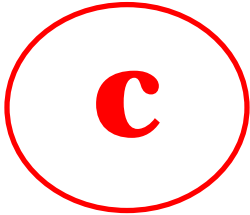


*Stop the hurt...  
begin the healing*



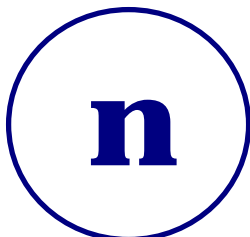
**Special Events:**

- ✔ *Suture's Golf Tournament*  
➤ *September 21, 2004*
- ✔ *2004 Tulsa Run*  
➤ *October 30, 2004*
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**David Holden**

**c a n's Distinguished Service Award Recipient**

From the late 1980s, when he participated in the merging of two community programs to form what is now known as the Parent Child Center of Tulsa, to his recent position as Chairman of the Board, Child Abuse Network, David Holden has been a long time champion of Tulsa's at-risk children. He has a keen ability to conceptualize *and*, more importantly, verbalize the bottom line. David has been invaluable in guiding numerous projects to successful completion. His infamous, challenging question "What's missing?" is renowned for a comprehensive approach and insightful accuracy.

In 1997, CAN's Board President, Ginny Creveling, recognized that the Child Abuse Network had undergone significant changes in its role as the small, community non-profit in partnership with the District Attorney's Office, Department of Human Services – Child Welfare, Tulsa Police Department, Tulsa County Sheriff's Office and the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine – Tulsa. It was clear that CAN was evolving; however, it was difficult to identify where it was going and why. Ginny recruited David to join the Board in the hopes that he would assist the organization in defining its mission. David agreed to join CAN's Board with the understanding that he needed time to absorb the nuances of CAN's complex relationships with its partner agencies. Fortunately it did not take long before David was enticed to take the lead in CAN's strategic planning process, first as a Board member and eventually as CAN's Board President.

Under David's leadership, CAN's planning process has resulted in:

*Locally*

A five year strategic plan for Tulsa County's child abuse response system, including investigation, prosecution & encompassing service delivery, training and education, research, and facility management; recognition of CAN's program as a "best practice model":

*Statewide*

In passing legislation for funding multidisciplinary child abuse teams, legislators consistently cited the Tulsa model as proof that a community based team approach actually works.

*Nationally & Internationally*

CAN fields questions and hosts site visits throughout the year as other communities attempt to establish their own child abuse teams.

In addressing CAN's quest to define *WHO ARE WE* and *WHERE ARE WE GOING*, we have forever changed the way child abuse investigations are conducted in Tulsa County. We have only begun to realize the possibilities that this public private partnership offers for children in crisis. David Holden has truly made a difference.



*Pictured: David Holden and Barbara Findeiss, CAN's Executive Director*

# From the Desk of The Executive Director

By Barbara Findeiss

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## Good news in the numbers. . . .

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) has released its annual "Child Abuse & Neglect Statistics for State Fiscal Year 2003". Not much has changed in the numbers of children who were "the subject of an investigation" – over 62,000, nearly the same as FY 2002. However, last year the number of child deaths in Oklahoma confirmed to be the result of child abuse or neglect dropped to 27 – a 23% decrease from FY 2002.

This means that eight (8) fewer children were killed in FY 2003 than the year before. Another way to look at these numbers - only two (2) children were killed each month in Oklahoma in FY 2003 instead of nearly three (3) children each month in FY 2002.

*The news for Tulsa looks better – in FY 2003, DHS confirmed only **ONE (1)** child to be the result of child abuse or neglect.*

The fact that any child died due to abuse or neglect is unacceptable, but I guess one could see the drop in numbers as good news. Certainly one can be particularly thankful when comparing numbers from 1997 – 2000 when the numbers hovered between 42 and 48 child deaths per year.

So, why this decrease in child deaths? It could be due to the increased number of prevention programs like Children First and Healthy Families, or the increased number of multidisciplinary teams and Children's Advocacy Centers like CAN. More likely all of these efforts contributed to the decrease in child deaths.

...In the context of violence, child abuse is a public health problem that presents complex social and moral dilemmas concerning its cause, effect and remedy. Addressing child abuse requires a comprehensive plan with multiple, coordinated strategies. (CAN philosophy)

## 2004 CAN Services Statistics

### January through March, 2004

*389 new children were served at CAN*

#### Ages of these children were:

- 0-6 years 232
- 7-12 years 101
- 13-18 years 55
- Unknown 1

#### These children were seen for:

- Sexual Abuse 208
- Physical Abuse 164
- Witness to Violence 6
- Other 5
- Neglect 17

*Children may have been seen for more than one type of abuse.*

**2004 TULSA RUN**  
**October 30, 2004**

**CAN is the chosen beneficiary for this year's event!**

**Join in the run or volunteer and have fun!**



**We are**



**looking forward to**

**CAN Film Festival**

**November 14, 2004**

**Make your plans now to attend this exciting event!**

## Heartfelt “thanks” to the following individuals and organizations for their contributions: January 1, 2004 – March 31, 2004

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\* **Correction Notation: The Maxine and Jack Zarrow Family Foundation were also donors for Oct. – Dec. 2003**

♥ **We apologize if we have mistakenly omitted your name. Please let us know.**

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual SUTURE'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Benefiting:**  
**The Child Abuse Network**

**Tuesday, September 21, 2004**  
**Stone Creek Golf Course**  
(At Page Belcher Golf Club)

**Tee Time: 12:00 noon**

**Shotgun Start Four (4) Person Scramble**

Entry Fee: \$125.00

**HOLE SPONSORSHIP** – For \$100 more your name will be placed on one of our hanging stars at SUTURE'S for all to see.

**ENTRY FEE** – The entry fee entitles you to 18 holes of golf, cart, “goodie bag”, drinks while playing, complimentary buffet at Suture's after the tourney & a complimentary cocktail at Suture's.

In addition, there will be a \$10,000.00 hole in one prize on one of the par threes, nearest the pin contests on other par threes, longest drive, plus 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. There will also be drawings at Suture's for approximately 70 additional prizes.

**Join us for a great day of fun, food and golf**  
**while benefiting**  
**The Child Abuse Network (CAN)**

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Children's**

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## How to Report Abuse

Failure to report suspected child abuse is a crime - legally and morally.

State law (Title 10, Section 7103) **requires** EVERY PERSON who has reason to believe that a child under 18 is a victim of abuse to report the suspicion of abuse immediately to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS).

A report of suspected child abuse is a request for an investigation to gather facts and protect the child from further harm. **The person reporting the abuse does not need to prove abuse prior to reporting. Investigation and determination of abuse are the responsibility of DHS, law enforcement, and the judicial system.**

### To report abuse

Oklahoma hotline – Tulsa County  
(918) 584-1222

Oklahoma hotline – All other Counties  
(800) 522-3511

National hotline  
(800) 4ACHILD [(800) 422-4453]