

Our mission at Family & Children's Place is to strengthen our community through healing the trauma of abuse, violence and neglect and promoting safe, healthy and stable families through research based services.



Friends of the Family Newsletter  
Spring 2011



## Program Highlights

### You Can't Spell Smart without Art

Children are learning many things in the classrooms in the Children's Program at Family & Children's Place: gross motor skills, fine motor skills, literacy skills, social skills, etc. And there are many approaches to assisting children in learning these important developmental tasks. One activity that promotes a variety of developmental skills is that of artwork.

One of the most important functions of artwork is that of the development of a child's individuality and creativity. We want to support each child to discover their inner Picasso! And you would never ask Picasso to do "paint by number," now would you? No, to promote individuality and creativity, it is important that children be given the freedom to work in their own way.

For example, each day as our Toddlers sit down for art, they bring something new to the table. Teachers expose them to all sort of mediums, and all types of methods of creating art, but teachers never force a child to complete their art project in any one particular way. Some children sit down and use their materials to make large uncontrolled scribbles, others sit down and repeat the same motion over and over because they have just learned how to make that motion. Still others complete elaborate pictures and tell stories while they do so. Each child's work is unique and creative and the children are very proud of their work when they are done! These open art activities allow teachers to meet each child on their own level, and scaffold their learning.



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### 8th Annual Family & Children's Place Golf Scramble

Calling all golfers! You are cordially invited to participate in the 8th Annual Family & Children's Place Golf Scramble to be held on Friday, June 17, 2011. We are excited to announce that Quail Chase Golf Course has agreed to host our event. Quail Chase is Louisville's only 27-hole championship regulation golf course. The cost to play in the scramble is \$150 per person or \$600 for a team of four. Registration will begin at 12:00pm with a 1:00 p.m. tee time. With entry fee, each golfer will receive:

- Boxed Lunch
- Dinner
- Gift Bag
- Prizes for Winning Team
- Raffles
- More Giveaways

All proceeds benefit Family & Children's Place, whose mission is to strengthen our community through healing the trauma of abuse, violence and neglect and promoting safe, healthy and stable families through research based services.

To register for the scramble, discuss sponsorship opportunities, or if you have any questions please contact JT Henderson-Development Assistant, Family & Children's Place at (502) 893-3900 ext. 281 or [jthenderson@famchildplace.org](mailto:jthenderson@famchildplace.org).

## Leadership message

In a letter recently received by Family and Children's Place a mother, Irene, writes the following:

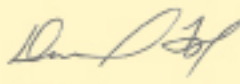
"My son and I have received the best treatment. When you are a homeless person who has lost most of your material things, it means a lot to be treated with dignity and respect. This is the kind of excellence, care, and compassion we've been shown over and over again by you devoted men and women. You have inspired me to be a better parent!"

Irene and her son Jacob were able to receive this assistance because of friends like you. For your continued support, and for your commitment to making child abuse and neglect a priority within our community, we thank you.

This edition of Friends of the Family marks an incredibly important time of year. Every April F&CP, along with advocates nation-wide, observe Child Abuse Prevention Month. With this in mind, I wish to take this opportunity to ask a simple question. What will you do? Our agency is

once again collecting pledges of action, encouraging members of our community to tell us what they will do before the next prevention month to help eradicate violence, neglect, and sexual abuse that effects 1 in 4 girls, and 1 in 6 boys.

To make your pledge to help us build brighter futures for children in our neighborhoods, visit [www.familyandchildrensplace.org](http://www.familyandchildrensplace.org) for an online form or to see where you can pick up pledge cards throughout the area.



Dan Fox  
President



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## The Caper Commences After Cards Comeback

Following the University of Louisville Men's Basketball come-from-behind victory over Marquette on January 15, Family and Children's Place hosted yet another very successful Caper post-game party. In its 24th year, the event raised over \$100,000 and gave fans the opportunity to get up-close and personal with the men's basketball team, all while enjoying food and music. Family and Children's Place would like to thank our sponsors for making this event possible, and for their commitment to building brighter futures for children and families in our community!

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Announcer Bill Collins, Jr. (left) and Bill Samuels of Maker's Mark

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout the month of April Family and Children's Place will be providing opportunities for advocacy, training, and involvement in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month. We ask that you complete an action pledge (below), also available on our website ([www.familyandchildrensplace.org](http://www.familyandchildrensplace.org)) and at various locations around Louisville. Tell us what you will do this year to help prevent abuse, neglect and violence. This month is all about getting the word out in our neighborhoods, together, as Blue Ribbon Ambassadors. Here is a list of scheduled CAPM events that we encourage you to consider participating in. We look forward to working with you as we continue to work for you.

### April 1st – First Friday Trolley Hop

**April 2nd, 4:30-6:30 – Darkness to Light Training**  
F&CP Shively Site (1800 Neville Road, Louisville, KY, 40216)  
Family and Children's Place will host its first of three "Darkness to Light" Training sessions to educate members of our community on how to recognize, prevent, and address potential abuse.

**April 4th, 6:00-8:30 – Darkness to Light Training**  
Louisville Free Public Library, Crescent Hill Branch  
(2762 Frankfort Avenue)  
This is the second of three opportunities to receive training throughout the month.

### April 13th, 10:00a.m. – Child Abuse Prevention Month Rally at the KFC Yum! Center

Join community leaders, neighbors, and fellow abuse prevention advocates as we gather in the main lobby of the new arena to pledge our commitment to prevent, stop, and recover. Pinwheels, stickers and literature will be distributed. We will also be addressing members of the media to challenge Louisville and Southern Indiana to be Blue Ribbon Ambassadors. Record numbers are expected, so don't miss it!

### April 22nd, 8:00p.m. – Kentucky Derby Festival Balloon Glimmer at Waterfront Park

Family and Children's Place will be at the annual Balloon Glimmer to distribute pinwheels, stickers and literature while encouraging families to make pledges of action and become Blue Ribbon Ambassadors.

### April 25th, 6:00-8:30 – Darkness to Light Training

Louisville Free Public Library, St. Matthews Branch  
(3940 Grandview Avenue)

This is the third and final opportunity to receive dialogue-driven training on recognizing and preventing abuse, neglect and violence.



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## Join me in making a difference! April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

You can help families and children in our community by taking action to prevent child abuse.

### Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Visit [www.familyandchildrensplace.org](http://www.familyandchildrensplace.org) to learn simple and effective ways you can help.)

I will help prevent child abuse by:

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Make your commitment by returning this form:

- Electronically, by visiting [www.familyandchildrensplace.org](http://www.familyandchildrensplace.org)
- In person, by visiting any collection location (for complete list visit [www.familyandchildrensplace.org](http://www.familyandchildrensplace.org))
- Or via mail



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## Upcoming Events

June 2

Table Host Reception

June 17

8th Annual Golf Scramble

November 2

Building Brighter Futures Breakfast