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Re: Child Advocacy Center Wants and Needs

Citizens of Morgan County,

The Morgan County Child Advocacy Center provides services to the victims of child sexual and physical abuse. Services include forensic interviews of child abuse victims in conjunction with law enforcement and the Department of Human Resources, family counseling and therapy sessions. For calendar year 2011, the Center conducted 112 forensic interviews, 5 extended forensic interviews (more in-depth and time consuming), and 213 therapy sessions. This was a significant increase in services provided over previous years and we anticipate that the service numbers for 2012 will be even greater.

The services provided by the CAC are crucial to the investigations of allegations of abuse and the recovery process of the victims. As your District Attorney and as President of the Board of Directors of the CAC, I directly see the contributions made by the CAC to the recovery and well-being of the most fragile of victims. It is without reservation that I encourage your financial support, charitable contributions, and individual gifts made to the CAC. Attached you will find a list of items needed to operate the CAC on a daily basis. I can assure you that any contribution to the CAC, regardless of how big or small, will be greatly appreciated and put to good use.

I consider it my honor and privilege to serve as your District Attorney. If you have any questions about the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center which is located at 425 East Moulton Street in downtown Decatur, Alabama.

Sincerely,

Scott Anderson
District Attorney and Board
President of the CAC

Want to Help the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center?

The following is a list of just some of the things that we need . . .

- ‡ Snacks for children - juice, water, individually packaged crackers, dried fruit, cookies, etc.
- ‡ Office supplies - printer and copier paper, file folders, staples, paper clips, envelopes, pocket folders, Kleenex, postage stamps, etc.
- ‡ Cleaning supplies - including Clorox or Lysol wipes, anti-bacterial hand gel, liquid soap, toilet paper, paper towels
- ‡ Toys for children, books for children, beanie babies
- ‡ Journals for Teens - tablet journals are often given to teens after a Forensic Interview or Therapy Session to assist them in overcoming their traumatic experience.
- ‡ Hot Wheel Car//Toys Trucks, New or Greatly Used - young and sometimes older boys enjoy playing with Hot Wheels and often take them home after receiving services at the CAC
- ‡ Gasoline Certificates/Gift Cards - more and more clients are finding transportation to the CAC for therapy difficult because of the cost of gasoline.
- ‡ We have a nice back yard - please help us make it nicer! We need a picnic table, mulch, planters, a hammock swing with a canopy, and a nice plastic jungle gym for little kids to play on.
- ‡ Know anyone that is skilled in refinishing old hardwood floors? Our floors are old and need to be refinished. Or, please feel free to donate money so that we can hire someone to do this.
- ‡ Your time . . . we always need people to volunteer to mow the lawn, clean the house, run errands, provide secretarial help, etc.
- ‡ And some more of your time . . . we need creative, energetic volunteers to help us with fundraising activities.

‡ **Your money . . . and your money will be spent for children in the following ways:**

- \$100 will buy one therapy session for one abused child. Many children attending therapy require at least 12-18 sessions.
- \$500.00 is the estimated cost of ONE child abuse investigation. This includes the forensic interview, victim advocate contact, and case review.
- Pay our utility bill or telephone bill for a month! Our average utility bill is \$200.00 and our average telephone bill is approximately \$290.00.
- Help the Morgan County Child Advocacy Center pay our highly trained staff. We are a small agency. The Executive Director works full-time and the remaining forensic interviewers, therapists, and victim advocates work part-time. Any amount is appreciated and every dollar helps us help children through the provision of services delivered by experienced professionals.
- Help us buy furniture. We need new desks for staff, new furniture for our teen interview room, and new furniture for our child interview room. We would like two oversized, comfortable chairs and a small occasional table for our teen interview room. We would like a new child sized table with four chairs for our child interview room. We would also like soft, comfortable chairs that both children and adults can sit in.
- Have a lot of money to spend and want to help the Morgan County CAC? Help us buy a new house! We've outgrown our current house and need a new one!

Contact us at 256-355-1908