exchange Club ghost tours and done her best to help us raise the money we constantly need. She has kept her eyes on our books and helped in every way she could to navigate these tough financial times.

CAPA feels lucky to have had Kathleen in our lives. She has enriched many aspects of our community since her arrival to the lowcountry. Thank you, Kathleen, for sharing your time with us.

CAPA Needs a Few Good Communicators!

CAPA relies on the leadership of its staff, Board of Directors and dedicated volunteers. It requires many different skills and talents to fulfill the mission and vision. CAPA is governed by a Board of Directors, but there are also standing committees that need volunteer leadership.

The Communications Committee currently needs individuals to assist with external communications. The committee meets quarterly at the CAPA Outreach Offices in Port Royal. If you have expertise in social media outlets, website development or newsletter design and are interested in serving on this committee, contact the CAPA office.

Grant from Bargain Box

The Bargain Box, the oldest and largest charity thrift store on Hilton Head Island, recently awarded a generous grant to CAPA to help with 2011 operating expenses. The Bargain Box, run by volunteers, has been donating net proceeds to local charities since 1965. CAPA has been a recipient of these funds for over 26 years. CAPA staff and board of directors would like to thank the volunteers, board members and grants committee of The Bargain Box for their continued support.

Visit us on the web at www.capabeaufort.org and follow us on **facebook** and **twitter** (CAPA Beaufort).

CAPA Introduces Cribs for Kids Program

CAPA is pleased to introduce a new program to our community - Cribs for Kids. Cribs for Kids was started in 2004 by a group of five non-profits in Pennsylvania. The core purpose of the program is to reduce infant deaths by providing an appropriate sleep environment through education and safe cribs.

Since 2004, 266 organizations in 48 states have signed on as Cribs for Kids partners and have been providing safe-sleep education with the intervention of a crib (Graco Pack 'n Play) to families who cannot otherwise afford a safe sleeping environment for their babies. If you are interested in getting involved with implementing this program, please contact Gloria at 843.524.4350. To learn more about the Cribs for Kids program, visit www.cribsforkids.org.

The ABC's of Sleep

Your baby needs to sleep:

- A** - Alone
- B** - on his/her **Back**
- C** - in a **Crib** or safe sleep environment

Time for Summer at the Open Arms Shelter

During this past school year, the residents of CAPA's emergency shelter worked hard every afternoon doing homework with the help of volunteer tutors. It wasn't all work and no play, though. The Junior Service League of Beaufort came on Tuesdays and provided games and arts and crafts for the children. Now that the school work is behind them, the children are looking forward to summertime activities.

CAPA hopes to send the residents on some exciting adventures this summer with possible trips to the water park in Charleston, the EdVenture Children's Museum in Columbia, and the Pirates' House Restaurant in Savannah. During the week, most of the residents will go to either the Boys and Girls Club or the YMCA. If you are interested in sponsoring a child this summer, either for day camp or one of the adventures mentioned above, please designate your donation as "Shelter Summer Activities." The children in our shelter deserve a fun and innocent summer. Thank you for helping to make it happen!

CAPA's Closet Thrift Store

Every week offers a new metamorphosis for CAPA's Closet Thrift Store, as we receive newly donated merchandise daily. You'll find good quality furniture, household linens, clothing, household goods, art, books, CDs, DVDs, toys, jewelry, and more, all donated by your neighbors and artfully displayed by our wonderful management and volunteers.

Stop by and "window shop" at our Monthly Auction Window. Place a silent bid at your price point and at the end of the month, the item goes to the winning bidder.

Have a few hours to give? Please consider volunteering at CAPA's Closet. We need four people each day from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and four people from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Some local communities and groups get together and work as teams. During the summer, we welcome teenagers (16-year-old self-starters) who can assist in the store (think letters of recommendation)!

CAPA's Closet Thrift Store is located in Midtown Village Center next to BiLo on Parris Island Gateway. Call 843.524.0281 for more information.

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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