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Center's Safety Program Scores High with School Kids

"In my experience, children are smart and their natural instincts are usually good," says Karen Smillie, Director of the Center's Child Safety Awareness Program (CSA). "But so often, we as a society question that innate ability and we establish a certain way of thinking — that adults are always right and children seldom are. Children learn to doubt themselves and their ability to trust their own feelings."

Smillie says the goal of the Child Safety Awareness Program is to help children gain confidence and become their own decision-makers, so that they make good choices when they're faced with dangerous situations.

The program offers an age appropriate and culturally diverse curriculum teaching personal safety for children (ages 5-11) through four half-hour classroom meetings. The first half-hour class deals with general safety issues, covering traffic rules, as well as fire and gun safety.

Smillie says one of the most important tools that she uses in her trainings is role plays to develop the child's critical thinking and assertiveness techniques within the context of a disturbing or dangerous situation. One scenario may have a student confront a "bully" in his class. Another situation will involve a stranger who tries to get a child into a car, or practicing to tell a trusted grownup that someone has acted inappropriately.

Students learn to tell the difference between a secret and a surprise. They practice "standing tall" and looking directly in someone's eyes as they speak firmly. Every child participates in a role play and receives positive feedback. They each create their own personal "Webs of Trust" listing significant adults they can ask for help. These concepts lay the groundwork for more complicated and sensitive topics, such as sexual and physical abuse and abduction.

"We believe that one of the most effective tools against abuse is knowledge," says Karen Smillie. "Our program is aimed at giving children the information, self-confidence and assertiveness skills they need to recognize danger and deter adults who prey on vulnerable children."

Formerly known as Safety Whys, CSA was adapted in 1998 by former Center staffer Rhonda Hontalas from a pilot course that was developed and distributed nationally by the Committee for Children. The program falls under the auspices of the Child Abuse Council, one of the two major divisions of the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center. The Council's mission is to coordinate a system for responding to child abuse by consistently lobbying for new prevention laws,

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Ms. Smillie reviews safety rules with an eager group of students at R.L. Stevenson Elementary School.

raising public awareness, and training professionals on how to detect and report child abuse in conjunction with the current state mandated reporting laws.

In these especially troubling times, this year the Center is working hard to "broaden the safety net for San Francisco children" by coordinating the efforts of the Child Abuse Council's mandated reporter trainings for adults with the children's program. Over the summer, the Council worked in concert with local police to educate employees of San Francisco's Recreation and Park Department about identifying vulnerable children, while Smillie gave CSA presentations to children enrolled in their Latchkey programs. She also completed trainings at six Boys and Girls Clubs throughout the community. Last year, Smillie brought the program to 138 classes in 26 schools — reaching over 2,500 students. And beginning this fall, the Council is offering mandated reporter trainings for the

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Not Your Ordinary Fundraiser



ABC 7 TV news anchor Cheryl Jennings and SFPD Commander Jim Dudley

When an afternoon fundraiser is delayed until a police escort can deliver the guest emcee, you know this is not going to be your ordinary fundraiser. See page 6 for the story!

The President's Message

Tightening Our Belts, Strengthening Our Commitment

This month, sadly, we say good-bye to Executive Director Virginia Van Zandt. The Center Board and staff are grateful for Virginia's dedication to the Center and that she has been a part of our community. She assumed her new role in August of 2001 – when the dotcoms were thriving and 9/11 had not yet become a part of our reality. Just a few short weeks after her arrival, our world changed forever.

The Center has been fortunate to have Virginia at the helm over the past two years as we, like all nonprofits nationwide, have faced many challenges. As Executive Director, Virginia has overseen fundraising, introducing over a dozen new funding sources to the Center and inaugurating our first, and very successful, Major Gifts campaign in 2002. She has also guided the past two End of Year and Summer Mail Appeal campaigns and helped produce our 6th annual luncheon, the most successful one ever!

Virginia helped create a comprehensive new personnel manual and ushered us into the 21st century, technologically speaking. The Center is now nearly fully wired with staff computers and Internet access for families. And we are firmly established on the Web with two sites: www.sfcapc.org and www.talklineforparents.org. Virginia has worked tirelessly throughout her tenure here. We offer our thanks, and best wishes.

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Susan Reider has agreed to become the new interim Executive Director beginning September 22nd. Susan is Director of the Center's Economic Self-Sufficiency Program and a staff member since 1993. Kathy Baxter will support Susan as our new Development Manager while continuing to head the Child Abuse Council.

Given the current economic realities, all nonprofits are facing difficult financial situations, and the Center has not escaped the inevitable fallout resulting from this climate. Facing these challenges the Board and senior staff have been working to develop solid cost-cutting measures, most notably the reduction of some staff hours and the elimination of several program supply budgets. In an unprecedented act of loyalty and personal sacrifice, the entire staff agreed to take one week of unpaid leave during the month of August, saving the Center more than \$25,000 in salaries and operating costs.

The Board's primary focus for the last quarter of the year will be on fundraising. Tim Murray, a Board member and executive with Pacific Union Realty will chair our 2nd Major Gifts campaign. With a strong Major Gifts drive and our 6th annual End of the Year fundraising campaign we hope to raise over \$200,000.

Our staff are remarkably talented and dedicated professionals who care deeply about the families we serve; they fulfill the mission of this organization on a daily basis. In support of them and the Center families, the Board is committed to ending child abuse by continuing to raise the funds needed to maintain a strong and vital community at 1757 Waller Street.

Our thanks again to a remarkably dedicated staff and a final good-bye and thank you to Virginia for serving the Center and our families these past two years.

Sue Wollack, President
San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center



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Dear Friends,

The Center is an amazing place — one where kindness and caring overflow and where parents and families in need can find understanding, comfort and help in managing their difficult and demanding lives. It has truly been an honor to serve as Executive Director for the past two years.

I have enjoyed leading a staff whose talent, creativity and skill are unparalleled, and whose dedication to the families served by the Center is extraordinary. Our staff members go far above and beyond the call of duty as they work together to find ways to solve problems and make their clients' lives more manageable. And they do it all with grace, humor and intelligence.

It has been a pleasure to work with the immensely energetic and committed Board of Directors. The Board's commitment to the Center is an inspiration — their tireless efforts as volunteers provide for the overall management and fiscal strength of the organization and they assume the many challenges of those responsibilities with spirit and kindness. I would like to particularly thank Board President Sue Wollack and the rest of the hard-working Executive Committee for their support and friendship. Together we have enjoyed many triumphs and weathered difficult times.

For personal reasons I have decided to resign as Executive Director. I plan to remain supportive of the Center and hope to see you at events and activities in the future. This has been a remarkable chapter in my life and I thank all those who have been part of it.

With warmest wishes,

Virginia Van Zandt, Executive Director

A Warm Welcome!

New Staff

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It's the people!

The Other Dynamic Duo

Lennon and McCartney. Orville and Wilbur. Cagney and Lacey. Each pair a creative, committed and successful team. The Board of the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center is lucky enough to boast just such a team: **Cammie Vail** and **Suzy Pak**. This pair is responsible for the great success of our very first annual luncheon "Donation Drawing" which surpassed everyone's wildest expectations! Thanks to the tireless efforts of these two incredible women, the drawing offered ten spectacular prize packages prompting a frenzy of ticket sales that totaled nearly \$20,000! (See Luncheon article, page 6)

In addition to this outstanding contribution, Cammie and Suzy have donated countless hours in service to our community and we feel truly blessed to count them as friends and colleagues.

Suzy Pak is currently a client services manager at Davis Skaggs Investment Management, a division of Citigroup Asset Management, managing Smith Barney mutual funds and private accounts for high net-worth clients. She became involved with the Center about 5 years ago when she joined the Junior League of San Francisco's (JLSF) committee of volunteers here. Working in the Center's Playroom, she became a mentor for a mother of a teen-aged son, planned workshops for parents and kids, and helped plan holiday events. Two years later, Suzy became the chair of the Junior League's committee. In that role, she had the opportunity to work with Patsy Jones (former Division Director of the Center's TALK Line Family Support Center) and a wonderful group of women, and was instrumental in creating new projects such as the monthly Family Dinners and Super Saturdays. Suzy has been an active director of the Board since 2000.

Suzy has been married for six years to her college sweetheart, Mark Gundacker. They have a darling 13-month old daughter, Jane Gundacker.

"The Center is very important to our family," says Suzy. "We have met many of the families the programs have helped and worked with most of the staff in some capacity and notice the loyalty consistent among everyone. We share that loyalty and plan to support the Center in whatever capacity we can for many years."



A truly tireless team: Suzy Pak (left) and Cammie Vail

When describing her friend **Cammie Vail**, Suzy says, "She is a terrific role model — enthusiastic, full of innovative ideas and a dream to work with. I was thrilled when she was appointed to the Board (in July 2002)."

A past President of the Junior League, Cammie is currently the Executive Director for the Palo Alto Community Fund. She and her husband Tim have been married for 15 years and have a wonderful nine year old son named Christopher. Cammie first became involved with the Center when she was the Community Programs Council Director for the Junior League of San Francisco. She, too, was inspired by Patsy Jones and Margaret Hill (Past SFCAPC Board Member) when she worked with them. She was involved in setting up volunteer opportunities for the JLSF's provisional members.

"Since my earlier experience there, I have been a cheerleader of the Center within the Junior League and have followed their growth and program offerings," she says. "I have always been impressed with the varied ways the Center supports families and children, and believe the work is instrumental in developing a healthy community. I am totally committed to helping the Center in any way I can."

Thank you Suzy and Cammie for choosing the Center as the recipient of your incredible energy and synergy!

New Center Board Members

Kimiko Burton-Cruz, Office of the City Attorney
Rick Forman, Office of the District Attorney
Jennifer Gorovitz, attorney
Tim Murray, Pacific Union Real Estate
Molly Offermann, teacher
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We Bid Farewell to Center Board Members:

Victoria Baldocchi • Frank Caufield • Patty Fitzsimmons
Dr. Dan Kelly • Barbara Kleckner • Patty Jo Rutland
Capt. Keith Sanford • Gilda Serrano
Best wishes and thank you for your service and dedication.

News from CAPS

CAPS Chair Susan Kirk (left) and President Jo-Ann Rose



- X Susan Kirk, Chair
- X Jo-Ann Rose, President
- X Judi Nicolai, Executive Vice President
- X William Meyer, Vice President
- X R. Michael Delagnes, Treasurer/Secretary

A new slate of officers was elected at the Child Abuse Prevention Society Board meeting on May 21st. Susan Kirk, who has so ably directed the organization for the past three years, assumes the title of Chair, replacing Frank Caufield who has completed his term.

We are indebted to Frank for his enduring commitment and many contributions to CAPS and we are extremely pleased that he will continue to be a vital part of the organization as a member of the CAPS Advisory Committee.

Susan, Jo-Ann, Judi and Michael have many years of experience with CAPS and have been responsible for many of the organization's fundraisers and programs over the years. While Bill is a newer member, he has made significant contributions to CAPS, and his real estate and architectural expertise have proved invaluable in his role as Co-Chair of the CAPS/SFCAPC Facilities Committee.

At the same meeting CAPS welcomed four new directors: Natalie Delagnes, who will also serve as Assistant Treasurer, Delia Ehrlich, Jerome Roth and Anne Symon. We look forward to working with all of you.



CAPS PRESENTS:

A SALUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO

(A BENEFIT FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION)

WHEN: October 23, 2003
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The quiet before the crowd at Palace Ballroom.



Ticket sales were brisk at the Donation Drawing table.



The Luncheon 2003 Committee

(Left to right) Bev Sinton, Gloria Duckor, Suzy Pak, Cammie Vail, Gayle Blum, Julia Bromley, Virginia Van Zandt, Evie Talmus, Cathy Kalin, Sue Wollack, Nanette Wollack, Patty Shimek

It was another sold-out crowd this year at the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center's sixth annual luncheon on April 4, 2003 at the Palace Hotel. Animated conversation filled the Palace ballroom as over 500 guests came to support the Center's work on behalf of San Francisco children. The event had a particularly festive air of excitement as blue and yellow balloons floated over the busy donation drawing tables. Hall of Famer Joe Montana created another flurry of activity when he dropped by before lunch to say hello.

But when the ever poised and dedicated Ms. Cheryl Jennings took to the stage, the din faded, celebrity-watching ceased, and those of us in the Palace Ballroom got down to the crucial work of preventing child abuse.

The difference between good intentions and effective solutions is action. So when the crowd is filled with community leaders taking time out of their day, it matters. Mayor Willie Brown, Trent Rohrer, Director of the Department of Human Services; Terrence Hallinan, District Attorney; Susan Leal, Treasurer of San Francisco; Kamala Harris, City Attorney's Office and Gisela Hernandez, from Governor Davis' office were all in attendance. Representatives from the offices of Congressperson Nancy Pelosi, Carole Migden of the State Board of Equalization, Assemblyman Mark Leno and Supervisor Gavin Newsom's offices also attended, underscoring the fact that keeping our children safe is on everyone's minds.

The program moved smoothly from the opening address by Board President Sue Wollack, through acknowledgements by Executive Director Virginia Van Zandt. Then things turned lighthearted: as the audience dined and chatted, lively volunteers circulated throughout the ballroom selling tickets for the donation drawing. This is the first year the Center offered this win-win activity, and judging from the caliber of the prizes as well as the robust ticket sales, you can expect to see it from now on. The former "Miss Nancy" of Romper Room fame (the animated Ruby Unger) filled in the details of the prizes. Commander Dudley guarded the overflowing drawing bowl, and by the end of the lunch, the lucky grand prize winner, Mary Costello, walked away with two round-trip tickets to New York, a four-night stay at the Four Seasons, dinner at Restaurant Daniel, theatre tickets, and a mini-shopping spree at Manhattan's little treasure, the White Tulip accessory store. Local packages included dinner at the four-star restaurant Elisabeth Daniel, a lovely bottle from the Rare Wine Company and a spa day at the Joseph Cozza Salon.

Next, Co-chair Patty Shimek described the annual Blue Ribbon Campaign, focusing on the importance of education and public awareness. And then... the awards. How does one describe the recipient of our **Partner in Prevention Award**, Delancey Street Foundation founder and president **Mimi Halper Silbert**? Dedicated, exuberant, electric, fearless, magnetic, passionate — you get the picture. Her remarks were nothing short of stirring, and the audience responded with a standing ovation.

Next, Board member Judge Harold Kahn, head of San Francisco's Domestic Violence Court, introduced the recipient of the **Child Advocate of the Year Award**. **Judge Donna Hitchens** was honored for her years of dedication to the children of San Francisco and her long-term commitment to improving access to the courts for low-income Californians. Judge Hitchens' moving acceptance speech brought the audience to its feet once again.

Another high point of the afternoon came in the form of a new video, produced by the Center. The two talented filmmakers, Tom and Rebecca Sylla, put their hearts and souls into the project, gathering over 60 hours of interviews with parents, children, community leaders, Center staff and volunteers. The Syllas were able to capture the essence of our work in 10 heartfelt minutes, entitled "**IMAGINE**".

Board Vice President Evie Talmus, who co-produced the film, closed Luncheon 2003 with words of appreciation for those who showed up, donated time, contributed money, rallied others — in essence, took action. The fact that we were able to raise \$216,000 — a Center record — is an extraordinary feat in these economic times.

The message to the children and families of the San Francisco is clear: this community cares.



2003 Luncheon Honorees Dr. Mimi Silbert (left) and Judge Donna Hitchens.



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The San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Center

Friday, April 2, 2004

11:30 am — 1:30 pm

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To **CAPS** for their commitment to the prevention of child abuse and their ongoing support of the Center.

To TALK Line Volunteers **Jeanne Fisher** and **Gloria Nellis, Julia Bromley, Margo Miller, Lisa Collins** for all the extra administrative help they are providing the TALK Line Family Support Center.



To **Betty Rosenthal** (center) and her sisters at **Delta Theta Xi** who recently donated \$500 worth of Safeway gift certificates to the Children's Playroom and Respite. The sorority has also given generously to the holiday toy program for the past 2 years.

To **Brody, David, Jay** and **Phillipe** of **Phillipe Becker Design** for donating their time, ideas and services to annual Luncheon.

To the students of **Brandeis-Hillel Day School** for their generous donation.

To **Professor Bill Hogan** and his **Marketing Class at USF** for designating the Center for the 5th year in a row as the beneficiary of their annual Go-Cart Race!

To **Montessori Children's House of the West Coast** and **Judy Bley** for their donations to the Child Abuse Council's community trainings.

To **Sharon Groenendyk** of **G.E. Capital Corporation** for the lovely office plants.

To **Donna Treadwell** who donated a keyboard to the Center.

To **Angela Krause** of **Ray of Light** for her generosity and gentle touch.

To our beloved **Laura Lee** who left us for law school. Gone but never forgotten.



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Summer in the City at the Center

The Family Alliance hosted a series of wonderful events for families at our Center this summer, amazing us once again with their unfailing energy and commitment. For the second year in row, the "Summer in the City" program offered children and their parents a number of wonderful opportunities to experience San Francisco. In June, family field trips around the Bay included a tour of the new Asian Art Museum followed by lunch at a nearby Chinese restaurant, a creative writing workshop offered at 826 Valencia Street, and tickets to Presidio Pasada, a celebration of Native American History and Traditions. In July, thirty five parents and children enjoyed a day of bowling at Presidio Bowl, and a group of nearly 40 people took in a movie and lunch together at Oakland's historic Parkway Theatre. Tickets to see both the San Francisco Forty-Niners and the Giants, as well as the Aquarium of the Bay were distributed in August and September. THANK YOU to the following individuals, businesses and organizations who have donated food, tickets and services to both the Summer in the City program and monthly Family Dinners:



David Hollister, who is the husband of Family Alliance member Rachel Hollister, clowns around during "Celebrate Spring", a potluck barbecue for families, staff and volunteers, sponsored by Family Alliance and the Center's Parent Advisory Committee on April 19th.

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| Suzy Pak | North Beach Pizza |
| AG Ferrari | Parkway Theatre |
| Aquarium by the Bay | Rose's Restaurant |
| Bryan's Meats | SF Giants/ KGO Radio |
| Cal Shakespeare | Cathy Topham |
| Matt Derek | 826 Valencia |
| ELT. (Fitness In Training) | Teresa Volgeneau |
| Fuzio's Restaurant | Whole Foods |
| Nicky's Tacos | |



Safety Program (Continued from page 1)

teachers and principals at every elementary school that is registered for the Child Safety Awareness program.

The program is an unqualified success. It is the only community-based organization approved by the San Francisco Unified School District to present sexual issues in K-3 classrooms and has reached 14,000 children in the Bay Area since 1998. Teacher evaluations indicate that 90 percent of the children who received the training last year clearly demonstrated their knowledge of safety rules. According to one first grade teacher, "There was a great balance in the language. (The children) knew the seriousness of the lesson without being scared.... They really learn skills that can be transferred to real-life situations."

"CSA helps kids believe in themselves," Smillie says. "We help them to pay attention to their feelings and to trust their feelings. We teach them that their body belongs to them; if someone does something to them that makes them uncomfortable, they can say no and go tell someone they trust — and to keep telling until someone listens."



Child Safety Awareness Program Director Karen Smillie and Intern Ryan Davenport display the Web of Trust used as part of elementary school presentations.

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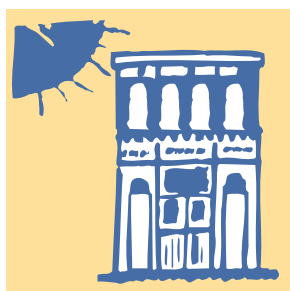
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PROGRAMS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION CENTER

DIRECT SERVICES

TALK LINE (Telephone Aid in Living with Kids) 441-KIDS

San Francisco's 24-hour crisis and counseling line helps parents under stress. As the entry point to services for over 2,000 high-risk families, TALK Line receives 16,000 calls per year reflecting the damaging effects of emotional abuse, lack of parenting skills, substance abuse, fragmented families, relationship violence, and poverty.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Children's Playroom

The Playroom cares for an average of 30 children per day and is available to all families while on the premises and using the Center's services. Early intervention services are provided for children up to age five.

Respite Care

Families in crisis, needing a break, or searching for housing or employment can obtain short-term therapeutic childcare. Six respite-care slots are made available per day in a licensed home on an as-needed basis.

Counseling and Therapy Groups

Group counseling is provided to children of substance-abusing parents. Individual therapy and psychological assessment are available for children needing more intensive intervention.

PARENT AND FAMILY SERVICES

Parent Drop-In Center

The Drop-In Center offers a supportive, homelike setting with crisis counseling, resources and referrals, free phone, refreshments, family activities and a range of workshops.

Parent Education, Support, and Counseling

Individual and family therapy are available as well as workshops focusing on parenting, chemical dependency and employment issues.

Substance Abuse Outreach and Recovery Services

Parents receive support for entering treatment and are provided with aftercare services.

Economic Self-Sufficiency Program

Welfare recipients and other unemployed parents are assisted in their job search. There is a focus on addressing financial, emotional and personal barriers to employment. Employed parents are given counseling and mentoring to ensure job retention.

INDIRECT SERVICES

PREVENTION TRAININGS

Over 4,000 professionals per year are educated in how to identify and report suspected child abuse. Trainings are offered to childcare workers, teachers, law enforcement officers, medical personnel, social workers and homeless shelter staff.

CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS

The Child Safety Awareness Program offers classroom trainings for 4,000 elementary school students per year, encouraging safety awareness and assertiveness training, including fire and traffic safety, responses to emergency situations, and how to resist and report sexual and/or physical abuse.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

The Council coordinates the annual citywide child abuse prevention media campaign and distributes 10,000 Blue Ribbon packets.

ADVOCACY

The Council reviews all national and statewide child abuse legislation and provides expert testimony, supports legislation that increases funding for local child abuse programs, and coordinates monthly meetings of child abuse prevention committees for San Francisco.