

Our mission at Family & Children's Place is to strengthen our community through quality services that promote safe, healthy and stable children and families.

Friends of the Family Newsletter  
Spring 2009



## Program Highlights

- Family and School Services was awarded a four-year 21st Century Community Learning Center grant through the Indiana Department of Education for after school services at Hazelwood Middle School in New Albany. The program will provide a variety of mentoring, tutoring and enrichment services for up to 100 middle school youth every day after school! The program will also include two Family and Schools Services (FASS) cycles each year which bring parents and children together for eight weekly evening sessions at school, as well as a summer camp and outings once a month for families. Through structured yet fun activities, the program helps families build stronger bonds and also empowers parents to be more active in their children's lives. Family & Children's Place was awarded \$696,647 for the multi-year project and will be collaborating with Our Place Drug and Alcohol Services, The Blue Apple Players and New Albany Floyd County Schools to provide these comprehensive services for families in New Albany.
- Child and Family Services have received a grant to provide intensive in-home services and assessments to adoptive families at risk of disruption. This will be a great help to give families the tools they need to stay healthy together.
- Many thanks to all of the generous donors who participated in the Holiday Support Program! 270 children from 102 families received support and were able to celebrate the holidays thanks to you!



## Thunder Over Louisville April 18, 2009

Are you looking for a place to enjoy Thunder Over Louisville with the best view in town? Then join in the fun at Buckhead Mountain Grill's Craft Beer Extravaganza! Admission to this wonderful, family event includes all food and non-alcoholic beverages for the day, private fenced-in grounds, kids games and entertainment, private restrooms and the best view in town for the fireworks! Plus, adults can sample 10-12 craft beers from around the region (at an additional charge). **Best of all Buckhead Mountain Grill's Craft Beer Extravaganza benefits Family & Children's Place!** Regular pricing is \$75 per person - however, we have access to special pricing for families (children 7-12 are only \$25 each and those under 6 are FREE) if you reference Family & Children's Place. To reserve your space or for more information, please call Kelly Leonardo at (812) 899-3030 x222.

### Family & Children's Place

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**Buckhead Mountain Grill's Craft Beer 4-18  
Extravaganza in Jeffersonville, IN**  
707 W. Riverside Dr.

## Leadership message



Family and Children's Place provides services and programs for our communities' most vulnerable population: abused children and those who surround these children. The statistics on child abuse in our region are staggering:

- In Kentucky, more than 84,000 children were involved in 50,724 referrals for abuse and neglect in 2007, 15,518 children were substantiated as victims of abuse.
- The rate of Jefferson County children victimized by abuse or neglect increased by 8 percent to 2,909 between 2003 and 2007.
- Nationwide, one in three girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused by the age of 18.

The children and families affected by violence and abuse deserve our best efforts to provide treatment, counseling and other services to help ensure recovery and to prevent future abuse.

We offer the HANDS program which helps new parents get off on the right foot by providing training and education about dealing with a newborn and a growing infant. Helping new parents anticipate and head off stressful situations reduces the risk of abuse; 420 families were served in 2008.

Family & Children's Place also provides a broad-based family counseling program serving child and adult victims of violence with proven interventions. Services such as family preservation and reunification, evidence-based child trauma and specialized juvenile offender treatment were provided for over 1,400 families in 2008.

When the unspeakable tragedy of child sexual abuse occurs, Family & Children's Place through its Child Advocacy Center (CAC), provides comprehensive, child-friendly, treatment and evaluation for child victims. The devastating cycle of child abuse was ended for 1,200 children, with an average age of 9, through the CAC's services last year.

Our Children's Program is the area's only specialized early childhood education center for children who have been abused. All children served in 2008 made progress in developmental milestones and were able to achieve permanence in a traditional education setting.

We also offer a supervised visitation program for families separated by abuse, neglect or family violence. The ser-

vice, provided in a home or secure facility, enabled 293 children to maintain critical, but safe contact with family members in 2008.

These treatment programs are important. Still, prevention is our ultimate goal. We must prevent abuse because it does more than cause terrible bruises and painful broken bones. Children suffering abuse develop a range of maladaptive, anti-social and self-destructive behaviors and thoughts by trying to cope with abuse.

Child abuse can have life-long effects including (but not limited to): academic difficulties, aggressive behavior; anxiety; bed wetting and nightmares; chronic pain; concentration problems; depression; eating disorders; failure to thrive; fear or shyness; malnutrition; panic attacks; physical symptoms such as headaches and stomach aches; sleep disorders; social withdrawal; substance abuse and suicide attempts.

It is especially important for us to recognize that child abuse occurs in every corner of our community. In every zip code. At every income level. Among families of every ethnic and religious background.

Child abuse is every adult's responsibility. We can't just look away. We have to pay attention and take action. As responsible, caring adults:

- We can help a family under stress by offering to babysit, or helping them with their chores and errands.
- We can serve as a tutor or a mentor for a child.
- We can educate ourselves, our children and their friends about the warning signs for child abuse and neglect.
- And we can watch for those signs and report them to the Kentucky Child Protective Services Hotline at 1-800-752-6200; in Indiana that number is 1-800-800-5556.

We ask for your support to achieve a vision that will have a lasting impact on generations to come – and that will ensure that our children are safe and protected within our community.

**Dan Fox**  
President

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Help us raise awareness and promote prevention at the Child Abuse Prevention Month Rally on April 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Slugger Field. Keynote speakers will discuss elements of prevention, public policy and effects of abuse on children. Service partners from Kentucky and Indiana will also be on hand to discuss practical ways we can all prevent abuse. Everyone in our community can make a difference. Please join us!

## Website Announcement



Our brand new agency website has just launched. Please be sure to visit [www.familyandchildrensplace.org](http://www.familyandchildrensplace.org) for our latest news, additional information on programs and services, upcoming events and more! You can also watch our agency video, make secure online donations and sign up for our e-newsletters. Visit our website: [www.familyandchildrensplace.org](http://www.familyandchildrensplace.org) today to check out our new and improved look and features!

## Golf Anyone?

### **6TH ANNUAL BUCKHEAD MOUNTAIN GRILL GOLF SCRAMBLE FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2009 LONG RUN GOLF COURSE**

Show off your swing at the sixth annual Buckhead Mountain Grill Golf Scramble! Golf enthusiasts can hit the links for a relaxing day of golf in support of Family and Children's Place. The day of fun includes carts, lunch, a silent auction and prizes. Individuals play for \$150 per person and foursomes are \$600. Sponsorship opportunities are also available at a variety of levels. For more information, please contact Katy Maloy at 893-3900 x261 or [kmaloy@familyandchildrensplace.org](mailto:kmaloy@familyandchildrensplace.org).



# THE CAPER

The 2009 Caper was a huge success! Nearly 1,000 Family & Children's Place and UofL fans helped us raise nearly \$100,000. The event was hosted by WHAS-TV anchors Rachel Platt, Jamie Martin and Andy Treinen and the University of Louisville Men's basketball team signed autographs for fans. Many thanks to Diamond Sponsors Buckhead Mountain Grill and Rocky's Italian Grill, our event sponsors, food vendors, auction donors and volunteers. Special thanks also go to event Chair, Mike Kapfhammer and the Caper committee for their dedication, commitment and support!

## Oscar Night® America - Louisville

While the biggest names in Hollywood were celebrating at the Oscar Ceremony, local guests were a part of movie magic right here at home. Many thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Brown Forman who helped make this glamorous event possible! Thanks to the support of our event sponsors, auction donors, attendees, volunteers and staff we raised over \$100,000! Special thanks go to the event co-chairs Cathy Morris and Karen Brotzge and the committee for their help making this an evening to remember.



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## Commemorative Gifts

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When words are not enough to express your sentiments, we invite you to make a tribute through a memorial or honorarium gift. Whether it is recognition for a special occasion, a gift for a birthday or holiday or in honor of a loved one who has passed, commemorative gifts silently speak volumes on your behalf.

Your memorial and honorary gifts to Family & Children's Place commemorate the importance of significant people in your life. Please consider making an honorary gift for Mother's Day or Father's Day. Your gift creates a lasting tribute to friends and loved ones by helping families and children affected by violence, abuse and neglect.

Family & Children's Place will promptly acknowledge your gift with a card to the person or family you ask us to notify, and will be noted in our annual report. The amount of your gift will be confidential. If you would like to make a memorial or honorary gift, please contact Cindy Douglas at (502) 893-3900 x260 or [cdouglas@familyandchildrensplace.org](mailto:cdouglas@familyandchildrensplace.org).

## Upcoming Events

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April 14

Child Abuse Prevention Month Rally

April 18

Buckhead Mountain Grill Craft Beer  
Thunder Over Louisville Extravaganza  
To Benefit Family & Children's Place

June 26

6th Annual Buckhead Mountain Grill  
Golf Scramble



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