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Child Abuse Network News

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Special Events:

- ✓ **CAN Film Festival**
November 5, 2006
- ✓ **Suture's Golf Tournament**
September 19, 2006
- ✓ **The Market Fall Festival**
October, 2006
- ✓ **Aspen Athletic Club Triathlon**
October, 2006

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ARE WE THE ONLY ONES WHO THINK CHILDREN ARE OUR MOST IMPORTANT INVESTMENT?

By Greg Burn, Board Member

We are all concerned with the epidemic of child abuse. But the statistics and numbing news stories are just getting worse.

Maybe we need to face the difficult reality that this nation may talk a good talk but doesn't walk the walk. A five-minute internet search under the key words "child abuse" will end up at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services site. On June 18, 2006 the site posts a wealth of data on child abuse and maltreatment.

The data is old and incomplete. The numbers provided at the site are from their 2004 National Clearinghouse report and involve data from 2002 with only 25 to 35 states reporting in many cases. No proof exists that we care enough as a society about abused and neglected children to even capture current real time information on the epidemic. Let's try running any other aspects of our lives or businesses based on incomplete information that is four years old.

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We can turn on our television sets anytime of day or night to any number of channels. Continuously running across the bottom of the screen will be data on the Dow-Jones indexes, Standard & Poors indexes, stock prices, bond prices and mutual funds. Every day numerous talking heads will spend many hours of expensive network time backed by many research staffers dissecting our investment opportunities. The information is real time and very specific. If we are not at home

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we can access this same information instantly from the hand held personal device of our choosing. Imagine the congressional hearings if we

suddenly had to wait four years to get information on the performance of our financial investments. So, why do we continue to assert that we care about children and that they are our most important investments? Where is the national system for reporting current data on the number of abuse and neglect cases?

Where are the daily indexes at the bottom of the screen telling us how many children had their skulls fractured or were sexually molested by a relative? If we had these indexes and they kept going the wrong direction would they draw as much attention as a 1000- point drop in the stock market?

Real time information is not the only measurement of importance – numbers and cost are also significant measurements. These topics will be addressed in the upcoming issues of our newsletter

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From the Desk of The Executive Director

CAN's 18th Annual Meeting



Barbara Findeiss

At our annual meeting on the very rainy afternoon of June 22nd, The Child Abuse Network Board of Directors approved the following for a three year term of office: Ziva Branstetter, Greg Burn, Sharon Doty, Frazier Henke, Stephanie Knight, Rick Verity, and Robert White. Additionally, Dan Wheeler was approved to fill an unexpired one-year term. Ziva joins CAN after her Leadership Tulsa internship. The Board also extended their deep appreciation to Karen Rose who, after six years of serving on the Board, has reached her term limit.

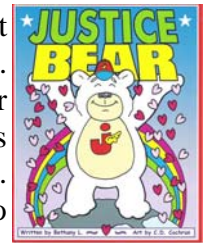
The Directors also approved the officers for FY 2007. They are: Skip Teel, President; Barbara Gardner Anderson, Secretary; Pam Langston, Treasurer; and Rick Verity, Chairman.



Rick Verity, Board President, with Distinguished Service Award Recipient, Jodie Benner.

Immediately following the annual meeting and June regular meeting, the Board held their Annual Appreciation Reception. One of the highlights is the traditional presentation of the CAN Distinguished Service Award. This year's recipient was Jodie Benner. The award honors the commitment and efforts of an individual who has made a significant contribution to CAN's mission through vision, noble purpose and leadership that motivates others. Whether as part of the Junior League, or as a volunteer, or as a Board member, Jodie has exemplified the essence of this award.

An unexpected treat for the Reception's guests was to see the first edition of the new book, *Justice Bear*, written by Bethany L. Bethany is fourteen years old and received services at the Center when she was eleven. Her book is about her healing process through the eyes of the Teddy Bear that she received at the Center. It is a remarkably frank and hopeful story, and every child who receives services at the Center will receive a copy of the book.



Bethany L.'s New Book

2006 CAN Services Statistics

January through March

New children served at CAN

Ages of these children were:	These children were seen for:
➤ 0-6 years 226	➤ Sexual Abuse 230
➤ 7-12 years 149	➤ Physical Abuse 124
➤ 13-18 years 57	➤ Witness to Violence 3
	➤ Other 32

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

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