

THE DENVER CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Thank You to Everyone Who Helped Make Clays for Kids a HUGE Success



On Friday, April 6th, we hosted our inaugural Clays for Kids event presented by *SM Energy* at Colorado Clays Shooting Park. Despite the snowy and cold weather, we had a great turn out and 33 teams joined us for our tournament.

The event raised a total of \$44,108 for our programs at DCAC and we cannot thank everyone enough!

We want to say a special thank you to the Ottoson Family for all their event planning guidance and matching every team's entry fee for a total donation of \$16,500, all of the event attendees who braved the weather with us, the wonderful event volunteers, our very generous event sponsors (listed below), and the Colorado Clays team! We had a wonderful time and hope you did too. The view photos from the event,

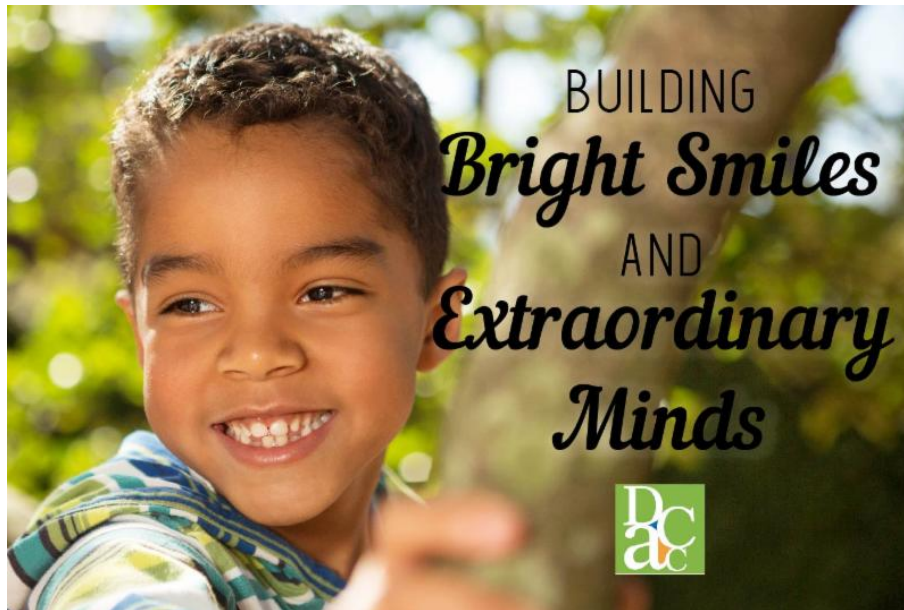
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Building Bright Smiles & Extraordinary Minds this Child Abuse Prevention Month



National Child Abuse Prevention Month provides an opportunity to share the importance of individuals and communities working together to keep kids safe and families healthy! This month, we have a goal of raising \$20,000 to support our programs at DCAC.

With your help, we can strengthen families by building bright smiles and extraordinary minds. Consider making a donation to our programming at DCAC that serves Denver's child victims of abuse, neglect, and violence.

Click the button below to make a donation today!

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Welcome to DCAC's Board of Directors, Glynnis, Karen & Ricardo



Please help us welcome Glynnis Keogh, Karen Schweihs
&
Ricardo Perez to our Board of Directors!

We are so thrilled to have three new members and we can't wait to see what an incredible impact they will have on DCAC.



Glynnis Keogh (not pictured) is a Business Development Manager at Cherokee Nation Business. Glynnis joined our board in January of 2018. Karen Schweihs is working towards her PhD (Counselor

Education and Supervision) at the University of Northern Colorado and Ricardo Perez is a Branch Manager at Denver Community Credit Union. Both Karen and Ricardo joined our board in March of 2018.

Welcome Glynnis, Karen, and Ricardo!



DONOR SPOTLIGHT

We want to say a special thank you to Phil Baca and Slyvia Sich, longtime supporters and friends of DCAC. Phil and Slyvia have been donating snacks and juice on a monthly basis for our clients in our therapy program for the past 14+ years.

We cannot thank Phil and Slyvia enough for their kindness and generosity! Their monthly donations are greatly appreciated by DCAC's staff and clients.

Thank you for all that you do, Phil and Slyvia!

SM Energy presents Clays for Kids



In March, a few of our friends from SM Energy stopped by DCAC for a special visit. Yvette & Nate brought a car load of donations to DCAC to give to our client's families and to use in our waiting rooms. Our clients have already put these items to good use and are enjoying the news toys to play with!

Additionally, Yvette & Nate presented Gizane, DCAC's Executive Director, with a check for their Clays for Kids presenting sponsorship. SM Energy is a long time partner of DCAC and we cannot thank them enough for generously supporting our inaugural sporting clays tournament! We had a blast working with them for another great event to benefit Denver's most vulnerable children & their families.

Thank you again, Yvette, Nate, & the entire SM Energy team!

DENVER CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER'S 2018 PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are excited to invite you to partner with DCAC for our annual event,

Art from the Heart!

Our third annual **Art from the Heart** event draws attention to the transformative power of art and the art therapy utilized by DCAC's therapists in working with traumatized children. This year, Art from the Heart will be hosted at the Space Gallery in Denver on Thursday, September 13th.

If you have any questions about our 2018 Partnership Opportunities, please contact Meghan Parman, DCAC's Development Associate, at MParman@DenverCAC.org or 720.974.7231.

[Please click here to view our Art from the Heart Partnership Opportunities](#)



Continuum of Sexualized Behaviors in Children Training with Dr. Gizane Indart

When? Thursday, May 24th from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where? Colorado Springs Police Department
705 S. Nevada Ave Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Cost? Early Bird Admission (before April 30th) - \$70
Regular Admission (after April 30th) - \$90

This course will address the complexities and challenges that professionals face when attempting to understand and address many of the sexualized behaviors traumatized children may display. We will begin with a quick overview of what constitutes healthy and expectable sexual behaviors. This course is designed to be highly interactive with opportunities to discuss cases you have seen in the workplace, so come with questions!

The primary focus of the training is on children who have experienced disruptions in healthy sexual development and therefore manifest a wide range of sexualized behaviors, from reactive to problematic and abusive.

Please contact Anna Friedman: trainings@denvercac.org for registration questions. We are offering a student and group discounted rate.

Staff & Volunteer Corner



Meet Mandy, DCAC's Grant Writing Consultant!

1. What do you do at DCAC?

At DCAC, I help build the funding base through grants. This has involved some very exciting work with program and organizational development.

2. How long have you been working with DCAC?

I've been working with DCAC for the last 15 years. When I started, the budget was barely \$250,000. Now DCAC has grown tremendously. We've built three beautiful houses and I am so proud to have been a part of that growth.

3. What is your favorite part about working with DCAC?

Working with the staff, being involved with the program and development teams, and being a part of what DCAC's does for children and families.

4. Outside of work, how do you like to spend your free time?

I start each day with a walk along Coal Creek with my husband, Michael, just after 6:00 a.m. The view looks out to the Continental Divide and Boulder Flatirons. We've been doing this for the last 10 years. We love to follow the wildlife through their cycles. Right now, we are following a pair of owls that we saw build their nest and now their eggs have hatched. When we are not walking the creek, we caravan all over the West enjoying the outdoors and the wildlife.

5. If you had a superpower, what would it be and why?

If I had a super power, it would be flying. Although I am terrified of flying in airplanes, I would love to look down and see the earth below me. Birds are one of my passions, and they seem to take such joy in flight, so it would be lovely to feel what it is like to fly.



