



## A Night on the River

Join CPCAN friends and supporters on Friday May 31, 2013, from 5:30-9 p.m. for a "Night on the River" at the Grand River Brewery and Winery. Last spring's fundraiser was such a success we're planning another wonderful food pairing with wine and local craft beers (nonalcoholic options available too!) To add to the excitement this will be the Grand River Brewery and Winery's first collaborative event. So come join us - enjoy great food and drink, music, and the ambiance of the Grand River *plus* the enjoyable camaraderie of fellow CPCAN supporters. Tickets are \$25 each and all proceeds go towards the CPCAN and child abuse prevention.



### Jackson Coffee Company Pinwheel Sales

Jackson Coffee Company has always been a wonderful supporter of the CPCAN. Perhaps you've enjoyed their donated coffee at one of our special events. For the past three years patrons of JCC and CPCAN supporters have had the opportunity to show their support of child abuse prevention and raise awareness by purchasing \$1 pinwheel cards for a couple weeks during CAP Month. This year, JCC is offering the opportunity to purchase pinwheel cards for the entire month! So, please stop for your favorite beverage at JCC 's downtown Jackson location at 201 S. Mechanic and show your support of the CPCAN and this terrific CPCAN supporter.

### Upcoming Events



### CPCAN's Annual Professional Training Opportunity

This year's annual educational event for professionals will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at the Cascades Manor House, 1970 Kibby Road, Jackson, Michigan 49203. Attendees will have two training opportunities: "Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect and What You Can Do About It," presented by Dr. Lisa Markman and Dr. Bethany Mohr from UM C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and training runs from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. followed by a lunch break from 12-1 p.m. A *Stewards of Children* training will be from 1-4 p.m. The morning training cost is \$30, optional lunch \$10 and the *Stewards of Children* \$15. Social Worker CEU's are pending for the first training. The *Stewards of Children* offers 3 CEU's by the National Association of Social Workers (Provider ID#886458319) and the National

Board for Certified Counselors (Approval#SP-1139.)

### CPCAN's Annual Meeting

This year's annual will be held on Thursday April 25, 2013 at the CPCAN at 8 a.m. Hope to see you there!

**Suspect Abuse or Neglect?  
Call (855) 444-3911**

or email: [DHS-CPS-CIGroup@michigan.gov](mailto:DHS-CPS-CIGroup@michigan.gov)

**If you suspect a child is in  
immediate danger call 911**



## Bringing Awareness to CAP Month

Every year in April, Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) Councils across the state and nation recognize Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month by planting pinwheel gardens. The pinwheel has come to symbolize the happy, care-free existence that every child deserves, but tragically many children never enjoy. The CAP Kick-Off will take place on April 1 at noon in Austin Blair Park and refreshments will be served afterwards across the street at the Child & Parent Center.

Although the CPCAN advocates and offers programs throughout the year to protect children, CAP Month has become an important time to emphasize the power of prevention. Prevention strives to stop abuse before it happens, and although difficult to measure - is our ultimate goal. It is estimated for every \$1 spent on prevention, \$43 dollars are spent on later treatment related to child maltreatment. The economic costs savings are a practical investment, but the human cost of saving even one child is beyond measure. The CPCAN is devoted to protecting our most vulnerable and important resource, our children, and offers a variety of resources that target recognizing, preventing, and reporting child abuse. One such program offered in partnership with the Department of Human Services, are Mandated Reporter Trainings. Mandated

Reporter Trainings equip professionals mandated by law to report suspected abuse with the tools they need to recognize and report it. CPCAN volunteer educators have trained hundreds of faith-based childcare providers, childcare workers, early childhood development students, nursing students from Jackson Community College and others.

Another important program the CPCAN offers is the *Stewards of Children* training. *Stewards of Children* educates adults how to protect children from sexual predators, how to identify signs of sexual abuse, and how to compassionately assist a child who may disclose sexual abuse.

The overall goal of CPCAN is to strengthen families and reduce child abuse and neglect and all of our programming is specifically devoted to that purpose: free parent education classes, the coordination of the Jackson Family Expo and participation in community events to educate and advocate in behalf of our children. For more information on any of these services please contact CPCAN.

*Join CPCAN staff, volunteers, and supporters in kicking off (CAP) Child Abuse Prevention month by planting a pinwheel garden and help bring awareness of (CAN) Child Abuse and Neglect issues to our community.*

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## Identifying Possible Human Trafficking

**H**uman trafficking is a growing problem. We hear about it in the news and on the internet, but do we really know what human trafficking is? Human trafficking is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, and sale of persons within national or across international borders through force, fraud, or coercion. It includes prostitution, domestic servitude, debt bondage, pornography, and other slavery related practices. It is estimated that there are 27 million people currently enslaved worldwide through human trafficking.

There are signs one can be aware of with victims of human trafficking:

- ◆ Sudden change in appearance can be a sign. Victims may start to wear clothing and jewelry that are more expensive than they previously wore. They may start frequenting hair and nail salons and wear clothing inappropriate for the weather
- ◆ Physically they may show visible signs of abuse and exhaustion
- ◆ They may lose interest in age appropriate activities, and become secretive in their whereabouts or give contradicting personal information as a cover up
- ◆ Behaviorally speaking, they may become fearful, anxious, and exhibit submissive behavior
- ◆ Many victims are known for running away multiple times
- ◆ Young women may have a newfound interest in older men
- ◆ Evidence of a controlling relationship is another sign
- ◆ Service providers need to be on the look out for potential predators and encouraged to report people of interest

So how can we help eliminate human trafficking? The first step is to raise awareness and to be educated on this epidemic. When we know the signs we can help prevent more people from becoming victims and educate those vulnerable to the risk. By providing people with the necessary information, we are equipping them with the tools they need to avoid becoming a victim. **Report any suspicions of possible human trafficking to local law enforcement. Together we can make a difference.**



Helping Hands

## Volunteers – A Vital Component of the CPCAN

**I**n the past year CPCAN has more than tripled our volunteer base thanks to the Volunteer Coordinator position made possible by a grant received from the James A. & Faith Knight Foundation. Our volunteers range greatly in expertise and in the roles they fill for the CPCAN. Expanding our volunteer base to such a degree has allowed us to greatly increase the impact we have in Jackson County in several ways. Our volunteers have enabled us to:

- ◆ Educate and distribute parent education and child safety materials at more community events
- ◆ Provide quality child care in a nurturing environment during our parenting classes
- ◆ Broaden our outreach and increase our fundraising goals

It takes a community to stop child abuse and neglect and CPCAN volunteers are doing their part to help children grow up in loving and safe environments. In the coming months we look forward to highlighting our volunteers and their specific accomplishments. Thank you to all of you who are currently volunteering with CPCAN, we could not do this important work without you.

We are always looking for and accepting new volunteers - the more volunteers we have the more we can do to reduce child abuse and neglect in Jackson County. If you are interested in getting involved please contact us, we would happy to help you figure out how you can fit into the CPCAN family, and use your talents and skills to further CPCAN's mission. Our volunteer needs vary from office help and child care to marketing/fundraising, community outreach and building and grounds maintenance. If you have a heart for our mission and wish to volunteer we can put you to work helping the children of Jackson County.

**A**s Children's Program Manager at Community Action Agency Head Start, Kristin Klug has observed the cycle of child abuse first hand. She has seen the affects that abuse and neglect have on children and has worked with parents who were themselves victims of abuse. This is why she joined the CPCAN Board in July of 2010.

Kristin is a passionate advocate of parent education. Her philosophy is, "You can't do better until you know better." When parents learn parenting

## Meet the Board

skills and child development concepts they know how to positively interact with and compassionately discipline their children. She believes that providing support and education to parents is the key to breaking the cycle of abuse. Now, serving as Secretary on the Executive Committee of the CPCAN Board, Kristin is helping to do just that.

