



King Soopers Supports DCAC

King Soopers recently presented a check for \$5,000 to Denver Children's Advocacy Center. Kelly McGannon, Director of Public Affairs said, "We admire the support and love you continue to give children who have been traumatized by sexual abuse and violence. We understand that DCAC not only gives these children the professional support they need, but we appreciate the prevention programs that your organization provides. King Soopers supports the kids of our communities. We are grateful for organizations, like Denver Children's Advocacy Center, that can be the direct source of hope and healing to these young children."

King Soopers has been a long time partner with DCAC and we greatly appreciate their generosity and support.



Signs and Symptoms of Child Abuse & Neglect (Presented in Spanish)

The second in a series of Spanish language trainings will be held on March 10th, 2016. Signs and Symptoms of Child Abuse and Neglect, presented entirely in Spanish, will be offered by Gizane Indart, PsyD, Executive Director. This presentation focuses on the understanding of child abuse and neglect as well as the different signs/identifiers of abuse presented by children, adolescents and their families. The presentation also provides the attendees with tools to appropriately respond to a disclosure of abuse and with interventions on how to support children and adolescents through this difficult process. The training will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. at the United Way building, 711 Park Avenue, Denver, CO 80205. Registration is \$65.00.



Event Details

Date:

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
(check-in begins at 8:30)

Fee(s): \$65

Location: Mile High United Way
711 Park Avenue West, Denver, CO
80205

[Click here to Register Today!](#)

Save The Date



Dr. Jerry Yeager will present "Invisible Trauma: the Trauma We Carry with Us Every Day," on April 5, 2016. Working and/or living with traumatized children is challenging, rewarding, and replete with difficulties. This workshop describes and addresses the most commonly observed transference and counter-transference issues in working and/or living with traumatized children. Multiple interventions are also described.

Workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to noon with registration at 8:30 a.m. at the United Way Building, 711 Park Avenue West, Denver, CO 80205. Cost is \$65.00. To enroll go to this link: **[Register Here.](#)**

Wish List

Growling bellies often greet us when children arrive at DCAC. They seem to always be hungry, so this month we are asking for donations of nonperishable snacks. We try to stay in the healthy mode so note the list below, AND as always, donations for snacks are appreciated.

Juice Boxes
Child size Water (8 oz)
Granola Bars
Cookie Packs
Cracker Packs
Fruit Snacks
Raisins

For more information contact Shay Pischke.
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Staff Corner

In an effort to help you learn more about Denver Children's Advocacy Center and the work we do, we will be featuring a staff position each month.



Meet Amber Stead, CPA Director of Finance and Operations

Amber joined DCAC in August 2014.

Q: What is the role of the Director of Finance & Operations?

I am responsible for a wide variety of accounting, financial management, and administrative functions. In addition to managing day-to-day accounting operations, I am responsible for spear-heading strategic financial decision-making with the Executive Director and Finance Committee, annual budgeting, and coordinating the annual financial statement audit. I work closely with the Grant Writer and Program Directors on grant proposals. I am also responsible for the Human

Resource function of our agency and I work directly with our contract vendors to address all IT-related functions, from day-to-day "help desk" type activities to managing the website content, IT security, hardware upgrades and software development. Finally, I supervise DCAC's Office Manager and together we are responsible for social media, managing relationships with various vendors, and managing campus operations, including landscape maintenance, building security, janitorial services, and telecommunications.

Q: What attracted you to this role?

When I worked in the for-profit environment, I worked closely with dozens of nonprofits in my role as an auditor with a public accounting firm. I thoroughly enjoyed the passionate people and unbelievably impactful work being done in our community. I wanted to be part of something that had more meaning for me. And especially because I am a mom, working with young children was important and I quickly found a powerful connection to the work DCAC does. As a CPA with many years of experience, I feel that I have a unique skill set to assist the organization in being the best it can be every day.

Q: What do you find most rewarding?

At the end of each day, I truly feel that our team has made a real, lasting impact. Whether it is something that I did to improve our systems, a grant that we were awarded, seeing a family in crisis finally get help they need, or hearing a story about a successful treatment session that a therapist had, I know that DCAC is making a difference and being part of this team is incredibly humbling.

Q: What do you find most challenging?

The financial landscape of a nonprofit is very volatile. Our revenue streams are often unpredictable and are influenced by many factors out of our control, including the local, state and federal political and economic environments. While it can be very rewarding, planning for this type of uncertainty requires a flexible perspective, detailed and careful planning, and quick critical thinking.

Q: What have you learned from filling this role over the past year and a half?

I have learned many things during my tenure at DCAC. I have been exposed to just how much it takes to keep an organization operating as well as DCAC does. Even though we only have 19 full time employees and a relatively small campus, there are many components to operating a business. Regardless of size, we still have to have all of the things any company does - strategic planning, IT infrastructure, human resource functions, etc. This takes a lot of coordination and work! More importantly, I have been submerged in the program work that DCAC does, which I never truly knew existed. Due to the nature of our programs, I have been exposed to many aspects of our political and economic environment here in Denver. This has been an eye-opening experience and I continue to learn more and more each day about how we, as an agency and citizens of this community, can better serve the most vulnerable children and families of our city.



AMP the Cause New Therapy Items for Our Children + Chance to Win a Car

There is a simple truth to helping our community: by working together we can do a better job at making an impact. Part of our work with children at DCAC includes art and play therapy. Your ticket will assist us to purchase these special tools along with periodic replacements. This year, we are collaborating with Denver-based **Amp the Cause** to raise \$5000 - and give you a chance to win big in the process - through the A Million For What Matters raffle! This is truly one of those rare "win-win" situations.

Here is how it works:

- Select Denver Children's Advocacy Center when you purchase your tickets at www.amillionmatters.com
- The person who holds the winning ticket will take home a 2016 Ford Escape, courtesy of Sill-TerHar Motors (see photo)
- DCAC gets to keep 100% of ticket sales minus credit card processing fees

You can help us raise \$5,000 by purchasing one or more tickets **today**. Tickets are \$10 each! If everyone who participates buys two tickets, we will only need to sell 250. The more tickets we sell, the more likely it is that one of our supporters will win the 2016 Ford Escape. We can't wait to see one of you drive away in a new car. DCAC and Amp the Cause know that working together is the best way to see results in our community. Please join us and buy your tickets today - for a chance to win a 2016 Ford Escape!

For questions contact Shay Pischke or Kris Walker at 303 825-3850.



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