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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION FOUNDATION

Providing Help and Hope for San Diego's Abused Children



GRADUATION DAY

CAPF Guardian Scholars Program Helps Former Foster Youth Fulfill the Dream

In today's global economy a college degree is critical to success. This is the time of year we celebrate the achievements of our graduating high school seniors and their dreams of attending college this fall. But, fewer than 10% of our foster youth graduating from high school this June will be attending college verses 60% of the general population. It is not for a lack of dreaming – nearly 70% of foster youth want to continue their education, but for many, they simply lack the on-going support during their college years that is critical to making their educational dreams come true. Only 2% of former foster youth who go to college beat the odds and graduate.

For the past 5 years, CAPF has provided financial scholarships to former foster youth and what we learned from them is that the key to success goes well beyond financial assistance. The goal of the **CAPF Guardian Scholars Program** (formally the CAPF Foster Fund) is to provide more than just financial assistance. Providing the on-going, comprehensive support on campus will increase the number of overall foster youth college graduates.

Not only did we want to expand the services to current recipients, but we also wanted to reach out to even more youth, so we turned to the community to help us

out. **QUALCOMM Incorporated** stepped up to help launch the Guardian Scholars Program by expanding the CAPF Foster Fund to also provide access to resources like housing, mentoring, on-campus support, scholarship application assistance and peer support – the support that helps the former foster youth make it past the pitfalls they face during college. All of these services supplement the financial scholarships CAPF will continue to provide the students.

The expanded program also connects CAPF Guardian Scholars with services at their academic institution participating in the Guardian Scholars program. This relationship with both entities gives the students a true feeling of overall support and encouragement. CAPF has teamed up with nearly all San Diego community colleges and Cal State San Marcos to help the participants gain access to on-campus services and support unique to foster youth.

The program helps over 50 former foster youth annually at the cost of approximately \$250,000, so CAPF is actively looking for corporate and individual partners that will support the students in their quest to reach their college educational dream – to graduate.

Thank you to the 2006/2007 major sponsors – QUALCOMM Inc., The Cuatrecasas Family Foundation, KSWB Cares for Kids Fund, Arthur & Jeanette Pratt Memorial Fund & the Junior League of San Diego.



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Candace Hoffman,
2006 Guardian Scholar &
CSU San Marcos
Graduate

President's Message



A few years ago at a local restaurant, I found the saying “**Make your dreams devour**

your life, before your life devours your dream.” Shortly thereafter, I left the engineering world and became president of the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our foster children, our devoted supporters, our Board of Directors, and San Diego.

Our 25th anniversary is time to reflect on our accomplishments in the community. In recent years, we broadened our assistance to foster and former foster youth, helped to open San Pasqual Academy, created the CAPF Guardian Scholars Program (formally CAPF Foster Fund), opened Mary's

House and assisted with the new Serenity Cottage at Polinsky Children's Center.

We have added two auxiliaries; the Polinsky Children's Center Auxiliary (PCCA), and the Just in Time Auxiliary (JIT). PCCA works closely with the Polinsky Children's Center on projects and activities for the children. JIT provides support services to foster youth transitioning out of foster care as they begin their adult journeys. In addition, we hope to expand our Mary's House transitional living program to serve more deserving young adults.

Congratulations to **Candace Hoffman**, our most recent Guardian Scholar to graduate from CSU San Marcos on May 13th. She has beaten the odds and joined the 2% of former foster youth who has worked hard to make her graduation dream come true. On June 21st we will honor our 2006-

2007 Guardian Scholars – 54 new and returning young adults embarking on their college careers this fall.

Please welcome Terry Gulden as the new President of CAPF. Terry is a longtime child advocate and we look forward to, under his leadership, serving many more children in need. I will continue to volunteer and advocate for all of San Diego's children and I am happy to be living my dream – creating a better world for our most vulnerable residents.

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CAPF Welcomes New Board Members

Sheldon Greenberg



Sheldon Greenberg is no stranger to fundraising and philanthropy. Born in Chicago, Greenberg has helped City of Hope Medical

Center since 1960 raise millions of dollars for critical research and life-saving medical services. While he is still active with City of Hope, the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation is thrilled to gain his expertise and passion in the fight against child abuse in San Diego.

Sheldon lives in San Diego, is married to Lee and has three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jason Howerton

Jason Howerton knows how to take businesses and organizations to the next level and he is looking to bring that expertise to the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation. As president and CEO of ARS National Services, Inc., Howerton has grown the company from a small business of 50 employees to a national leader with 590 employees. He now serves as the Chair of the Resource Development Committee and as Vice President of Resource Development for the Foundation.

The 2004 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year finalist holds a Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree from Santa Clara University. Jason and his wife, Kristen, along with their two children live in Escondido.

April toy drive with the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf® - A huge success -



Over 75,000 calls of suspected child abuse were placed to the local child abuse hotline in San Diego last year. While nearly 7,000 children live in foster care each year due to abuse, neglect or abandonment; approximately 2,200 children stayed at Polinsky Children's Center, San Diego's emergency shelter for abused and

neglected kids. To bring comfort to these children, the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation partnered with *The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf*® for an April Toy Drive in association with Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. The month-long drive raised nearly 500 toys for local children and served as a great way to educate San Diegans about the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation and the issue of child abuse. Throughout the month of April, San Diegans generously donated **hundreds** of new toys at 11 of *The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf*® San Diego locations. The first-year community drive raised items for infants through teenagers. The drive well-exceeded expectations and *The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf*® and CAPF hope to work together in the near future.



Transitioning Foster Youth Receive "Move In" Baskets as Part of Project Independence

Eight CSU San Marcos students created **Project Independence** as their spring class project to benefit 30 local foster youth moving from the foster care system to independent living.

The team, led by CAPF Guardian Scholar (and recent graduate), Candace Hoffman, created and organized the gift drive to support the Just In Time Auxiliary to the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation. The students held a LIVE drive on March 24th at the Kearny Mesa Wal-Mart, collecting household items ranging from dish soap to pots and pans for transitioning foster youth for their first home as independent adults. All of these items were creatively organized and wrapped in colorful laundry baskets for the youth. The drive was successful due to many generous donors, CAPF board members, Wal-Mart, Red Bull, Mighty XX Sports Radio and the Charger Girls organization.

The **Just In Time Auxiliary** sincerely thanks the team for their hard work and dedication in helping their peers make an easier transition into independent living.



Children Receive New State-of-the-Art Playground at Polinsky Children's Center

On Wednesday, May 17th, 2006, the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation leaders and staff joined with the County of San Diego's Child Welfare Services division of HHSA to dedicate the newly renovated and state-of-the-art children's playground at the Polinsky Children's Center.

Jeannie & Arthur Polinsky-Rivkin and Las Patronas were honored at the ceremony. For their generous support, Jeannie & Arthur were the first to experience the wonderful new climbing structures, swing sets and the amazing rubberized safety footing that will bring joy to many of Polinsky's residents for years to come.

The Child Abuse Prevention Foundation would like to thank the **Rivkins and Las Patronas** for their gifts that made the project possible. This play area will bring many smiles to our youngest residents who deserve to smile, to laugh and play during their stay.



Fiesta del Coronado Event Raises Funds and Awareness

Michael and Nancy Manning hosted more than 100 Coronado and San Diego community leaders at their beautiful bayside Coronado Cays home to raise funds and awareness for the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation.

The couple was inspired by their son, six-year-old Myles, who is the cornerstone of their family. The idea of innocent children suffering from abuse didn't sit well with the Mannings so they decided to host the Fiesta del Coronado event to raise awareness, and inform their friends and colleagues about the problem of child abuse in San Diego County.

Michael, a principal of Hamilton, Manning & Associates, LLC has also involved his company with CAPF. Two years ago, the firm held a golf tournament that raised \$27,000 for programs and services. Since then, the financial planning company has been supporting CAPF by broadening its base of donors, while helping launch CAPF's planned giving program to sustain the foundation for years to come.

Guests dined on regional cuisine from Costa Azul Restaurant of Coronado and KFMB TV News 8's Kathleen Bade emceed the evening. Nearly \$9,000 was raised thanks to everyone who attended the function.

Thank you to event sponsors, Hamilton, Manning & Associates, LLC and Jan Clements Prudential CA Realty.

A very special thank you to the Manning Family who made this beautiful event possible.



Upcoming Events

June 21, 2006 – CAPF Guardian Scholars Dinner

Join us at the Manchester Grand Hyatt for an evening honoring the 2006/2007 CAPF scholarship recipients. For more information about attending the event, please contact Kathie Ross at (858) 278-4400 ext. 15 or email kathie@capfsd.org.

July/August – Give Your Heart to Kids Backpack Drive

CAPF and KFMB TV News 8 have partnered for the 5th Annual Give Your Heart to Kids Backpack Drive to benefit San Diego's foster youth for the 2006/2007 school year. Find out how your company or organization can help by hosting a drive during the summer months. Stay tuned for more information about the LIVE drive location on August 11th. Contact Caitlin at (858) 278-4400 ext. 21, or email caitlin@capfsd.org.

October 26, 2006 – Chefs & Champions for Kids

Save the date to celebrate our 25th anniversary and those who have championed the cause of child abuse prevention. Enjoy delicious offerings from San Diego's top chefs at the McMillian Companies Event Center at the NTC Promenade in Point Loma. Tickets are available by contacting Julie at (858) 278-4400 ext. 17, or emailing julie@capfsd.org. Visit the event page at www.capfsd.org.

December – Give Your Heart to Kids Holiday Gift Drive

It is never too early to start shopping for that special child this holiday season. Join CAPF and KFMB TV News 8 for the annual gift drive. Find out how you, your company or organization can help by calling (858) 278-4400.

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

St. Germaine Auxiliary Announces New Officers and Grant Recipients at Annual Luncheon

The St. Germaine Auxiliary to the Child Abuse Prevention Foundation held its annual Grant Awards Luncheon at the beautiful Marine Room in La Jolla on June 13th, 2006.

Nearly \$40,000 was awarded to seven San Diego agencies providing services to at-risk and abused children.

2006-2007 Grant Recipients

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