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Mark your calendar for 2012 events!

- ✓ **CAPA Golf Challenge** - Friday, March 16
at Hampton Hall
- ✓ **Bluffton Angel Walk** - Saturday, March 24
- ✓ **Beaufort Angel Walk** - Saturday, April 21



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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.

Executive Director's Letter

In case you missed it, on Monday morning, October 17, BBC released worldwide the results of its month-long investigation of child maltreatment fatalities in the U.S. Despite upwards of 2500 such deaths a year, national media in the U.S. have never reported on the issue in the same comprehensive manner as the BBC is doing now. Long overdue, it is hoped that BBC's week-long reporting of 'America's Child Death Shame' will help finally prompt a federal inquiry and a national strategy for combating the problem. You can learn more about this major BBC story by visiting:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-15288865>

CAPA celebrated its 31st birthday in September. Are prevention and intervention programs still needed in our community? We know that they are. Sitting around the table of the Multidisciplinary Treatment Team every month, representatives from law enforcement and the Department of Social Services (DSS) present cases to a panel of community professionals who ensure that services are coordinated and are as

thorough as possible. Collaboration is the key. Help us to help families and children. Join in the fight to end this silent crime! To learn more, join our email list so that you will be kept up-to-date on developing stories and events such as the April 18th OLLI session to be presented by CAPA, CODA and Hope Haven.

Some Facts...

Despite tremendous needs for CAPA programs, cuts in grants and donations have resulted in a \$25,000 deficit so far this year. We have reduced our staff and expenses as far as we possibly can. Our shelter for abused and neglected children, which is now licensed as a Level One Group Home by S.C., has seen an increase in referrals but a 26% reduction in placements so far in 2011. Why? There has been a philosophical change in leadership at the state level of the Dept. of Social Services. While it would be hard to find anyone who did not agree that the child welfare system needs to be improved to ensure that children do not grow up in foster care, we believe that our focus must be on services and activities that are in the best interest of keeping children

safe and helping families heal. We believe that when abuse occurs, placement at CAPA's Open Arms Shelter can offer stability and benefits that are invaluable in breaking the cycle of abuse and neglect.

Board to Vote on By-Laws Changes

Pursuant to Article Six, the Board of Directors will, at its November 10, 2011 meeting, vote to amend the Association's by-laws.

Proposed:

Article II, Members, Section 2.04: The Board shall determine, annually, the dues to be paid by the Members.

Article III, Directors, Section 3.03 Number: The number of Directors to not more than twenty.

Article III, Directors, Section 3.07: The Board shall meet a minimum of ten times annually and be notified electronically.

Article III, Directors, Section 3.07, paragraph three: Reduce the required number of committees on which each Director must serve to one.

Comments or concerns may be made by 2010/2011 donors to the organization in writing to the attention of Susan Cato, CAPA Executive Director by email at capa714@earthlink.net or mailed to CAPA, P.O. Box 531, Beaufort, SC 29901.

Support CAPA Today!

Please complete the below form and return to CAPA, PO Box 531, Beaufort, SC 29901.

Make all checks payable to CAPA.

- I want to learn more about becoming a volunteer with CAPA.
- I would like to receive this newsletter by email. My email address is _____.
- I want to help the children of Beaufort and surrounding counties. My donation of \$_____ is enclosed.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

- Enclosed is a check made payable to CAPA or please charge my credit card for \$_____

Visa/MasterCard Account # _____ Expiration Date ____/____/____



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CAPA's Little Sweethearts Calendars Are Here!

Local award winning child portrait photographer Nadine O'Quinn has put much time and effort into CAPA's Little Sweethearts Calendars. The 2012 calendars, featuring local children, are here! Each calendar costs \$15 and all funds raised go directly to CAPA. These high-quality calendars make great gifts during the holiday season. Stop by CAPA's Closet, Doctor's Care (Ribaut Road), Lulu Burgess, Modern Jewelers, or Palmetto Smiles of Beaufort to purchase yours today!

CAPA's Closet is Moving!

The Child Abuse Prevention Association has purchased a new location for its CAPA's Closet Thrift Shop. The new building is located at 1340 Ribaut Road and formerly housed Keith's Place restaurant. "This purchase was made possible by a generous gift of \$150,000 from a family who believes in our mission and wanted to help us take this bold step toward sustainability. While we will have a mortgage, it will be less than we currently pay in rent," stated Susan Cato, CAPA Executive Director.

The grand opening is planned for early 2012 but in the meantime, the thrift shop will remain in its current location next to Bi-Lo on Parris Island Gateway until the new building is ready. CAPA's Closet Thrift Shop is a community resource that relies 100% on community donations of clothing, books, furniture and appliances, and volunteers. The store is a critical revenue source that helps to support the many child abuse prevention and intervention programs offered by CAPA including parent education, school-based safety and character development education programs for children and CAPA's Open Arms Shelter for Abused and Neglected Children.

Please continue to stop by our current location to shop and drop off items Monday through Saturday. During this transition period, CAPA will need even more volunteers to support its thrift shop operations. If you are interested in volunteering at CAPA's Closet, please call Bobbi Aimar, the manager at CAPA's

Closet, at 843.524.0281. If you have a group interested in a volunteer project associated with the new building, please contact Katie Grindle at 843.524.4350.

During the renovations to our new building, you can follow our progress on Facebook by "liking" CAPA Beaufort.

Financial Snapshot

Total Income	\$630,080
Thrift Shop Income	144,067
Government Funds	215,378
Contributions	116,029
Other Income	154,606
Total Expense	\$651,463
Operating	86,491
Outreach	139,711
Shelter	349,712
Thrift Shop Expenses	75,549
Net Income	(\$21,383)

Bucks from BI-LO

Earn dollars for CAPA when you shop at BI-LO! Take this barcode with you on your next trip to BI-LO and have the cashier scan it along with your existing BI-LO BONUSCARD. This one-time scan keeps your BONUSCARD linked to CAPA until the following May. You will continue to receive your discounts and CAPA will receive 1% of your purchases each time you shop with your BONUSCARD.



1. Give this enrollment card to the cashier with your BONUSCARD one time during the program term.
2. One percent of your purchases will be donated to your designated group through May 31.
3. Call 800-768-4438 if you have any questions.



Cribs for Kids Program Awards Six Cribs

CAPA's newest program, Cribs for Kids, has awarded six cribs since September. The program hopes to reduce the number of babies dying accidentally because of unsafe sleeping practices by educating parents and caregivers on the importance of safe sleep practices and providing cribs to families who cannot otherwise afford a safe place for their babies to sleep.

The safe sleep message centers around the **ABC's of Safe Sleep** - Your baby needs to sleep **A**lone, on his/her **B**ack, and in a **C**rib or safe sleep environment. To learn more about this national initiative, visit www.cribsforkids.org.



Pictured: Mom-to-be, Ayana Venson, putting together her new crib.

Making an Impact

CAPA's outreach classes and training provide an integrated system of family support and education including teen pregnancy prevention and comprehensive child abuse

prevention. Parenting Classes provide the knowledge, encouragement and network needed for parents to function to the best of their abilities. The classes are based on the Positive Parenting Program, Triple P, a science-based, proven effective program that has been helping parents for over 20 years. A special parent support group, *PS We Love You!*, is offered bi-weekly to anyone who wants to have better relationships. The attendance results for January 1 - September 30, 2011 are:

- Parenting Classes (Bluffton).....49
- Parenting Classes (Beaufort)....239
- Parenting Classes (BCDC).....184
- PS We Love You! (mtg. avg.).....11
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention.....191
- Child Abuse Awareness6,836
- Adult/Professional Training.....46

Participation in the programs has increased, giving more children and families the opportunity to improve their lives.

Continued Support from Exchange Club of Beaufort

Across the nation, there are more than 700 clubs and 21,000 members who share three common values - family, community and country. The nationally adopted project, the prevention of child abuse, is also at the core of each club and the Exchange Club of Beaufort is no different. These local dedicated individuals continue to be valuable community partners spending countless hours advocating for our community's children and raising funds to help keep our children safe. The club hosted the 19th Annual Ghost Tours of Beaufort last month with all proceeds going to CAPA.

Later this month, the club will hold the 24th Annual Charity Auction & Party, a casual event featuring a live and silent auction, cash bar and light refreshments to benefit CAPA.

Charity Auction & Party
An Evening of HOPE for the Children
Saturday, November 19
The Shed (Port Royal)
Doors open at 6:00 pm
\$10 per person



Scan this QR code with your smart phone to learn more about the Auction!

In the Spirit of Giving

Each year, CAPA's Christmas Wish Tree program provides gifts for hundreds of local children who, without CAPA, may not receive gifts.

The participating children are either residents of CAPA's Open Arms Shelter, foster children in Beaufort County, part of an open treatment case with the Department of Social Services, part of the Youth Advocacy Program, part of Beaufort County ACCESS Network or their parents/caregivers are participating in CAPA's parenting programs.

Each child may ask for three items (\$25 limit per item) or one big item (ex: bicycle) and the wishes are placed on trees around the county. To help, pick up a tag, fulfill the wish and return the unwrapped item to the tree location. Participating tree locations include: (Beaufort) Belk, Butler Chrysler, Coldwell Banker, Lulu Burgess, Outback, Simply Southern, and Walmart; (Bluffton) Captain Woody's Bar & Grill and Truffles; (Hilton Head) Island Playground and Main Street Café & Pub.