



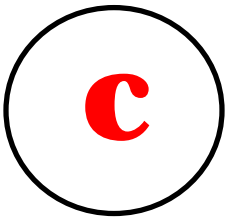
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# Child Abuse Network News

## The Justice Center Building and the Child Abuse Network

By Jaime Vogt

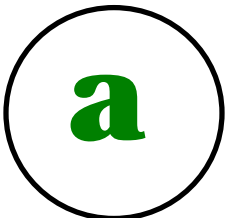
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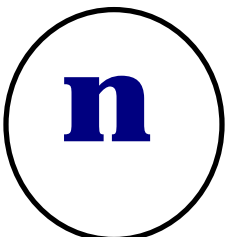
▼ **You CAN Be A Kid Again**

- ▲ Friday, March 19, 2004
  - Oklahoma Aquarium
- ▲ Saturday, March 20, 2004
  - Tulsa Fairgrounds – Pavilion



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Imagine that your child tells you that he has been molested. After you have reported this information to the police or Child Welfare an investigator will contact you and will ask you and your child to meet them at the Justice Center. Since you are worried about your child and you have never heard of this place, you do not know what to expect and you are fearful.

What will your child have to go through? What will he be asked? How will he be treated? What will I be asked? What will I be expected to do? How will my family get beyond the next couple of days?

The Justice Center: When a family walks through the doors of the Justice Center, they walk into a waiting room of soft muted colors and comfortable chairs centered around a fireplace, a ceiling high living tree, and a colorful aquarium. For the younger children, there is a child's playroom with an entrance cutout in the shape of a teddy bear and a child-sized bathroom with a door cut inside a larger door. The teddy bear motif is displayed frequently throughout the Center. The entire Center was built to be comforting to children and their families - not an easy feat when responding to the needs of an adult legal system that must investigate child abuse. As a building, the Justice Center provides the ideal environment for children involved in child abuse investigations.

The Child Abuse Network: Adults and children have many questions and concerns when they first arrive at the Justice Center.

The Child Abuse Network is at the Center to assist in answering these questions and concerns.

Just as the Justice Center provides the appropriate environment for allegedly abused children, the Child Abuse Network provides the appropriate information and services to children and families.

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The child interview and mental health services that CAN provides are critical, however, it is equally important that every staff member at the Child Abuse Network has been specially trained to respond to the needs of children and families that come to the Center. Many times a CAN staff member has offered comfort to a tearful child while a parent was speaking with a detective or a child welfare social worker. This is all part of the very special treatment that is routine at the Center.

The Justice Center and The Child Abuse Network – what a combination!

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**From the Desk of  
 The Executive Director**

By: Barbara Findeiss

Tulsa is blessed with a strong tradition of volunteerism. As a non-profit Executive Director, I know first hand how much difference Tulsans make. Many terrific non-profit services would not be available today if it were not for people who give unselfishly of their time, talent, and treasure. The Child Abuse Network is no exception.

From our very inception, CAN has been fortunate to have volunteers who have passion and commitment for our mission. Each year we struggle with how to express our appreciation and gratitude. Usually it is in the form of a thank you card, an acknowledgement at a Board meeting, a small gesture made at an annual meeting, or a short article in the local newspaper.

Rarely do such efforts of appreciation become a community wide celebration...but thanks to Tulsa Community Foundation and Tulsa People along with the sponsorship of Cox Communications and ONEOK, this year is different!



**David Holden**

We are honored that one of our own will receive a very public appreciation on January 14, 2004. Congratulations to you, David Holden, the Tulsa People Volunteer of the Year – Leadership. We have always known that David is wonderful, but how terrific it is to have the community recognize this too! Thank you very much David – your time, talent and treasure have directed CAN well – you have made such a difference!

**2003 CAN Services Statistics  
 July through September**

*400 new children were served at CAN*

Ages of these children were:

➤ 0-6 years	232
➤ 7-12 years	118
➤ 13-18 years	50
➤ Unknown	0

These children were seen for:

➤ Sexual Abuse	240
➤ Physical Abuse	152
➤ Neglect	14
➤ Witness to Violence	2
➤ Other	4

**CAN's Wish List**

- Scanner/Laser Printers
- Small Televisions with VCR
- Wireless Microphone
- Video Tape Duplicator (Dual Deck)
- Wood Podium
- Camera (35mm) & Digital
- Film & Disk (Polaroid & 2HD - IBM Formatted)
- Display Boards
- Blank VHS Tapes
- Easel Pad(s)
- Erasable Markers (Crayola Washables)
- Colored Paper for Copier
- Magazine Subscriptions for kids/parents
- Children's Video's
- Crayons & Coloring Books
- Clear Small Gift Bags with Handles
- Gifts/Toys for Boys/Girls & Adolescents
- New Stuffed Animals
- Diapers/Disposable Baby Bottles/Formula
- Court School Snacks-Cracker Packages, Popcorn, Juice Boxes
- Coffee Carafe(s) /Plastic Cups/Coffee Cups
- General Office Supplies (pens/pencils, etc.)
- US Postage 1st Class Stamps (rolls)
- Holiday Window Clings for Decorating
- Decorative Bulletin Board Borders
- 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:**

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**Child Abuse Network becomes a Community Partner with Albertson's**

The Child Abuse Network has joined Albertson's Community Partners Card Program. If you or your family shop at Albertson's you can give back to the Child Abuse Network. Simply show your community partners card to the cashier prior to making a purchase and the Child Abuse Network will be rewarded with a percentage of the purchase. For more information or to receive a card, please contact Nancy Hatfield at 918-831-4550.

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual  
CAN Film Festival  
November 2, 2003  
Santa vs. The Snowman**

Once again the committee of the CAN Film Festival has done an outstanding job! This year's event captured the *first holiday movie* presented by IMAX® in their award winning 3D technology. We had many participants at our Fun Festival, which was held throughout the day.



**Thank You . . .**

A very special “Thanks” to everyone at OU Tulsa for their annual support of the Child Abuse Network and the children we serve at the Justice Center. Every year the Library collects stuffed animals to donate to the Child Abuse Network.



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**CAN is Tulsa's  
Children's  
Advocacy Center**



Friday, March 19, 2004  
Patron Party  
Saturday, March 20, 2004  
Carnival  
Games, Crafts, Food and Fun  
for the whole family . . . .

**What:** A fund-raiser to benefit the Child Abuse Network

**When:** Friday, March 19, 2004 – 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 20, 2004 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Friday Event - Oklahoma Aquarium  
Saturday Event - Pavilion - Tulsa Fairgrounds

**How:** Friday - Patron Party Tickets can be purchased for \$75.00 ea.  
Adult and \$35.00 ea. Junior Tickets (under 21)

Saturday – Carnival Tickets can be purchased for \$4.00 ea.

Tickets can be purchased at the Child Abuse Network. For more information please call 918-831-4550.

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