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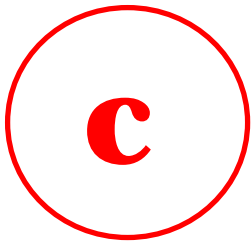
**Child Abuse Network News**



*Stop the hurt...  
begin the healing*

**“Miracle Worker or ADA”**

**By: Jaime Vogt**



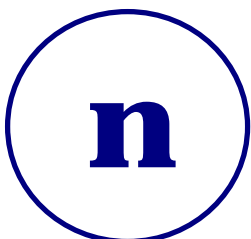
**Special Events:**

- ✓ 2004 Tulsa Run  
➤ October 30, 2004
- ✓ CAN Film Festival  
➤ November 14, 2004



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As part of the Multi-disciplinary Team, I have seen some of the challenges the prosecutors face. I do not work for the District Attorney's office; I am an outsider looking in.

Our expectations for the DA's office are for them to perform miracles and have endless energy. We expect them to present a logical case, where often there are no witnesses, only the child's word, and to maneuver a complex legal system guaranteeing that Justice will prevail.

I am not sure most of us are aware of the complexities, the frustrations and the pressures many prosecutors are confronted with when building a case of child abuse. Prosecutors must construct a logical sequence of events and depend upon witnesses to appear and consistently state the facts.

They depend on the family to be patient with the endless delays and confusing legal motions. They must try to calm parents who fear the court system for their child and themselves. They must manage their own concern of whether the child will survive the enormous stress of waiting to go to court, facing the accused and withstanding confrontational questions that a child should never have to answer.

Prosecutors face many challenges daily. I have seen a child welfare worker make a prosecutor melt after putting a baby in his arms and say, "I just wanted you to see the child that belonged to the case number you were trying in court today".

Many prosecutors volunteer their time, after already spending long hours at work, to help in a court school program that is designed to help the children. To watch a prosecutor dreading the phone call that must be placed to a parent informing them that the State does not have enough evidence to take their child's case to court is a painful experience. Before prosecuting a case the prosecutor must weigh the effect of taking the case to trial and the impact it is going to have on the child and their family

I have seen frustration when they work long hours and battle constant stress only to have a jury return a verdict of not guilty. I've seen ADA's refuse to eat the week of the trial because a case is just too important to stop working on. I have heard, "I can't let that kid down" and "I can't do these kinds of cases anymore. They are too emotional." Because they are good at their job, we expect so much from the District Attorney's office. We forget that they are human and capable of fatigue. Their losses are not always forgiven. We expect them to work miracles....because sometimes they do.



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**From the Desk of The Executive Director**



Barbara Findeiss

Every September when the Suture's Golf Tournament is held I am reminded of my favorite quotes "There are lots of good ideas out there and there is nothing new under the sun . ... Excellent implementation, he felt, was the real key to success in every endeavor." (Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation regarding Charles Schusterman).

Now I know what you are probably thinking...a golf tournament?! – Clearly Barbara has lost her mind. On the contrary, the organizers of the Suture's Golf Tournament, Kerry Tunnell, Dave Ingram and Dan Pollard, put on a great, well-organized and FUN event. The Tournament is sold out every year and over the last five years Sutures has donated over \$67,000 to the Child Abuse Network. This event exemplifies excellent implementation and success thanks to Kerry, Dave, Dan, their Tournament Director Nicole Hassett, their sponsors Larry D. Fleming, Don Kerr, Rex and Judy Graves, B.J. Kissinger, Dan Pasque, Chris Smith, and Mollie Williford. Also, an added bonus this year, a live broadcast by Clear Channel Radio and the Buzz.

What do you say about local businessmen who decide that they will hold a golf tournament because they want to help make a difference in children's lives? I say, very well done and thank you so very much.



**2004 CAN Services Statistics**

**April through June**

*384 new children were served at CAN*

Ages of these children were:

➤ 0-6 years	211
➤ 7-12 years	117
➤ 13-18 years	53
➤ Unknown	3

These children were seen for:

➤ Sexual Abuse	236
➤ Physical Abuse	131
➤ Witness to Violence	5
➤ Other	12
➤ Neglect	19

*Children may have been seen for more than*

**Wish List**

*More detailed information available at CAN*

- Fax Machine
- 50" Television
- Flat Screen Monitor for computer
- Flat Screen/Touch Screen Monitor
- Data Projector
- Neon Information Signs
- Display Tablecloths
- Blank DVD –R Disks
- Easel Pad(s)
- Plain and Colored Paper for Copier
- Crayons & Coloring Books
- Puzzles (25 Piece Max)
- Disposable Diapers (Med to Large Size)
- Snacks-Cracker Packages, Juice Boxes
- Plastic Cups/Coffee Cups
- General Office Supplies (pens/pencils)
- US Postage 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stamps (rolls)
- Holiday Window Clings for Decorating
- Decorative Borders for Bulletin Boards
- School Supplies:
- Book Bags, Colored Pencils, Construction Paper, Crayons, Erasers, Glue sticks, Kleenex, Notebook Paper, Pens, Pencils

**Heartfelt “thanks” to the following individuals and organizations for their contributions: April 1, 2004 – June 30, 2004**

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**9<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Golf Tournament**

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