



## Big Hearts

## Helping

## Little Hands

The Official Newsletter of the Big Sandy Area Child Advocacy Center, Inc.  
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"The movie 'The 300' retells the epic story of the battle of Thermopylae in which King Leonidas and 300 Spartans fought to the death against Xerxes and his massive Persian army. Facing insurmountable odds, their valor and sacrifice inspired all of Greece to unite against their Persian enemy, drawing a line in the sand for democracy."

[www.300themovie.warnerbros.com](http://www.300themovie.warnerbros.com)

*What does this story have to do with children?*

The Big Sandy Area Child Advocacy Center seeks **300** who are willing to step forward and draw a line in the sand with us to prevent and stop child abuse in a unique way. By making this stand, the **300** will inspire many more to face the reality of child abuse and take steps everyday to make sure that children have childhoods that are free of abuse and violence.

When the founding board of the Big Sandy Area Child Advocacy

Center approved the current location for Judi's Place for Kids and opened the building in July 2001, they knew that there was a need for services to child victims of sexual and physical abuse. Little did they know that the services would demand a larger location in five years' time.

The Center has less than 1400 square feet to provide many services and space for the staff necessary to provide these services:

- Forensic Interviews
- Medical examinations
- Mental Health Screenings
- Individual/ Family Therapy
- Support groups
- Small group training.

A larger facility will allow for more than one service type to be provided at a time.

**So why 300?** The Center has a beautiful tree of life on display with **300** leaves, each to recognize a donation of \$300 toward building fund. The commitment of many more than **300** is needed to begin to eradicate child abuse. But **300** is a definite starting point.

In the rest of this issue, read about those who have already joined the **300** and about many more ways to get involved in our community to improve the lives of our children.



*The brass tree of life is displayed at Judi's Place for Kids and each leaf recognizes donations of at least \$300 toward the building campaign.*



# Thank you to our supporters!

## Donors to the Building Fund/ Tree of Life

**It is the mission of the Big Sandy Area Child Advocacy Center to lessen the trauma experienced by the child victim of abuse by providing a child-friendly center with a warm, home like, supportive environment where intervention efforts can be offered to reduce the stress to the abused child and parent or adult caregiver. The Center further commits to raise public awareness for the need to stop and prevent physical and sexual abuse against innocent children.**

Thank you to the individuals, businesses, churches, and even a neighborhood who have supported our building fund!

- AAA Real Estate Services
- East Kentucky Medical Billing Group
- First United Methodist Church, Wesleyan Service Guild, Paintsville
- Mr. And Mrs. Glenn Hammond
- Interstate Natural Gas Corporation
- Joel and Sandra Thornbury  
*(2 leaves)*
- Jason and Laura Kretzer
- Judi Patton *(room naming)*
- Residents of Lake Joann

Subdivision

- Teco Coal Corp.
- *YOUR NAME GOES HERE*

CALL US AT 437-7447 TO SECURE YOUR PLACE AMONG THE 300 AND HELP US ACHIEVE OUR GOAL OF A LARGER CENTER BY JUNE!

## Annual Campaign Donors

**Thank you to the following donors who support the day to day work of the Center!**

- Charles Baird
- Bank of Hindman
- Charles Bearse
- John and Liz Bentley
- Betsy Layne Methodist Church
- Collins & Love, CPAs
- First Baptist Church, Pikeville
- First Christian Church, Pikeville
- Bonnie Hale
- Jeff Hatfield
- Interstate Natural Gas
- Jason and Laura Kretzer
- Hiram Pauley
- A Perfect Setting Café and Gifts
- Ira B. Potter, M.D. and Trish
- D.L. Maynard Construction
- Jerry and Nancy McCoy
- Martha Ridenour
- John and Jean Rosenberg
- Shelby United Methodist Women (snack fund)
- Stifel Nicolaus
- Teco Coal Corp.
- Oscar W. Thompson, Jr.
- L.G. and Jenny Ward
- Betty Weddle
- Diane and Larry West
- Women's Association, First Presbyterian Church

### Memorials and Honorariums

In honor of Sister Grace

Pasquarello:

Bernard and Shirley Merlo

Anonymous

In honor of Mark Jr., Katie, Michael, Christine, and Matthew Walz:

Rev. Mark D. Walz

In memory of William N. Ramsey, Sr.

Ramsey Pike LLC

In memory of Jean Marie Vicario:

Mary Vicario



# April 2007

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

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1 Visit our website: [www.judisplace.org](http://www.judisplace.org)  
 2 Control the amount of violence and sexual content your children watch on TV.  
 3 Headlights on for Child Abuse Prevention Month (all month)  
 4 Attend Judi's Place Fashion Show on April 14th Call 437-7447 to order tickets!  
 5 Wear a blue ribbon (the symbol of child abuse prevention)  
 6 Ask a frazzled parent if they are OK and if they need a break.  
 7 Learn the facts. Over 90% of child molesters are people the victim knows.

8 Ask your child: "What was the best/worst part of your day?"  
 9 Tell your children that you love them everyday!  
 10 Give everyone in your family a BIG hug today.  
 11 Drop in at your child's daycare or sports practice unannounced.  
 12 Monitor your child's internet use. Talk to them about Internet dangers.  
 13 Compliment and encourage a child today.  
 14 Have fun at the Fashion Show!

15 Take a break. A healthy you = a healthy parent.  
 16 Talk to parents about the dangers and lasting effects of child abuse.  
 17 Learn non-violent ways to discipline.  
 18 STOP YELLING.  
 19 Learn more about child sexual abuse. What you don't know can hurt you.  
 20 Take time out and do an activity that you enjoy.  
 21 Cartoons made for children can be very violent. Monitor what they watch.

22 Baby-sit free for a parent who needs a break.  
 23 Teach your children good boundaries especially when it comes to their bodies.  
 24 Eat at Applebee's tonight to support Judi's Place for Kids 5:30-9:30  
 25 Teach your children to say "no" to an adult who makes them feel uncomfortable.  
 26 Are you a parent who needs a break? Ask for help!  
 27 Set aside what you're doing and really listen to your child when they talk to you.  
 28 Visit these websites: [www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org), [www.darkness2light.org](http://www.darkness2light.org), <http://ag.ky.gov/victims/plate.htm>

29 Visit the website: [www.nca-online.org](http://www.nca-online.org)

30 Child Abuse Awareness does not end today. Continue your work all year long!

Child Sexual Abuse Medical Examinations are made available in part by a grant from the Child Victims' Trust Fund.





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## April Dates to Remember

### April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

All month: Wear a blue ribbon! Drive with your headlights on!

**April 2 at noon:** Join us at the Pike County Courthouse Square to kick-off Child Abuse Prevention Month.

**April 14: Fashion for Change!** Get your tickets now and join us for a day at Green Meadows Country Club with Mickey's Classic Clothing. We will have lunch, a mix and mingle fashion show, a silent auction, and a bridge tournament. Tickets are \$25 for lunch, fashion show, and silent auction. The bridge tournament has an additional \$10 entry fee. Stop by Mickey's on Second Street in Pikeville or call 437-7447. **All tickets will be pre-sold. Deadline to order tickets is April 11.**

**April 24: Third Annual Celebrity Server Dinner Party** Pikeville Applebee's, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Everyone welcome! Come be entertained and served by local, regional, and state celebrities! All tips benefit the Center!