



Harvest Awareness

Our Mission:
We collaborate with community partners to respond to and prevent child abuse.

FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER IS HARVEST AWARENESS MONTH

BY FAITH BOEHMER, PREVENTION & VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR



SOAR (Strengths in Overcoming Adversity thru Resilience) Community Coalition is planning events during November's Harvest Awareness Month. There are a variety of things planned for the month. This fall we are sponsoring along with the Cumberland County Public Library an Art Contest. The Call for Art can be located on our website www.cacfaync.org. The theme for the Art contest is Brave Autumn: Growing Strong with Love & Light. How are you Growing Strong with

Love & Light? This is open to Kindergarteners through 12th grade. There is no entry fee. Items can be dropped off to the CAC the week of October 20-24, 2025. Art will be displayed at the downtown public library during the month of November. On November 5, 2025, we will recognize our winners with a reception at the downtown library.

Our goal for the month is to increase commitment and provide educational activities, both for children and adults to gain understanding around child abuse prevention. Harvest Awareness during November serves as a reminder to all of us that there is something each of us can do to make a difference in our community to prevent child abuse.

We will also be providing body safety classes to some of the youngest citizens in our community our Pre-K classes in child care centers. We will have volunteer readers go out and provide a body safety class to help children know how to reach out to trusted adult. According to the Monique Burr Foundation there are benefits of providing consistent prevention education to children, such as lowering dropout rates, improved school attendance and increased test scores and grade point averages. The curriculum comes from the Monique Burr Foundation out of Florida. The curriculum is called "Child Safety Matters." The lesson will include an introduction to MBF's five safety rules:

- Know What's Up
- Spot Red Flags
- Make a Move
- Talk it Up
- No Blame—No Shame



Register for
Art Contest



Learn More
about Body
Safety!



This lesson will help teach students developmentally appropriate strategies to promote their own personal safety. Students will learn how to report unsafe situations and to understand about talking to trusted adults. Through a grant from the United Way of Cumberland County Youth Growth Stock Trust we will be able to provide body safety books to all children that attend the body safety classes in addition to a book for each Child Care Center for their library.

We are currently recruiting volunteer readers from the community who will go out and share with the students. There will be two trainings offered at the Child Advocacy Center at Noon and 5:30 p.m. on October 21st for anyone interested in leading these classes in November. Please contact Kathy Jarman at kathy@cacfaync.org if interested in attending one of the training classes.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2025, we will be hosting a prevention luncheon at the Fellowship Hall of Hay Street United Methodist Church 320 Hay Street from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Our speaker is, Robin Hill, will be sharing with us about her personal journey, 'I am Not What Happened to Me; I am What God Led me to Be.' The cost for the luncheon will be \$22. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite as well as going to our website at www.cacfaync.org.

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Masquerade Ball
and Auction
To Unmask Child Abuse

The Embers
featuring Craig Woolard

You are invited

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
6 - 10PM • CAROLINA BARN • SPRING LAKE

Featuring The Embers - Carolina Beach
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Get ready to dance the night away to timeless
"music with a memory."

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THE PINWHEEL MASQUERADE BALL AND AUCTION

BY JOHN WEBSTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tickets are on sale now for the 11th annual Child Advocacy Center's Pinwheel Masquerade Ball and Auction to Unmask Child Abuse. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the Carolina Barn at McCormick Farms located at 7765 McCormick Bridge Road in Spring Lake. This year's event is chaired by Valerie Shorts and Julie Lee-Jacobs with the help of the following committee members: Beth Lee and Dr. Juelle McDonald – Culinary Chairs, Anita Flowers – Entertainment Chair, Mary McCoy – VIP Tables and Mask Contest Chair, Jeff Shorts – Specialty Drink Chair in addition to Genique Freeman, Roberta Humphries, Eugene Pinckney and supported by CAC staff Faith Boehmer and John Webster.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING INCLUDE:

Join us for an enchanting evening as we step into a world of mystery and elegance as we gather to unmask child abuse and support the vital work of the Child Advocacy Center. It's an evening where every mask tells a story, and every bid helps change a life. This year, we are honored to feature The Embers, beloved across the Carolinas, Virginias, and the Gulf Coast as icons of "Beach Music." While rooted in this tradition, The Embers are truly a party band, known for delivering a lively mix of music that keeps every generation dancing and celebrating together. Other highlights of the evening include a mask contest, silent and live auction of a dazzling array of items, unique experiences, music that sweeps you off your feet and lets you dance the night away, 360 photo booth fun, live painting demonstration by Ashley Lee and much more that you don't want to miss. Your support of the event directly funds crucial services for children and families impacted by abuse. Whether you are a seasoned supporter or new to our cause, everyone is welcome at the Pinwheel Masquerade Ball. Join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration and advocacy.

TICKET PRICING

Early bird pricing (until October 10): \$75 per person or \$140 per couple and \$15 per child

After October 10: \$100 per person or \$175 per couple and \$15 per child

Premiere reserved tables for 8: \$1,000 (includes added amenities)

Standard reserved tables for 8: (after October 10): \$1,200

Tickets and tables can be purchased in person at the Child Advocacy Center, online at CAC-FayNC.org, or by scanning the barcode on the PMB ad on the front of the newsletter. A limited



number of sponsorships are still available. Sponsor forms can be found on the CAC website at www.CACFayNC.org. Make a meaningful impact by becoming a sponsor—showcase your commitment to the community while enjoying exclusive benefits.

We are deeply grateful to our current event sponsors, whose support enables us to provide hope, help, and healing to victims of child abuse.

Thank you also to our Corporate and Individual Benefactors who are listed below and whose support of this event is so valued.

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Therapy dogs and volunteer handlers



Bottled water

Juice boxes



Individually wrapped snack items for children

Gift cards to grocery stores, office
supply store, fast food restaurants

Canned soda

Powdered creamer and sugar

Keurig coffee pods

Hot and cold drink cups

Paper plates

Copy paper 8 1/2 X 11

Lysol spray

Air freshener

CHILD SAFETY MATTERS: BODY SAFETY CLASSES NOW AVAILABLE



Faith Boehmer, leading Child Safety Matters a body safety class for children. She led three classes for ages from 8 thru 17 at One Church in Fayetteville, NC at their Summer Camp, EVOLVE Literacy and Leadership. Interested in this for your organization? Reach out to Faith Boehmer at faith@cacfaync.org.

AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OUR INDIVIDUAL DONORS AND SUPPORTERS WHO HELP US PROVIDE THE VERY BEST SERVICES TO THE CHILD VICTIMS OF ABUSE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE COULD NOT DO THIS WORK WITHOUT YOUR GENEROSITY.



Steve Johnson's
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SUBARU
Fayetteville, NC

SUBARU SHARE THE LOVE EVENT

Begins Mid November - Help share the love this holiday season by purchasing a Subaru and helping the CAC! This promotion applies to all new Subaru vehicles sold or leased from mid-November thru early January. Visit Cross Creek Subaru at 497 N. McPherson Church Road and select the Child Advocacy Center as your hometown charity of choice when you purchase or lease a new Subaru. Cross Creek Subaru has partnered with the Child Advocacy Center for 11 years raising funds through the Share the Love event which has allowed us to expand our mental health therapy program providing both individual and group therapy to child victims of abuse in addition to providing victim advocacy services to over 4000 families and conducting 5100 forensic interviews since our partnership began.

GIVING TUESDAY

November 24-December 2 The Child Advocacy Center will again be participating in Cumberland Community Foundation's Giving Tuesday campaign. Starting in 2012, Giving Tuesday is a global day of generosity that takes place on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This year it will take place on December 3. Cumberland Community Foundation's campaign will be open to receive donations from November 24 at 9:00 a.m. through December 2 at 5:00 p.m. encouraging donors to give to local charities based in Cumberland County. Be on the lookout for the Guide to Giving directory of nonprofits that are participating in this year's campaign. Your donation to the Child Advocacy Center through the Giving Tuesday Campaign will support our work to bring help, hope and healing to victims of child abuse and their families in addition to supporting our work to prevent child abuse.

FAYETTEVILLE'S ULTIMATE LIP SYNC SHOWDOWN

Saturday, May 2 2026 , 10th anniversary SHOWDOWN - Crown Center Ballroom Dust off that microphone and start rehearsing your act for one of the most fun and entertaining events in our community. After last year's tremendous success of having both a matinee show for youth and then an evening show for adults we will be repeating that format for the 2026 event. We are looking for 10-12 acts for each show, consisting of 2-10 people, to perform in the Lip Sync Showdown to benefit the Child Advocacy Center. Email Karen Tisdale, Lip Sync Chairperson at caclipsync@gmail.com if interested in performing or working on the Lip Sync Planning Committee.



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WHAT WE DO

A Place of Healing and Hope: Joining hands with community partners, 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.

During FY 2025, the Child Advocacy Center made a meaningful impact in our community by providing 538 forensic interviews and offering Victim Family Advocate services to 524 families, ensuring they received direct aid and access to critical resources. A total of 103 children participated in individual counseling and 33 children took part in group counseling sessions, while 956 community members attended child abuse prevention and awareness education programs. Volunteers gave an incredible 1,722 hours of service, and our therapy dogs and their handlers brought comfort through 47 visits. Together, these efforts reflect the CAC's ongoing commitment to protecting children, supporting families, and raising awareness. For more information, please visit CACFAYNC.org.

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