

## Quick Peek

### Upcoming

- ◇ Child Abuse Prevention Month Rally— April 26th from 12:00—12:30 at Van Gogh's Gallery Gardens. *Light lunch available after the program!*

Thank you to our Funders! We were recently awarded grants from the Community Foundation of Marshall County in the amount of \$3,000 for Crisis Intervention and \$3,500 from S.T.E.P. students for Crisis Child Care



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## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

CREATE #GREATCHILDHOODS  
MENTOR. ADVOCATE. SUPPORT.

April is a big month at the CAPS office. We take special care this time of year to focus on spreading the word about steps everyone can take to prevent child abuse in our community. We also try to recognize those who are on the front lines every day working to make kids' lives better.

This year, the theme for April is "Do more of what you love to create Great Childhoods." And we are focusing on three particular ways that anyone can do that: Mentor, Advocate, and Support. Mentors come in many forms, and can be for both parents and kids. If you are a Sunday School teacher or coach a little league team that has a big impact. Advocating, in this instance, means being educated on and pushing for child-friendly policies in your community and state. Support, much like mentors, can look very different for each individual. For some, it is offering their financial support to agencies, like Child Abuse Prevention Services, who work with families to help ensure kids have the best start to life possible. Support can also be donating your time or items instead of money. All these things are so important to creating Great Childhoods.



Thank you to all who came out to support CAPS at our first annual Garden Party fundraiser. The day was a big success, and we are very grateful for how supportive our community is! CAPS staff and board loved the turnout for the brunch and hearing attendees' responses to the wide range of services we provide to families.

We are especially thankful for our Garden Party sponsors: Marshalltown Company, SagePoint Financial, Independent Insurance Services, Dr. Mike McCune, Glenwood Place, Emerson, and Racom. And the Garden Party wouldn't have been the success it was without our wonderful vendors! With your help we raised over \$5,500 to support the programs at CAPS!



## Annual Fund Drive

We are in the midst of our Annual Fund Drive! If you've already made a contribution to CAPS through the annual drive, THANK YOU!

If making a monetary donation is something that you are considering, here are some of the good things your donation can do:

1. \$25 provides a full day of emergency child care to one child in need
2. \$50 can buy a car seat for the Nest to help ensure kids are safe while traveling
3. \$100 pays for staff to respond to a call from the police or sheriff on our 24 hour Crisis Line asking us to help kids in an unsafe environment

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As we look forward to the spring and all the things that entails for us at Child Abuse Prevention Services, we wanted to take a moment and reflect a little on our agency and ourselves, which gives this edition of CAPS News a unique spin. Our staff has come up with a few things we feel are important and wanted to share in the hopes that you'd get to know us and our programs a little better. Though this information

comes from our staff, and might seem a little biased, we think it is important to share.

### **We have a great staff and board.**

CAPS has an incredible group of very committed, caring, and capable people at our office and providing our leadership. We feel like we are part of "one big family." Staff also appreciates that supervisors are always available and ready to lend a listening ear, and our board does such an outstanding job of supporting the agency.

### **CAPS is committed to quality and helping the community.**

We are proud of our programs and the services we provide, and we know we must be doing something right after receiving local and national recognition for various programs. We strive to meet the ever-changing needs of our diverse community, and that is reflected by our many types of programs, services, and staff demographics. We do what we can do help anyone who comes into our offices, whether or not they qualify for one of our programs. We will try to help them to the best of our ability or direct them to the places that can help in ways we aren't able to.

### **Our community is incredibly supportive.**

We notice when the community supports our clients or the agency in various ways, and so do our clients! One staff said they were working with a family that was new to the country and this family raved about how welcomed they felt. Other staff remarked that after the July 19 tornado, we had just as many community members coming in and offering help as we had people coming in needing help.



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