



Winter 2011 Newsletter

5 Years ~ More Than 5000 Children

The release of this Winter Newsletter coincides with the [Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County's](#) "5th birthday" in its new home at the Family Justice Center (FJC). A significant milestone of this kind naturally causes us to look back at the last five years and to reflect on our work on behalf of children and families in Suffolk County.

In the last 5 years, more than 5000 child victims of sexual and physical abuse were referred to the CAC. Each day that a child visits the CAC, we appreciate our expanded space and programming and that we are able to provide a coordinated array of investigative and supportive services. We've clearly seen the benefit of -- and need for -- our increased interview room and forensic interview capacity. Since 2006 (the year that we moved into the FJC) the number of children interviewed by the CAC has *increased by 47%*.

We are also **greatly** appreciative of the CAC's many partners within the FJC and throughout the community. While an [annual report](#) recently released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services showed that the rates of child abuse and child neglect have declined for the third year in a row, CAC referrals in Suffolk County have not declined. Children and families continue to need our collective support and assistance. Five years in our new home, we are committed to providing this assistance and we're so grateful to have you on our team.

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\$10,000 Gift from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Kickstarts "10 for 10 Campaign"



We have great news to share:
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt has donated \$10,000
to the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County!

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt is a leading global education company headquartered in Boston's own Back Bay. In addition to news of this exciting donation, we are pleased to announce that Josef Blumenfeld, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs at Houghton Mifflin Harcourt has joined the Board of Trustees. The CAC is thrilled to welcome Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Josef Blumenfeld to our community of leaders.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's generous gift marks their lead role in the CAC's "10 for 10" Corporate Campaign. The recently launched "10 for 10" campaign represents an effort by the CAC to cultivate significant relationships with corporations and businesses in order to raise awareness about the Center's efforts. Through the launch of the "10 for 10" campaign, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's example, the CAC will cultivate ten corporate sponsorships of \$10,000 over the course of the year. Blumenfeld says, "We are thrilled to start the '10 for 10 Campaign' and we look forward to other Boston businesses joining us at the top."
Many thanks to Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

First Annual CAC Golf Tournament Success!

On October 4th, the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County hosted its First Annual Golf Tournament at the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park. The sold-out event, hosted by Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley, was a great success! Undeterred by some early morning rain, golfers enjoyed a beautiful course, a terrific luncheon, and an afternoon of auction and raffle fun. It was a fantastic day, and over \$40,000 was raised to support the work of the CAC on behalf of child abuse victims and their families.

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of this event.

We are looking forward to this year's tournament already!

SAVE THE DATE



Second Annual
Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County

Golf Tournament

Monday October 3, 2011

For more information:
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CAC Welcomes New Staff Members

Susan Altman brings extensive experience to her role as Development Director, including over twenty years of development work in the nonprofit sector. She has previously worked as the Major Gift Director at WGBH, as well as the Director of the Women's Division of Combined Jewish Philanthropies (CJP). Susan is excited to apply her expertise in fundraising to support the CAC's initiatives.

Rebecca Dufur is the SEEN Case Coordinator. Becky is a recent graduate of Suffolk University Law School and has a masters degree in psychology. Since 1997, she has been working in mental health and medical research. She looks forward to using her skills to facilitate team collaboration on behalf of exploited youth and to aid in our data collection efforts.

Maura Donahue is thrilled to be joining the CAC staff as the Program Coordinator. She studied Art History and Peace and Justice Studies at Tufts University, with a research focus on public art and social movements. Maura brings both energy and enthusiasm to the position, and is eager to contribute to the CAC's mission.

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Holiday Toy Drive Update

What do you get when you combine fifteen active community organizations, over 1,000 toys, books, games and DVD's....and Santa Claus? The CAC's second annual Holiday Toy Drive, sponsored by Equity Office Properties and the Retailers at South Station!



Michael Kozu of Project RIGHT shakes hand with Kim Carrigan, FOX 25 and Lori Grande, Country 102.5 WKLB. [Photo Credit: Ed Chandler]

On December 17th, fifteen community agencies gathered together at the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County to pick-up donations received from the Holiday Toy Drive. Gift bags and boxes populated the room, all filled to the brim with toys, books, games and DVD's. The scene was a tangible representation of the generosity and kindness that had shaped the drive's success. Partner organizations who received the toys distributed the gifts to clients and community members throughout the Boston area.



[Photo Credit: Ed Chandler]

Thank you to the Retailers at South Station, Equity Office Properties, Celebrities for Charity, and media partners Fox 25 and Country 102.5 WKLB for making the drive a success! Special thanks to the Boston Police Department and Thomson Communications.

Biking for the CAC

CAC Programs & Services

Multidisciplinary Team Investigations

Forensic Interviews

Advocacy

Medical Services

Mental Health

Support to End Exploitation Now

(SEEN)

Child Fatality Review

CAC Display at South Station

Late last fall, visitors to South Station had the opportunity to view a display about child abuse and the multidisciplinary services provided by the CAC team.

Positioned in the bustling terminal, the exhibit helped to raise awareness about the CAC's unique collaboration and powerful mission.



Support from Sovereign

The CAC's first-ever Rodman Ride Team raised over \$8000!

Thank you to our riders: Sharman Nathanson, Nelson Arnous, Kelly O'Connell, John and Maureen Towle, and Jack Zanini. A very special thanks to the Rodman Ride for Kids, our donors and volunteers.



Join our Team!

We're already gearing up for this year's Ride on Saturday September 24, 2011.

For more information about riding with the CAC, contact Maura Donahue at maura.donahue@state.ma.us

On September 16th, Sovereign Bank celebrated the opening of its new branch in the financial district and recognized the Children's Advocacy Center with a \$500 gift.

Thank you Sovereign Bank for supporting kids and families in Suffolk County!

Healing Starts Here.

The Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County Inc., is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, in partnership with the Office of Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley.

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