



FOOTHILLS

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Whole Foods Market's Events Benefit Foothills

Foothills Child Advocacy Center (Foothills) raised \$3,303.81 this past year thanks to Whole Foods Market and our other friends in Charlottesville. We participated in and were the beneficiary of Whole Foods' month-long Friday night 5@5 Wine Tastings for the month of October and May and were one of the beneficiaries of Whole Foods' Nickels for Nonprofits program in May. Foothills' Board of Directors would like to thank everyone who participated in and supported us during these three events.

This December, we are again slated to be a benefactor of the Nickels for Nonprofits. We hope all our friends and supporters will consider donating a nickel to FCAC each time they shop at Whole Foods.

Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect is a Community Responsibility



Although the majority of Americans polled believe that everyone should play a role in stopping child abuse, many people also admit to witnessing child abuse and doing nothing about it.

The reasons for not reporting abuse include not knowing where to call and misconceptions regarding what will happen once a report of known or suspected abuse is made to the police or a child protective services agency. Many people incorrectly believe that:

- abused children will be removed from their homes immediately. This is the least likely outcome.
- child abuse cannot be reported anonymously. In most states, you don't need to provide your name.
- the persons reported for abuse are entitled to know who made the report. They are not.

Although it can be frightening to respond to suspected child abuse and neglect, the consequences of not reporting your

worries to child welfare professionals could be seriously detrimental to a child's safety. In some cases, they might even be life threatening. So don't be afraid to call and ask for help. Your call will help child welfare professionals determine the most appropriate response, including whether or not an assessment or investigation of the situation is needed and what further supports may be beneficial or necessary. A trained set of eyes on the situation may be the best response when other efforts have failed or the seriousness of a situation requires it. It is not your responsibility to investigate, it is your responsibility to be involved and contact appropriate professionals when you have heightened concerns. The safety of a child is at stake.

Charlottesville Child Protective Services
434-970-3400

Albemarle Child Protective Services
434-972-4010

ChildHelp National Child Abuse Hotline
800-422-4453

Meet the Board of Directors (third in a series)

By: Rob Trundle, director



Judy Randle has been a Board Member for the Foothills Child Advocacy Center for 3 years. Her impact has been immediate and far-reaching. She brings over 20 years of experience to our group in the field of helping to protect children in situations of abuse. Judy is from Fluvanna County where her father ran a few grocery stores in small towns, one being Cohasset near Fork Union. She remembers farming being the only business around, and the only action was at Fork Union Military Academy and the Fork Union Drive-In Movie Theater. Judy and her sisters all aspired to academic advancement at an early age probably inspired by their mother who was a teacher prior to raising her family. While in high school Judy met a FUMA football player named Sonny Randle whom she married during college. She went on to study nursing at Duke University but left to raise her family. Her husband's football career took them all over the country. All 4 of their children have chosen professions that involve caring for others. One daughter began working in finance but quickly realized she wanted to be more in tune with giving back to society and became a teacher. Her son is a lawyer in Greene

County who practices as a Guardian ad-Litem and in family law, much in the same vein as his mother. When she returned to Charlottesville, Judy decided to change her career path from nursing to social work. She quickly got involved with Child Protective Services and eventually became the Supervisor of Albemarle County Child Protective Services. She served Albemarle County for 23 years, retiring just a few years ago.

Judy's caring nature has greatly influenced her family as well as Foothills' entire Board. Judy has taken on the huge task of helping coordinate Foothills' efforts to meet the standards and regulations for National Children's Alliance accreditation. She has moved us quickly toward our goal. Once accreditation is achieved, funding for Foothills Child Advocacy Center should increase, and our future will be more secure. Judy enjoys being a member of the Foothills Board. The work allows her to stay involved with child protection services while appreciating retirement. Judy enjoys movies at Vinegar Hill, reading, walking, visiting her children and grandchildren, as well as traveling. Italy is her next destination!

Foothills is the key connection for assisting surrounding counties, police, social services and other agencies. We help unite the "keep the spirit" attitude as we join hands in protecting our community's children. Judy knows that politics and other distractions can create a loss of vision toward our common goal. Foothills CAC helps keep that focus on track. Judy is grateful to continue as a part of this effort, and we are grateful to have her with us.

Foothills Board of Directors and Staff

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Foothills Extends Appreciation and Thanks

.... to **Dave Chapman** for five years of service on the Board of Directors. He has been a board member since the inception of Foothills CAC and his wisdom, insights and productivity over the years have been invaluable to the establishment and functioning of Foothills CAC. We wish him well.

.... to **Thomas Vierbuchen**, of Advertising Design, Charlottesville, who designs and assembles our newsletter pro bono.

.... to **Jeff Lerman** of Cold Spring Design, Inc. who maintains our web site pro bono

.... to members of the **Junior League of Charlottesville** who volunteered at Foothills this year.

.... to all our **friends and supporters**.

Foothills Numbers for FY 2009/2010

NEW CHILDREN SERVED	130
AGE OF CHILDREN	
0-6	48
7-12	41
13-18	41
GENDER OF CHILDREN	
Female	95
Male	35
RACE OF CHILDREN	
Asian/Pacific Islander	2
Black/African American	47
Hispanic/Latino	12
Other	12
White	57
ALLEGED MALTREATMENT(S)	
Neglect	11
Physical Abuse	13
Sexual Abuse	92
Witness to Violence	4
Siblings/Witnesses	18
Other	1
RELATIONSHIP OF ALLEGED OFFENDER TO ALLEGED VICTIM	
Parent	39
Parent's boy/girlfriend	14
Stepparent	5
Other Relative	15
Other known Person	41
# OF CHILDREN RECEIVING Forensic Interviewing Services	111
# OF CHILDREN RECEIVING MDT Services	125

GRANTS AND AWARDS RECEIVED BY FOOHILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011

Commonwealth of Virginia — Department of Social Services	\$35,142
City of Charlottesville	\$25,000
United Way — Thomas Jefferson Area	\$22,644
Family and Children's Trust Fund of Virginia (FACT)	\$7,000
Mad Marketing Partners in Fundraising Grant	3Q 2010

Updates on Services and Programs

Foothills has used the \$5,000 **Bama Works Fund Grant** awarded on June 1, 2009, to expand forensic interview services to victims of child abuse who live in areas surrounding Charlottesville/Albemarle that do not have a Child Advocacy Center. We notified the Departments of Social Services, Victim Witness Advocates, and Police Departments in the Counties of Madison, Orange, Louisa, Fluvanna, and Buckingham that this service was available. The response has been growing with **10 interviews now conducted for 4 different counties.** Our Program Coordinator has also been available to mentor other counties which are interested in starting a multidisciplinary team to investigate, prosecute, and treat child abuse.

Foothills is pleased to report that the **Stewards of Children** program, which was made possible by a generous gift from the Wardle Family Foundation, has been met with overwhelming enthusiasm by the Charlottesville/Albemarle community. The interactive three-hour program teaches adults to be proactive in protecting children from sexual abuse. Shannon Noe, our

Prevention Education Specialist, began making presentations in March, 2010. Shannon has done an excellent job of reaching out to the community by contacting organizations in the area, explaining the program, and offering to schedule workshops at their convenience. We also offer a presentation, open to the public, once a month at our building on East High Street. The **Stewards of Children** program is beginning to sell itself as participants are recommending it to their organizations, co-workers, friends, and families. Since March 31st, Foothills has conducted **17 free workshops with 192 participants.** There are 8 more workshops on the schedule. Some of the groups and organizations that have participated in the program include Albemarle County employees, Charlottesville Social Services, PTOs, Piedmont Family YMCA volunteers, Young Life, Blue Ridge Juvenile Detention Center, and Jefferson Area CHIP. All of the evaluations from participants have been positive, and most participants have commented on the need for this powerful training for all adults.

UPCOMING STEWARDS OF CHILDREN WORKSHOPS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CYFS/Foothills Building at 1000 E. High Street

Register with Jane Tirrell at jtfootills@gmail.com

October 22, 2010
10:30 AM to 1:30 PM

November 12, 2010
9:00 AM to Noon

December 17, 2010
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Our Mission

Foothills Child Advocacy Center

provides a coordinated system of effective response and intervention to children who have been victimized.

Our goal is to minimize trauma, promote healing, insure child safety, and hold perpetrators accountable.



FOOTHILLS CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Please choose to support the Foothills Child Advocacy Center

Donor Name: _____

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My gift to the Foothills Child Advocacy Center: \$ _____

My check/cash is enclosed

(Please make check payable to Foothills Child Advocacy Center).

I would like my gift to remain anonymous: _____

Donations can also be made online at our website **www.foothillscac.org**.

The Foothills Child Advocacy Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization.

All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Please visit us at **www.foothillscac.org**

Site provided by Gold Spring Design (www.ColdSpringDesign.com)

- Do not tolerate child abuse.
- Educate yourself and your community about the realities of child abuse and victimization by attending Stewards of Children Prevention Program.
- Talk about child abuse. Children continue to be abused/victimized at an alarming rate and need adult voices to speak for them. For more information on how to talk to your children about child abuse call (434) 971-7233.
- Honor and respect children.
- Get involved with Foothills CAC.
- Make a donation.

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