

# Prevention Partners

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION FOUNDATION



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25th Silver Anniversary - Special Edition



## 25 Years of Providing Help & Hope to San Diego's Children In Crisis

*It started with a vision – to give EVERY child in our community a safe, secure future. A group of San Diegans, alarmed by the growing number of child abuse victims, founded the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation (CAPF) in 1981.*

For twenty-five years, CAPF has been working to bring the efforts of the entire San Diego community together to turn ideas into action and create public awareness of the many issues that surround child abuse. Although still considered a grass-roots organization, CAPF is proud to share with you just a few milestones of the past quarter of a century:

Sadly, there is much more work to be done to truly break the cycle of abuse. Last year, the child abuse hotline received over 75,000 calls reporting suspected abuse, and over 6,000 children lived in foster care due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. Find out how you can make an impact by getting involved today.

Visit [www.capfsd.org](http://www.capfsd.org)

- CAPF has raised over \$30 million for child abuse prevention and treatment programs in San Diego County.

- Through a public-private partnership with the County of San Diego, CAPF raised \$12 million to build the nationally recognized **Polinsky Children's Center**. The Center has served as San Diego's safe haven for over 40 thousand abused, abandoned and neglected children since 1994.

- In 2001, CAPF once again joined forces with the County of San Diego to raise **\$6 million** for **San Pasqual Academy**. The first residential high school for foster youth, which opened in 2001, provides a stable learning environment and home for **124** students and serves as a nation-wide model.

- The Foundation has brightened the holidays for over **200,000** children thanks to the many CAPF partners who have given hundreds of thousands of toys and gifts to San Diego's most deserving children.

- Since partnering with the world's largest costume company, Disguise Inc., CAPF has given **15,000** costumes to children just in time for Halloween.

- Since 2001, the **CAPF Foster Fund** has given over \$500,000 in scholarships and grown to helping over 50 former Foster Youth reach their educational goals each year.





# President's Message

*"It is better to believe than to disbelieve, in so doing you bring everything into the realm of possibility."*  
-Albert Einstein

In 1981 a group of caring San Diegans truly believed they could create a brighter future for the thousands of abused, neglected and abandoned children living in our community by creating an organization that could turn ideas into service and increase public awareness about the epidemic of child abuse. Twenty-five years later and with many milestones reached along the way, the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation still believes in the original dream and to ultimately break the cycle of abuse.

An anniversary is not just a time to celebrate, it is also a time to look ahead and create more ways to reach out to the thousands of children in need.

The following are just a couple of CAPF projects on the horizon in 2006:

- ▶ Breaking ground on two additional transitional living homes for former foster youth
  - Jack's Place
  - Jeannie's House
- ▶ Introducing the CAPF Guardian Scholars Program
  - Merit scholar program for former foster youth which compliments our current CAPF Foster Fund program

We are so proud of our history in San Diego County and for the accomplishments we share hand-in-hand with our partners, but there is still so much work to be done in building a brighter future for all of our children. Please join CAPF in our quest to break the cycle of child abuse for generations to come.

- Lois Fong-Sakai

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Beth Lennon not only demonstrated tremendous courage and leadership during her many years working on creative solutions surrounding the child abuse issues faced by our community, but she also showed her genuine caring and concern for every child whose life she impacted in a positive way.

Beth truly believed that it was our responsibility as a community to create better outcomes for our most vulnerable residents and her spirit lives on in all that we do to build a better tomorrow for the thousands of children we serve.

**Beth Lennon 1924 - 2003**

## - CAPF - Salutes Leaders

Every great organization starts with great leadership. The Child Abuse Prevention Foundation would like to thank each of our past presidents for their leadership and determination for creating a brighter future for San Diego's most vulnerable residents. Thank you!

- Norma Hirsh**
- Jack Goodall**
- Matt Shevlin**
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- Beth Lennon**
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And to our Founders, Norma Hirsh, Rob Butterfield, Carla Snyder and Mary Avery-Gessner, who helped to make the dream a reality.

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## Toys, Toys and More Toys!

**Thank you San Diego and KFMB News 8 for giving your hearts to kids this holiday season!**

Once again, San Diegans came out to CAPF's LIVE Holiday Gift and Toy drive to give over 12,000 gifts to the thousands of children living in crisis throughout San Diego. The entire News 8 crew encouraged viewers to drop off toys for children of all ages, and their viewers delivered! Local companies, volunteer organizations and many individuals brought cheer and smiles to thousands of children living in foster care. Twenty five local agencies requested toys and our partners helped CAPF fill each of these requests.

One highlight was the appearance of San Diego Charger Donnie Edwards at the drive to deliver 50 bikes to deserving foster children who wrote personal essays on the importance of exercise. The Charger Girls and local band REAGONOMICS topped off the day-long celebration in front of the Wal-Mart in Kearny Mesa.



A special thank you to BOMA of San Diego and their many dedicated volunteers and members who distributed bins to over 150 local office buildings and coordinated the 2005 toy drive logistics.

### **2005 Give Your Heart to Kids Holiday Drive Partners:**

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## **St. Germaine Auxiliary Celebrates Holiday Season with 21st Annual Silver Tea**

On December 13th, over 250 St. Germaine members and special guests gathered at the spectacular home of Donald and Taunya Daley in Rancho Pacifica for the Twenty-first Annual Silver Tea.

Co-Chairs Cynthia Kronemeyer and Shabnam Miglani kept with St. Germaine tradition by treating guests to a beautiful afternoon of tea and nibble sandwiches, entertainment and shopping at the holiday boutiques located throughout the home.

The event raised \$44,000 to provide local agencies with grants for child abuse prevention and treatment programs that benefit thousands of abused and at-risk children and their families.

Thank you to all of the hardworking volunteer committee members for helping make dreams come true for San Diego's most vulnerable residents.



*(Pictured from L-R): Cynthia Kronemeyer (Silver Tea Chair), Mary Johnson (St. Germaine President), Taunya and Don Daley (Hosts) and Shabnam Miglani (Silver Tea Co-Chair)*



## **"My Hometown Edition" of Popular Extreme Home Makeover Visits San Diego for the Second Year**

For the second year, CAPF has partnered with San Diego's News 10 to help improve the lives of San Diego's foster youth in the form of a local "Extreme Home Makeover". This time foster family agency Walden Family Services had the perfect candidate for the makeover project in longtime foster parent, Malou Gibson.

Malou is a foster parent for Ian, Josh and Raymond - three boys who, without Malou's support and love, would be institutionalized due to severe abuse. Malou recently purchased a "Fixer" in Oceanside, which had become an overwhelming project in addition to raising three adolescent boys. So, thanks to the community effort of San Diego's 10, local corporations, CAPF, Walden and volunteers, who, in a matter of days, transformed the house into a true home.

### **Thank you to all of our 2005 project partners and donors:**

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## Former Foster Youth Embarks on a New Journey with the help of Just In Time

Dairrick Hodges is finally on his own after nearly a decade in foster care. Dairrick's story is one of success; he has overcome a serious medical condition with two corrective surgeries and months of painful rehabilitation. He is a talented singer who was recognized by his choir when he won the "best male vocalist" honor at his high school. He is a smart, interesting and dynamic young man, who has already beaten the odds, graduating from high school with plans of attending a four-year college in the fall.



Thanks to the wonderful volunteers of **Just In Time**, Dairrick received a computer which was refurbished and assembled by Rex Penniman as a part of his Eagle Scout project. Just in Time is especially appreciative that Rex has focused his volunteer efforts to help foster youth have their own computers.

Of course the Just In Time support didn't stop with the computer...As Dairrick left the Juvenile Court house for his last time as a young adult, he was surprised with a basket full of the items he will need for his first home as an adult.

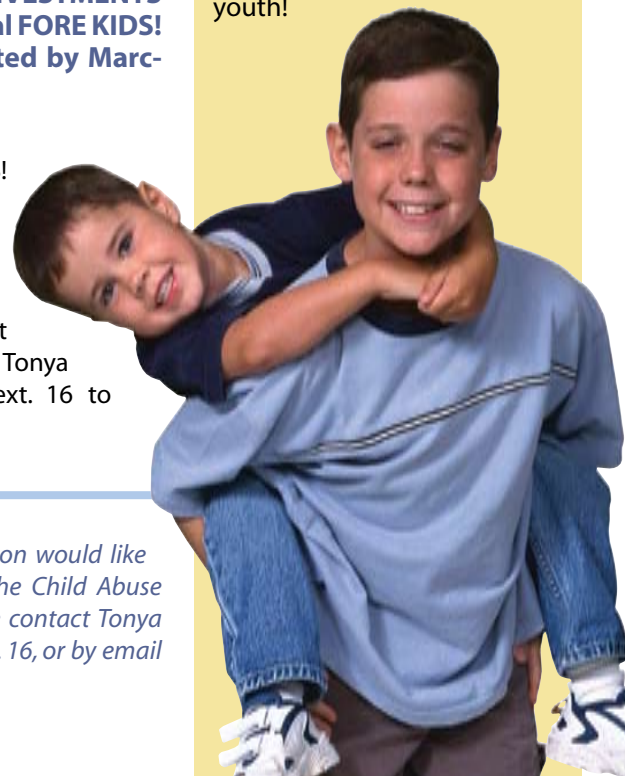
Just in Time is in need of gently used apartment sized furniture and household items. If you would like to make a cash or in-kind donation to the Just In Time auxiliary of CAPF to help other foster youth like Dairrick, please call 760-505-6647.



## Volvo Cars of North America Supports "Keys to Success" Driving Program

Volvo Cars of North America, LLC, joined forces with the County of San Diego and the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation to offer foster teens driving lessons for the first time in San Diego. Thanks to a \$30,000 grant from Volvo, foster teens now have the ability to take the driving lessons needed to receive learners permits and ultimately driver's licenses before leaving the foster care system.

Thank you to Volvo Cars of North America, along with our local Volvo dealers for supporting San Diego's foster youth!



## Upcoming Events

### April 1-April 30 - Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf® Children's Gift Drive

To help get the word out, in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation has teamed up with The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf® San Diego stores for an April Toy Drive. San Diegans are invited to bring in a new toy. For their generosity, donors will receive a complimentary tea or coffee beverage of their choice. Together, we can help! For more information, or for the wish list, call (858) 278-4400.

### May 13, 2006 - Fiesta del Coronado, Coronado Cays

Join CAPF in a celebration of our region and culture at the Fiesta del Coronado, Saturday, May 13th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Held at the breathtaking Coronado Cays waterfront home of Michael and Nancy Manning, tickets are \$100/person. For more information, contact Julie Rice at (858) 278-4400 ext. 17, or email Julie@capfsd.org.

### June 10, 2006 - 8's Give Your Heart to Kids Motorcycle Ride

Join News 8's Stan Miller and rev your engines for the Give Your Heart to Kids Motorcycle Ride to benefit CAPF and Camp

Hope. Enjoy touring San Diego's north county, Temecula and mountain regions. Cost is \$200/motorcycle. Visit the event page at [www.capfsd.org](http://www.capfsd.org), or call Julie Rice at (858) 278-4400 ext. 17 for ride details and early registration.

### June 13, 2006 - SCRIPPS INVESTMENTS & LOANS, INC. 12th Annual FORE KIDS! Golf Tournament presented by Marc-Aaron Realtors

It is time to tee it up for the 12th Annual FORE KIDS! Golf tournament at the exclusive Crosby Club at Rancho Santa Fe. This tournament will sell out, so please register online at [www.capfsd.org](http://www.capfsd.org), or contact Tonya Torosian at (858) 278-4400 ext. 16 to reserve your spot.

*If your company or organization would like to hold an event to benefit the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation, please contact Tonya Torosian at (858) 278-4400 ext. 16, or by email at [tonya@capfsd.org](mailto:tonya@capfsd.org)*

For 25 years, our partners **have...**



Made dreams into reality.



golfed, two-stepped, bowled



**CAPF**

and scooped ice-cream



have collected toys, costumes, backpacks and school supplies



held annual Silver Teas and many events to raise awareness



*We honor each of our partners for their continued commitment in helping CAPF in our mission to break the cycle of child abuse.*

# 2005:

## A year in review

Community support of the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation helps us continue our mission to break the cycle of child abuse in San Diego County.

- **396** foster children received gift certificates through the **Birthday Club** program.
- More than **2,000** abused and neglected children at **Polinsky Children's Center**, San Diego's emergency shelter, received educational program enhancements, recreational activities, chaplaincy services, developmental screenings and other essential services.
- **140** foster youth received support through the Foundation's **Special Needs Fund**, including funds for recreational activities, entertainment, school uniforms, computers, senior class photos and school supplies.
- **37** emancipated foster youth received educational scholarships through the **CAPF Foster Fund**, assisting them in fulfilling their educational dreams.
- **2,200** foster children celebrated Halloween in style with costumes from the **Costumes for Kids** Campaign, a partnership of CAPF and Disguise Inc.
- Approximately **3,500** children started the 2005 school year with backpacks and school supplies from the **Backpacks for Kids** campaign sponsored by News 8.
- **13** local agencies that provide direct support to abused and at-risk children and their families received **\$65,000** in grants provided by CAPF's **St. Germaine Auxiliary**.
- Over **300** foster teens received assistance and nearly **\$120,000** in support from **Just In Time**, CAPF's auxiliary that helps give foster teens a jump-start to beginning their adult years of independent living.
- Nearly **1,000** children received screenings or evaluations through the **Developmental Screening and Enhancement Program** (DSEP), a partnership of CAPF, Children's Hospital, and San Diego County Health & Human Services Agency.
- **124** foster teens will finish out their formative high school years at **San Pasqual Academy**, the nation's first residential high school for foster youth. The academy graduated **23** students in June, 2005.
- Thousands of children benefited from over **12,000** gifts and toys collected during the KFMB News 8 **Give your Heart to Kids** gift drive, and the BOMA Gift Drive in 2005.
- **6** young women have made "**Mary's House**" their home during 2005 in North County's first transitional living program for former foster youth.

