During FY 2020, the Child Advocacy Center received 876 cases of reported child abuse, a 20% increase from the past year. 1,181 adults received child abuse prevention training and 637 adults received Family Advocacy Program training. The unit is passionate about fighting for the children and their rights every single day.

We look to a future where all children live in a safe and nurturing environment free from abuse. We appreciate their efforts to ensure that each child in our community can grow up in a safe and nurturing community. The 19 Days Campaign serves as a reminder that there is something every person can do to prevent child abuse. If you would like to learn more about this campaign, please visit our website at CACFayNC.org or our Facebook page at Facebook.com/CACFayNC.

What We Do
A Place of Healing and Hope: Joining hands with community agencies, the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) offers a safe and child-friendly place to interview, investigate and provide support for child victims of abuse. The CAC also provides prevention education for parents, professionals and agencies in our community. We look to a future where all children live in a safe and nurturing environment free from abuse.

2020 Board of Directors and Staff

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UPCOMING EVENTS
The Champion for Children Awards is an annual community outreach campaign. The campaign is a way for families, agencies, and individuals to show their appreciation for the efforts of the Child Advocacy Center and the work that they do to support children who have experienced abuse.

Champion for Children Awards
Agency/Group Award: Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office Special Victims Unit
The SVU Unit works in the community with collaborative efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of all children in Cumberland County. This unit leads all of our instructive, volunteers and advocates serve the most vulnerable victims in our community. The unit is passionate about fighting for the children and their rights every single day. 2019 brought lots of changes for the Sheriff’s office but they adapted and overcame for the children in the community. This unity is made up of professionals who are also parents. They fight for the children daily. They are Champions for Children.

Professional Award: Mr. Justin Mitchell, Deputy Garrison Commander
Mr. Mitchell works closely with Family Advocacy Program, Military Police, other first responders, Chaplains, childcare, and many more on the Ft. Bragg installation to ensure the safety and well-being of all children and families. At the beginning of Covid-19, he mobilized the Army Community Services team to call each resident of the 6,151 on post homes to check on their welfare. This took place not only once but four times during the pandemic. One of Mr Mitchell’s biggest indirect contributions to parents and couples has been his direct, personal...
Champion for Children Awards Continued
caring efforts. He regularly takes time to check on staff members and lets them know he appreciates them and what they are doing for military families.

C. Frank Pierce Volunteer Award

Jackie O’Donnell, CAC Volunteer

Ms. O’Donnell became a volunteer in 2015. She has provided front desk help, put packets together for families and new volunteers, prepared prevention workshop materials, helped prepare mailings and so much more. Jackie embodies service to others through her actions. The saying actions speak louder than words really applies to her. She embraces every project as a way to join hands with our hands, the staff and provide tangible ways to bring awareness and bring education to children in our community and beyond. She truly models what a true commitment to what a volunteer looks like.

This year, the Volunteer Award, was renamed the C. Frank Pierce Volunteer Award. Frank Pierce passed away in February and epitomized the heart of voluntarism for those who knew him. He was true model of volunteer work to protect children in so many ways. After retiring as a detective with the Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office in 2006, spending part of that career with the Special Victims Unit, Frank turned his attention to serving children through his volunteer work. Frank led with passion. He was a true model of volunteer work to the board, and to other volunteers he met along the way. Ms. Pierce was a true “shining star” to all of us who had the pleasure of working with him at the Child Advocacy Center.

The Nominees for the Champion for Children Awards were:
Karen Bayer, Baptist Church, Detective Robin Jenkins, Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office, Special Victims Unit, Jessica Carter, DSS, Protective Services, Social Worker, Dr. Sharon Cooper, Developmental and Forensic Pediatrics, P.A., Forensic Pediatrician, Cheryl Mitchell, Cumberland County Schools, Social Worker, Senior Sergeant Detective, Larry Sheets, Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office, Elise Tison, Child Advocacy Center, Forensic Interviewer. 

January Human Trafficking Awareness Month

The Polaris Project defines Human Trafficking as the business of stealing freedom for profit. Additional information on Human Trafficking includes:

- Traffickers often trick and physically force victims into selling sex.
- Manipulation and/or threats happen to force work in inhumane, illegal or unethical conditions.
- Trafficking is a multi-billion-dollar industry that denies freedom to 24.9 million people around the world.
- Sex trafficking is defined as a crime of using force, fraud or coercion to
  - make another individual to work or provide service. Some types include
    agriculture, domestic work, restaurants, cleaning services, and
    companionship.

- Labor trafficking is the crime of using force, fraud or coercion to
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The first private event will be from 1:00 pm - 4:00pm on "Victimization" and will be open for Multi-Disciplinary Team members. The second public event will be from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm and will include a presentation on "Domestic Sex Trafficking in America". For additional information about the event, please visit our website at CACayNC.org as we post additional details as they are available.

Jeanne Allert Jeanne is a compelling speaker on the topic of domestic human trafficking and has delivered awareness presentations in several states. She is a member of the Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign Graduate of the FBI Citizens Academy, and a Human Trafficking Contributor for the National Advisory Council for the Conference on Crimes Against Women.

Jeanne founded The Samaritan Women in 2007 and serves as Executive Director. She is the chief architect behind The Samaritan Women’s spiritual healing program and spends a great deal of time educating medical, social work, and mental health professionals about the unique needs of trafficking victims from around the country. The Samaritan Women grew to a 5-phase program with three homes, an on-site schoolhouse and vocational training program in 2007.

La Toya Taylor

The Deering Family

& Family Advocate/Case Manager. She has specialized experience in Adult Protective Services, Social Worker as a Child Protective Services Specialist. Ms. Taylor has been a B.S. in Psychology from Northeastern State University.

Claire Mullen

is proud to call Fayetteville home, and has lived here for the past five years. Claire studied English and Psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill and comes from a long line of dear Tar Heels.

She joined City View Magazine in February 2020 and enjoys writing about the people and events that positively impact our wonderful community. Claire has a heart for community service, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Cape Fear Botanical Garden and the Cape Fear Clinic. In his free time, Chris likes to play golf, travel with family and friends and play games with his son, Asher.

Juelle McDonald

earned her Bachelor degree in Broadcast Communications at Millersville University. Dr. Colvin also completed her Doctorate at Brody School of Medicine as well as having served 8 years in the United States Air Force.

Jimmy Hendley, Jr., is the Chief Executive Officer of Better Beginnings Healthcare Solutions. Better Beginnings Healthcare Solutions provides professional counseling services for those experiencing behavioral health and/or mental health concerns. Mr. Hendley provide volunteer mentorship to adult and young men through the “Male Mentors” program he started in 2018—“Male Mentors” serves as a way to join hands with the Child Advocacy Center. He also supported students at FYU by speaking to them in an open forum about Business Ownership and Management. Mr. Hendley has coordinated several awareness events for veterans, homeless citizen, and those diagnosed with mental health concerns.

Mr. Hendley has served several churches in the local community by either delivering a sermon, providing music, participating on panels, speaking with the youth, and/or supporting initiatives they have developed within the community. Mr. Hendley is a very talented Professional Musician and is well known in the surrounding areas for his passion towards his gift. He has played for and toured with several nationally and internationally known recording artists; many of whom he's still in connection with today. Mr. Hendley is a Fayetteville native, born and raised in the Munchoch Road community. Mr. Hendley believes every day you live to serve, God grants you an opportunity to serve him and serve others with the gifts and tools he blessed you with.

Chris Lee is an Army Manager, Vice President for Carter Bank and Trust in the Eastern Region. He has been in banking and finance since 2005, having spent his career in better serving customers. Mr. Lee is a Fayetteville native. Chris is currently proud to be leading a passionate team of community bankers that embrace CB&T's mission of striving to be the preferred lifetime financial partner for their customers and shareholders, and the employer of choice in the communities that they serve).

Mr. Lee attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Fayetteville Technical Community College, before graduating from the North Carolina School of Banking in 2007. He embodies the community banking model with strong ties to the community, having recently served as President of Banking and Finance’s Community Advisory Committee. He helped represent the banking industry and the Fayetteville Community College on many occasions. Mr. Lee has been very active in the community, serving as a Board Chair of the Cape Fear Literacy Foundation, as well as serving on the Board of Directors for the Cape Fear Literacy Foundation. He is a very talented Professional Musician and is well known in the community.

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Ms. Allert will host two seminars on the with the Child Advocacy Center.

New Marketing Committee Members

Sarah Weaver serves as Assistant Program Director, Director of Development and Board Liaison to the Samaritan Women. She previously started her on-air career with Alaska Integrated Media and worked for years on KMVN-FM in Anchorage. She earned her Bachelor degree in Broadcast Communications at Millersville University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Cheryl Perry Colvin

Advocacy Center Board of Directors for the Upcoming 2021 Year

Dr. Cheryl Perry Colvin currently serves as the Medical Director of Cape Fear Valley Health Hospital's Emergency Department. Dr. Colvin is a native of Luckevanna, NY has been employed at Cape Fear Valley Hospital since 2009. Dr. Colvin completed her Bachelor of Science and her Master of Business Administration at Methodist University. Dr. Colvin also completed her Doctorate at Brody School of Medicine as well as having served 8 years in the United States Air Force.
The Church Advocacy Center Welcomes Four New Members to the Child Advocacy Center Board of Directors for the Upcoming 2021 Year

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Jude McDonald, M.D. is an assistant principal at Pine Forest High School. Before becoming an assistant principal, she worked as an English teacher at E.E. Smith High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She had earned her Master of Arts in Teaching from East Carolina University, her Master of School Administration degree from Campbell University, and her doctorate degree from North Carolina State University.

Dr. McDonald also was recognized as one of Fayetteville’s 40 Under 40 and receives numerous awards for her community efforts. Jude is currently serving as an Assistant Principal at Pine Forest High School. She has also served as an assistant principal at William R. Hunt Middle School, an assistant principal at E.E. Smith High School, and as an English teacher at E.E. Smith High School.

LaVeta Gillery has joined the Child Advocacy Center as Volunteer & Family Advocate/Case Manager. She has specialized experience as a Multidisciplinary Team Member, Adult Protective Services Social Worker and as a Child Protective Services Specialist. Ms. Gillery has earned her B.S. degree in Psychology from North Carolina State University.

Happenings at the Child Advocacy Center

The CAC recently celebrated the impending arrival of baby Erik with glowing photos! Stephanie Portillo has been a volunteer at the Child Advocacy Center for the past six years as the Victim & Family Advocate/Case Manager. She has helped coordinate numerous fundraising events and has received numerous awards for her volunteer work. Stephanie is happy to be able to spend more time with her family and friends and play games with her son, Asher.

Thank You!

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• Array Magazine
• Cape Fear Valley Health
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• Ann & Mike Morketer
• BB&T, now Truist
• Cape Fear Ethics Awards Committee
• Fayetteville Area Plumbing Contractors Association
• Fayetteville Eye Associates
• Systel Business Equipment

A Special Thank You!

The Church Advocacy Center would like to thank the 2020 Board of Directors for their dedication and tireless commitment to the children in our community and in working towards our purpose, vision and mission. We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our 2020 Board of Directors for their dedicated service.

Robin Hurmance, J.D. - Chairperson
The Honorable Claire Hill - Vice-Chairperson

As the year winds down and we approach 2021, the Child Advocacy Center would like to recognize the 2021 Board Officers: Honorable Claire Hill, Chairperson; Madame Michelle-Bernard, Vice Chairperson; Matthew Jones, Secretary.

Thank you to our Board Members, Staff, Volunteers, Community Supporters and all friends and family that support our efforts on a daily basis to help the children in our community. We could not do this work without your generosity.

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