

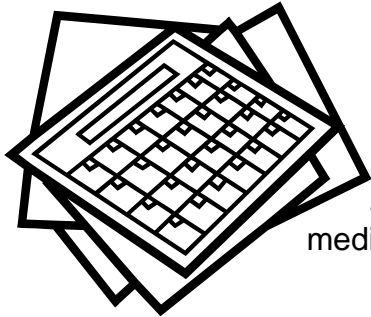


The Volunteer Voice

Children's Advocacy Center of Manhattan

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Volunteer Training 2005

Mark your calendars! The Children's Advocacy Center of Manhattan is pleased to announce the 2005 Volunteer Training to be held during September and October. Workshops will be led by members of our clinical, medical, and administrative staff. Workshops are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, September 27 th	6-8 pm	Introduction to the CAC Signs and Symptoms of Child Abuse <i>Sarah Anders, LMSW</i>
Tuesday, October 11 th	6-8 pm	Volunteering at the CAC <i>Mary Pesses, Volunteer Coordinator</i>
Thursday, October 20 th	6-8 pm	Medical Evaluations Assessment of Abuse <i>Dr. Katherine Grimm, Medical Director</i>

The training is essential for all new volunteers. On the evening of October 11th, we will have the opportunity to share ideas for the upcoming year. Volunteers who have attended our previous trainings are welcome to join us each evening and especially encouraged to **join us on October 11th**. Please RSVP to Mary Pesses at (212) 517-3012, extension 30, or marypesses@att.net. We look forward to seeing you!

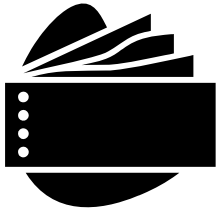
3rd AVENUE STREET

The 2005 MCC Community Benefit Festival on 3rd Avenue on Sunday, September 11th, was a success! Special thanks go to volunteers, *Sid Mollin* and *Alberta Tabak* for representing the Children's Advocacy Center at our information table! We enjoyed beautiful weather, and our table was busy throughout the day. Many visitors stopped by to inquire about the Children's Advocacy Center's services and

requested information about volunteering at the CAC.

Special events like the 3rd Avenue Festival are excellent ways to educate the public about services and opportunities offered by the Children's Advocacy Center. We appreciate your help in representing the CAC at all special events.

Raffle Fundraiser



The East Manhattan Chamber of Commerce holds an annual community raffle with all proceeds going to participating non-profit organizations. Tickets are \$1 each and first prize is a trip for two to *St. John's Virgin Islands*. Other prizes include a one-year membership to the *New York Sports Club*; airfare for two within the U.S. on *JetBlue Airways*; and gift certificates to several businesses such as *Gracious Home, Crouch & Fitzgerald, The Gap, The Container Store, and D'Agostino's Supermarkets*.

Proceeds from past raffles have enabled the Center to invest in items such as furniture, journals, a sand tray and other new play therapy equipment. Volunteers have been essential participants in this fundraiser.

If you would like to receive raffle tickets or would like additional books, please contact Mary at (212) 517-3012, extension 30, or marypesses@att.net. All ticket stubs are due back at the Center by November 1st.

Volunteer Birthdays



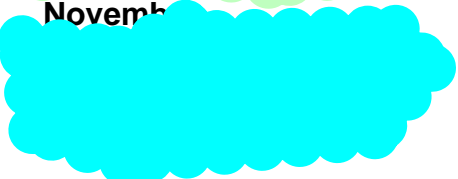
September



October



November



Due to their confidential nature, birthdays have been removed from the online version of the newsletter.

CAC wishes you a very happy birthday!

October is DV Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a national movement that works to bring awareness to domestic violence and its prevention. To learn about current action for social change and access the 2005 DV Prevention Project Resource Packet, visit <http://dvam.vawnet.org>.

Below are a few facts to increase our awareness of domestic violence in the United States.

- Of all female victims of homicide in the United States, 30 percent are killed by husbands or boyfriends, a total of almost 1,500 women each year.
- Between 50-70 percent of men who abuse their female partners also physically abuse their children.
- Children from families in which there is adult domestic violence often suffer negative consequences, even if they are not direct targets of the abuse.
- Positive influences can help children overcome the negative. Children who come from violent homes need role models, family support, community support, and protection.

-Prevent Child Abuse, New York, "Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Fact Sheet."

Save the Date

The Children's Advocacy Center is looking forward to its annual Holiday Party on December 15th from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please mark your calendars, and save the date! If you are interested in helping to plan for or help supervise at the party, call or email Mary, at (212) 517-3012, ext. 30, or marypesses@att.net.

TUTORING PROGRAM

The Children's Advocacy Center Volunteer Tutoring Program has been a success since its start in 2001 and is still growing. Volunteer tutors currently spend 1 to 2 hours each week with clients from the Center. Clients receive one-on-one attention from a caring volunteer who assist with developing academic skills . If you are interested in participating in the tutoring program, please call or email Mary at (212) 517-3012, extension 30, or marypesses@att.net.

As the new school year (and homework) begins, the following educational websites may be helpful for our current tutors and students:

www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com

An animated, interactive dictionary for students, which explains over 500 common mathematical terms in simple language

<http://a4esl.org/>

Quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help students learn English as a Second Language and improve grammar skills

<http://www.nwrel.org/learns/tutor/spr2004/spr2004.pdf>

Excellent tool to help students improve reading comprehension skills

<http://www.nycenet.edu/Students/default.htm>

New York City Department of Education "students" web page , which provides several links to educational websites under "Tools for Learning"

<http://schools.nycenet.edu/d75/his/shack/index.html>

A website listed on the NYC Department of Education "students" web page as a resource for student reference materials and study aids for math, English, music, art, science, and history

Also, math, grammar, and reading practice worksheets are available for tutors at the CAC. Please let us know if you would like additional resources relating to a specific subject.

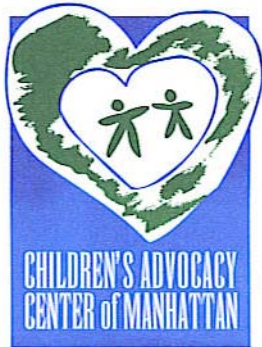


Wish List

The Children's Advocacy Center gets many inquiries regarding items needed for donation. If you or anyone you know is interested in donating to the Center, the following new items are needed:

- ♥Play-Doh
- ♥Basketballs
- ♥Markers
- ♥Educational Activity Books
- ♥Barn/Farm House Play Set for the playroom, such as *Fold & Go Barn by Melissa & Doug* or *Little People Animal Sounds Farm by Fisher Price*
- ♥CD Walkman
- ♥Stickers
- ♥Crayons
- ♥Coloring Books

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life, that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."



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