

# The Advocacy News

## Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County

The mission of the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County is to reduce secondary trauma to child victims through coordinating a timely, comprehensive, and multidisciplinary response in reported cases of child sexual abuse and severe physical abuse.

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## Champions for Children Walk: 2010



Success! The first ever C4C walk to be hosted in McHenry County has come to an end. Thank you to all who came out and supported the CAC. With the help of some very special volunteers and active fund-

raisers we were able to gather and coordinate 75 walkers and \$4,544 in donations.

The mud puddles were no match for the C4C walkers as they marched through the streets of downtown Woodstock, the Historic Square and beautiful Emricson Park. Senator Pamela Althoff, Board President Terry Dufur and Director Jim Wiegand saw the walkers off with words of encouragement and praise for our MDT. Participants walked 10 km to raise awareness and funds for victims of childhood abuse. Walkers were treated to music and ice cream for their hardwork and dedication.

We are excited and look forward to future C4C walks to be held in McHenry County.



Thank you

*A very special thank you to...*

The Champions 4 Children volunteers and donators:

- Donations were made by Target of Algonquin and Culvers of McHenry.
- Girl Scouts Troops 280 and 752
- Boy Scouts Troop 329 and Boy Scouts Pack 350
- MDT member volunteers: Sgt. Linda Hooten (Huntley PD), Ofc. Amy Bucci (Algonquin PD), Ann Henslee (Board Member), and Carol Fetzner (NWT A Therapist)

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## Mark your calendars

### Case Reviews

Monthly Case Reviews are scheduled for the last Friday of the month and are held at the DCFS Field Offices in Woodstock. Lunch is provided for all those who attend. Please inform the CAC if you would like a specific case staffing scheduled.

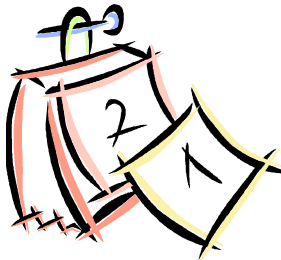
Tentative future dates are set for:

**July 30**

**August 27**

**September 24**

\* Please note that the May Case Review was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts, normal monthly schedule will resume in June.



### **FVCC Symposium 2010**

Every fall the Family Violence Coordinating Council puts on a day long symposium. This year's topic will focus on child abuse. The CAC is working with the FVCC to bring Victor Vieth and the National Child Protection Center out as the day's presenters. This year the symposium will be October 28th. Further information regarding registration will be sent to you at a later date.

### **Finding Words 2010**

Although we just started summer and a rainy one at that, we are already looking forward to fall trainings. May's Finding Words was cancelled so we would like to give you ample notice of the October training. The CAC will again be looking to send a full team and there will be scholarships available. If you are interested in receiving this very vital training for Forensic Interviewers please contact the Jim Wiegand.

## From the Advocate's Desk:

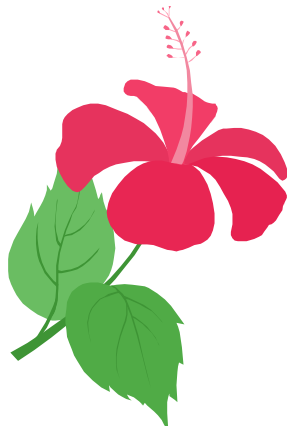
Julie Barth, Child/Family Advocate

Greetings fellow MDT members!

As most of you may have heard, Jim has had quite the 'adventurous' few weeks. During the nasty storms we had, his ceiling fell in and caused a little havoc in his life - everything has been fixed and the house is as clean as new.

Shortly after, Jim was burning some downed tree limbs and ended up with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns on his lower legs - Thankfully, he is recovering well and is looking forward to getting back into the grind of things here at the CAC.

I'm sure you have heard the saying TEAM-Together Everyone Achieves More - well, in the last few weeks I have seen that happen with many of our cases. With these cases, we have created solidarity within the team and therefore, we have had solid investigating which has resulted in arrests and solid cases for the ASA's to prosecute.



So, I just wanted to give a GIANT shout out to all of us for working together - from the moment DCFS gets the hotline call to the Forensic Interview to the Law Enforcement investigation to the Assistant State's Attorney's decision to prosecute.....all of us are needed to protect the children we work with. We are a team, and our cases are only as strong as we are. Give yourself a pat on the back - you deserve it!!!

**"Individually we are one drop, together we are an ocean." - unknown**

**"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success" -Henry Ford**