

CHANGING LIVES

with CPC

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*It shouldn't hurt to
be a child...*

but sometimes it does.

Join us and start
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Dear Friends of CPC,

The subject of child abuse is still taboo in our society, and most people are uncomfortable talking about it. If you are reading this letter, you care about children, you believe each child deserves love and safety, and you have the desire to help build a world where kids can just be kids. The creation of this world must begin my shedding light on the darkness that surrounds child abuse. We must talk about it.

My sisters and I were victims of abuse by a close family member when we were growing up. What should have been simple, joyous childhood was littered with fear and darkness. After years of trauma and coping with the many difficulties and struggles in the aftermath of that abuse, I made a conscious decision to regain control of my life. I resolved to make a difference for children and to protect their right to a childhood of safety. The Child Protection Center has helped me to make that difference.

After touring the Center, we saw first-hand how passionate, determined and committed the entire organization is to making a difference. In the years since, we have grown into ardent supporters, providing financial support and then deepening our involvement through serving on event committees and eventually as Chair of the Board of Directors. It brings me unspeakable comfort and joy to know that our actions impact children in our very own community and protect them from traumas like my own.

I hope that you make the choice to stand with Mike and I as we strive to bring safety to each and every child. Please join us in support of the mission of the Child Protection Center: Prevention, Intervention and Treatment of Child Abuse.

Karen Valentino

Karen Valentino
Former CPC Board Member



Child Protection Center, Inc.

OUR MISSION IS THE PREVENTION,
INTERVENTION, & TREATMENT OF CHILD ABUSE

SERVING SARASOTA & DESOTO COUNTIES SINCE 1980

A Brief History of the Child Protection Center



1980

The Child Protection Center was established following a Community Needs Assessment by the Junior League of Sarasota. Initially provided only child abuse intervention services through the Child Protection Team (CPT).

The Kid Kindness Program (KKP) began psychotherapy for children who exhibited early indications of aggressive behavior & to children who have been abused by other children.



1993

1986

The Sexual Abuse Treatment Program (SATP) was developed to help children & families recover from the effects of child sexual abuse.



1995

Court ordered Children & Families Supervised Visitation Program (CFSVP) began to facilitate visits between non-custodial parents & their children.



1992

The Personal Safety & Community Awareness Program (PSCA) was planned & service provisions began.



1991

The services of CPT & SATP were extended to children abused by a non-caregiver, a population previously unserved.



PREVENTION

Personal Safety and Community Awareness Program (PSCA)

PSCA provides primary abuse prevention education to children from preschool through high school. The program also facilitates workshops for their caregivers, childcare professionals, teachers, school board staff and the greater community. PSCA has over 20 workshops, such as Internet Safety, Sexual Abuse Prevention, and Anti-Bullying. The focus is the creation of a future in which children are empowered and educated, adults are aware and equipped, and our community is a safer place for children and families. Contact MichelleB@CPCSarasota.org to book a workshop for your child or your peers!

IN FLORIDA, A CHILD IS
ABUSED EVERY **16 MINUTES**.
THAT'S **90 CHILDREN** EVERY DAY.

CPC IS WORKING TOWARDS A SOLUTION.

INTERVENTION

Child Protection Team (CPT)

CPT is a legislatively mandated program working in partnership with Child Protection Investigators of the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) and local law enforcement agencies in cases of children who are suspected victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse and neglect. This multidisciplinary program provides expertise in evaluating allegations of abuse and neglect, assessing risk factors, and providing recommendations for interventions to protect children. Services provided by CPT include forensic interviews, psychological and psychosocial assessments, forensic medical assessments and court testimony. CPT is the only provider authorized by the state to perform these functions in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties.

Children and Families Supervised Visitation Program (CFSVP)

CFSVP provides a safe place for children to interact with parents without the stress of being in the middle of a family argument, observing a parent who is impaired by substance abuse and without uncomfortable conversations that include adult topics. By accessing the CFSVP, the risk of violence to children will decrease. Ongoing parent and child contact, through supervised visitation, has been shown to be crucial to a child's mental health and ability to build a healthy relationship with the non-custodial parent. Over 50 Sarasota County citizens serve as CFSVP volunteers.

TREATMENT

Therapy Programs

Therapy Programs provide individual, family, and group therapy services to children in Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. We serve children who have been physically & sexually abused, children exhibiting problematic sexual behaviors, and extend intervention services to the primary client's non-offending caregiver and siblings. The focus is to provide mental health support, intervention, and treatment to children and families experiencing crisis and trauma, as well as reduce child-on-child sexual abuse. Through effective trauma treatment, we restore the health, development, relationships, and the safety of children and families.



2010

The Pet Advocates Working in the Suncoast (PAWS) began providing support to children in court with certified therapy dogs.



2010

CPC moved to its current location on South Orange Avenue.



2017

The KKP & SATP were combined to form the Child Protection Center's Therapy Program.



2020

CPC Celebrates 40 years!



NIGHT of HOPE & healing

November 4, 2021

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Suncoast Air Center
400 Airport Ave E, Venice, FL

The Child Protection Center invites you to join us for a Night of Hope and Healing, a can't-miss event in South County. This is a celebration of hope as we come together in communal support and bring awareness to CPC's mission of the Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment of child abuse. It is an evening filled with delights, including food and drink from some of the area's top restaurants, extensive live and silent auction, and the opportunity to change lives and bring hope to the children of our community.

CHAIRS:

Camelle Liakakos and Michelle Moore

**SPONSORSHIP, UNDERWRITING,
OR TICKET INFORMATION:**

BLUE TIES and Butterflies



April 6th, 2022

6:00 - 9:00 pm

**Michael's On East
1212 S East Ave, Sarasota, FL**

The Child Protection Center's signature event is a beautiful evening that local philanthropists and advocates look forward to year after year. This gala has raised momentous awareness and support to our mission by ending the silence and secrecy of child abuse in our community.

We invite you to join us for this truly remarkable evening and see first-hand how your support brings transformational healing to abused children- much like the transformation of a butterfly.

*Deadline for invitation recognition is Feb 7, 2022.

Contact Lou Ann Linn at 941-365-1277 ext.120
or LouAnnL@CPCSarasota.org

GATHERING FOR GOOD

Host a **Gathering for Good** with your circle of influence and help the Child Protection Center raise awareness of our mission and protect children from abuse. From the comfort of your own home, you can be a hero for vulnerable children!

By hosting a Gathering for Good, you will be helping CPC spread awareness about child abuse, raise funds, and foster relationships with potential partners of our mission.

**A Gathering for Good can also be held virtually over Zoom or at CPC's main location in Sarasota.*

STEPS TO HOSTING A GATHERING FOR GOOD

STEP 1

SET A FUNDRAISING GOAL

Create a fundraising goal for your Gathering for Good to encourage your guests' support and have a larger impact for local children.

SCHEDULE YOUR GATHERING

Contact Sheila Miller
SheilaM@CPCSarasota.org

Secure the attendance of a CPC representative if you wish to have one.

STEP 2

SEND US YOUR RSVP LIST

Every Gathering for Good host will receive awareness literature, donation envelopes and the link to an informational CPC video for your Gathering.

STEP 3

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND COLLEAGUES

Want a customized invitation for your Gathering? Let us know and we'd be happy to create one just for you!

STEP 4



Raise Awareness of Our Fight Against Child Abuse

A Gathering for Good can be an event on its own or could be incorporated into an event you're already planning! Have an annual Christmas party and would like to encourage your guests to partner with our mission? Let's make it happen!

NEED SOME INSPIRATION FOR A PARTY OR THEME? HERE ARE A FEW IDEAS:

- Spread love to those who need it most for Valentine's Day.
- Eat pie and change lives on Pi Day- yum!
- Up your advocacy for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.
- Treat yourself to the priceless gift of helping others for your birthday.
- Have a girls' day where you empower others.
- Be a superhero for kids during your Marvel movie marathon- we'll even bring capes!
- Wear your best hat and make a difference for the Kentucky Derby.
- Protect kids before you cheer on your team in the game.
- Everyone loves a BBQ!
- Charcuterie, Chocolate, and Changing Lives!
- Bring out your inner child with a youthful Halloween party.
- Celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Hanukkah by giving back.
- Challenge your friends to a New Year Resolution of monthly giving- they'll change lives for children all year long!



WAYS TO GIVE

MONTHLY GIVING

Send a Ripple of Hope by joining CPC's Monthly Giving Program.

WHY GIVE MONTHLY?

ONLINE

Make a contribution at CPCSarasota.org

IN-KIND DONATIONS

ENDOWMENTS

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

CASH OR STOCKS

LEGACY GIVING

AMAZON SMILE

CORPORATE GIVING

TRIBUTES AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

REAL ESTATE

Sharyn Chapman Endowment Fund

Established by Doug and Sherry Chapman, designated for the Child Protection Center at the Gulf Coast Community Foundation
601 Tamiami Trail South, Venice, FL 34285

Child Protection Center Endowment at PNC
720 South Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236

The Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Inc
2635 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, FL 34237

Under the CARES Act, individuals may make cash gifts in 2021 and deduct up to 100% of their adjusted gross income to CPC. Individuals may also take above the line charitable deduction of \$300 per tax filer for a gift to CPC. CPC has an established stock account with Edward Jones.

Name CPC as a beneficiary in a will, trust, life insurance or retirement plan.

Select the Child Protection Center as your charity on AmazonSmile.

Under the CARES Act, corporations may make cash gifts and deduct up to 25% of taxable income to CPC.

A meaningful way to recognize & remember a friend or family member.

Establishes a charitable fund benefiting CPC & provides the donor &/or other named beneficiaries with an income at a competitive rate of return.

SPEAK TO YOUR FINANCIAL INVESTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO FACILITATE YOUR GIFTS.

MONTHLY GIVING

LONG-TERM IMPACT

Your monthly gift will make long lasting changes for the children of CPC. Your ripple of hope **saves children's lives**. For some it may be their physical life and for many it is an emotional battle that they will fight every day for the rest of their life.

COST EFFECTIVE

Lower administration costs means more of your money going **straight to the mission**.

Send forth a ripple of hope

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

We are thrilled to continue offering matched donations through the Flanzer Philanthropic Trust, which has generously extended their match program through 2021! **All donations made at FlanzerTrust.org will be matched up to \$500 per month!**

**NO BIG ONE-TIME
HIT TO YOUR WALLET!**



MEET THE LEISENRINGS

Weekly Donors at CPC and Lieutenant at the Venice Police Department

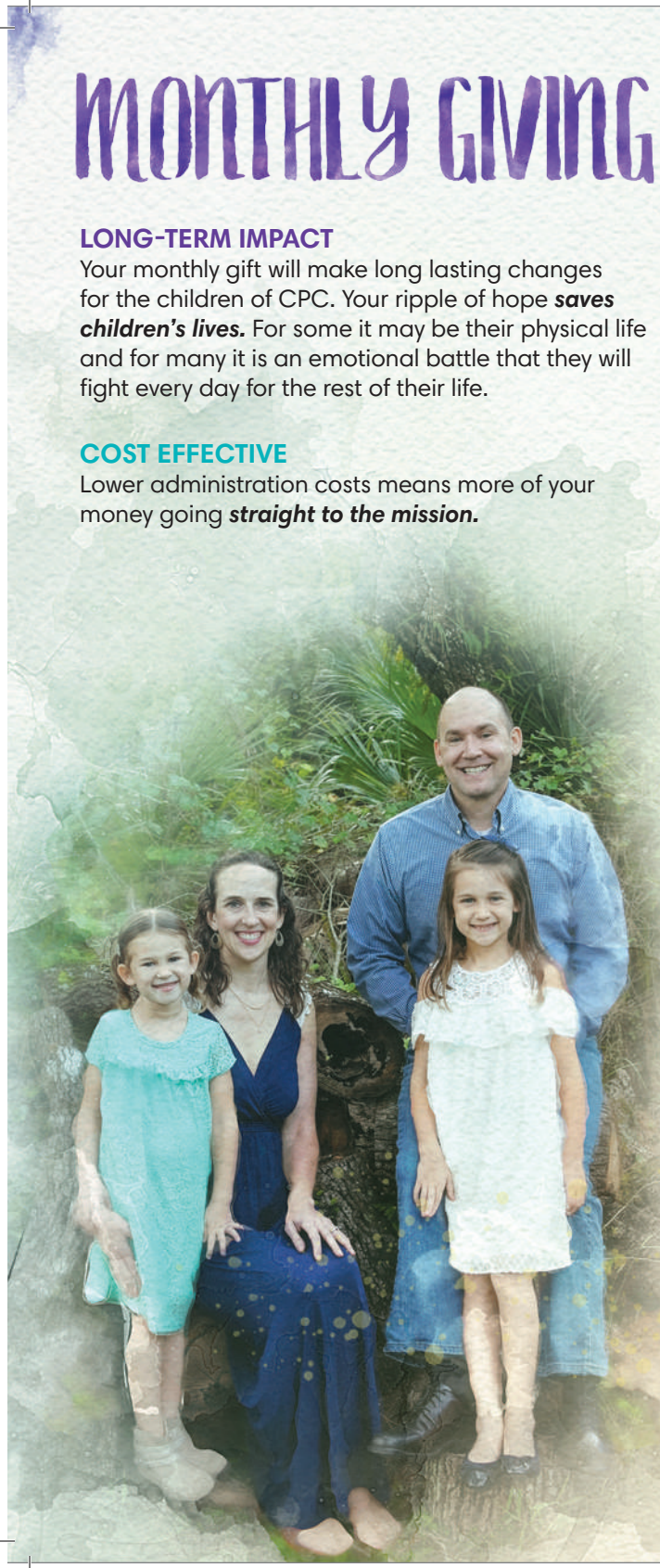
When the Leisenrings decided they wanted to donate to another organization, they wanted to select one they know has a substantial positive impact on our community. "I immediately thought of CPC," Andrew said.

Working as a police officer and as a detective for many years, Andrew had close contact with CPC on numerous occasions, and was impressed with the knowledge and dedication shown from CPC's staff.

Through his work, the Lieutenant has "seen the long-lasting negative impacts of child abuse. It is comforting to know that CPC is there to help individuals and families put the pieces back together. They provide little survivors with tools to deal with their emotions and understand they are not at fault for what happened to them. They empower survivors to take back what the offenders took from them."

The Leisenrings chose to donate on a weekly basis in order to make a significant and consistent impact in a way that fit within their budget, allowing them to spread out the expense.

"We encourage you to donate regularly as well, whether it be weekly, monthly, or something else that works for you. Together we can help provide these valuable services to our community."



LEGACY GIVING

A beautiful thing about supporting the Child Protection Center's mission against abuse is knowing that your support goes much further than the here and now. Your gifts support:

PREVENTION - Bringing education and awareness to the community reduces child abuse and builds a safer world for children.

INTERVENTION - Creating a safe space for families and assessing potentially risky situations allows us to determine the best course of action in protecting children.

TREATMENT - Effective trauma treatment makes it possible to go from victim to survivor to one that thrives.

Together, these steps allow us to break the cycle of abuse for generations to come. Because of this, the supporters of CPC have become part of a most honorable legacy- a legacy of what the world could be for the children of tomorrow.

To continue your legacy with CPC, join our Legacy Giving Program and ensure a future where children are safe from abuse and free to thrive. **These planned gifts are often given through wills, living trusts, life insurance, and retirement plans.** We encourage you to connect with a financial advisor to discuss what options best meet your goals and possible tax benefits.

To learn more, or to inform us of your intent to include the Child Protection Center in your estate plans, please contact Sheila Miller, VP of Philanthropy, at 941-365-1277, ext. 111, or SheilaM@CPCSarasota.org

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit"

- Nelson Henderson

**If you are of age 70 ½, you can contact your retirement plan administrator to transfer your gift to CPC, and your gift will count towards your minimum distribution requirement!*

DONOR PROFILE



TED AND ETHNA WISHNIE, LEGACY DONORS

Time and again, Ted and Ethna Wishnie would find themselves driving past the Child Protection Center, saying “We’ve got to go in there! We’ve got to go in there!” While COVID restrictions forced their tour of the building to take place virtually, it did nothing to dampen the fire that was lit deep within the couple once they heard the mission against child abuse.

“We felt a burning in our hearts to get involved.”

Since their introduction to CPC, the Wishnies have become firm supporters, becoming two of CPC’s very first donors to pledge a Legacy Gift. Ted commented how making the gift was simple by adding CPC to their will. “We chose to give a Legacy Gift to help CPC continue their extraordinary work,” he explained. Ted and Ethna appreciated that the planned gift wouldn’t be a drain on them financially, but they still have the knowledge that their generosity would continue on with the mission and protect more children in the future.

“I love the title,” said Ethna. **“That word- PROTECTION.**

That says it all.” Their passion for protection stems from the traumatizing abuse Ethna herself experienced as a child. The experiences of her past have caused the Wishnies to be particularly drawn to CPC’s Prevention program, PSCA, which they feel gives children a voice. “You are empowering the children to become their own person, and so they can stand up and say NO. To not be frightened. That’s why I say children need a voice- because I was terrified. **And I never told anyone.”**

From speaking with Ethna and Ted, their warm hearts are instantly apparent. They carry a light of hope that shines onto those around them, and that legacy will go on to touch countless lives- a true legacy of light and hope.

This Legacy Gift is in honor of the life of Eric, the Wishnies’ son. “To help other children have a safe, loving, and healthy home environment.”

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AT THE CHILD PROTECTION CENTER

EVENTS

- Host your own CPC event on a more intimate level by throwing a Gathering for Good
- Serve on event committees
- Solicit/ Thank sponsors
- Secure auction items
- Promote the event

HANDS ON ACTIVITIES

- Train to supervise for CFSVP
- Playground & therapy room upkeep
- Paint a rock for the CPC rock garden
- Assemble CPC packets
- Organize luncheon/ breakfast for staff
- Assist with client holiday party

IN-KIND DONATION WISH LIST

- Sanitizing wipes & hand sanitizer
- Art supplies for therapy
- USB drives
- New underwear, socks, & diapers - all sizes
- Smiley face & star stickers
- Gas cards
- Basic tool kits
- Office supplies - printer paper, paper clips, staples, rolls of tape, etc.

STEWARDSHIP

- Host a Gathering for Good- share CPC's mission with your circle of influence
- Promote CPC through social media
- Subscribe to CPC's newsletters and share with friends
- Invite friends to schedule a tour of CPC

OTHER

- Select CPC as your charity on AmazonSmile
- Throw a Facebook fundraiser benefiting CPC
- Schedule a FREE Personal Safety workshop through PSCA for your child's after school programs, parents at your next play date, etc.



For more information,
please contact Sheila Miller at
SheilaM@CPCSarasota.org
or 941-365-1277 Ext. 111

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HOW TO REPORT

SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

If you suspect that a child has been abused, neglected, or abandoned, make a report by calling the Florida Abuse Hotline at

**1-800-96-ABUSE
(1-800-962-2873)**

This toll free number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week with counselors waiting to help you.

WORKSHOPS WITH PSCA

Schedule your own workshop with CPC's Personal Safety Team!

- Free of charge
- Available for children or adults
- 20+ workshops offered, such as Internet Safety, Sexual Abuse Prevention, Anti-Bullying, and Recognizing and Reporting Abuse
- Customized workshops are available to fit the needs of your group
- Suitable for youth groups, camps, staff at your church, parenting groups, your friends and family, and whoever wants to learn!

To schedule yours, contact Michelle at 941-365-1277 Ext. 106 or MichelleB@CPCSarasota.org

MEET DEBRA- VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE!

After being introduced to CPC through a volunteer meet-and-greet in her neighborhood two years ago, Debra began volunteering for CPC's Children and Families Supervised Visitation Program (CFSVP or SVP). In her years before moving to Florida, she was a dedicated Kiwanian volunteer, so finding our mission to protect children felt like the perfect fit.

"Children are our future." This belief is what drives Debra in her volunteerism. She's seen first-hand how SVP provides a safe place for parents to work through their mistakes and strengthen relationships with children. The priceless moments she's had while volunteering are seeing the hugs and smiles shared as well as the firm "No!" many children say when asked if they're ready to leave.

"Volunteering is FREE! My payment is much appreciation from families and seeing their smiles and hugs. A few hours of volunteering makes a difference." CPC is grateful to Debra and the many SVP volunteers who have made such a difference for these children!

VOLUNTEERS FOR CPC'S SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAM



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MAIN OFFICE
SARASOTA

720 South Orange Avenue
Sarasota, Florida 34236

NORTH PORT

2530 Bobcat Village
Center Road
North Port, Florida 34288

VENICE

2210 S. Tamiami Trail
Venice, Florida 34293

ARCADIA

222 N. Roberts Avenue
Arcadia, Florida 34266

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