

## 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 2010,  
6:30PM - 11:30PM

**THANK YOU FOR CELEBRATING WITH US!**



*The Child Abuse Prevention Association's mission is to prevent and treat all forms of child abuse by creating changes in individuals, families and society to strengthen relationships and promote healing.*

*On June 11, 2010, the evening began with cocktails at 6:30, silent auction bidding, followed by dinner, a short live auction, and entertainment, offering three hours of good old Rock-n-Roll!!! The celebration, hosted by 94.9 fm's Dick Wilson, took place at the Blue Springs Elk's Lodge in Blue Springs, MO.*

*With your help, we are making a difference in the lives of families in crisis and ensuring that every child has a home for their heart.*

All CAPA programming is designed to help fulfill our mission. **In 2009, many hospitals throughout the country reported an increase between 20 and 30 percent of requests for suspected child maltreatment consults.** A 2009 Reuters report attributes the increase to the severe economic downturn. CAPA also deals with many cases which bear the imprint of economic instability.

***Consider the story of Jessica...a young newlywed anxiously expecting her first baby.*** Jessica was thrilled when she first held her newborn son in her arms, and thought life couldn't be much better. Then one day Jessica went to the store, leaving her 10-month-old baby, Jacob, with her husband. She returned home to find that her little boy would not stop crying. Her husband insisted the baby was fine. Instinctively, and against her husband's will, she took the baby to the hospital only to discover he had seven fractures in his tiny body.

*Shock and disbelief set in at the mere thought that the husband she loved could actually hurt his own baby...her baby.* Although Jessica cooperated completely with the Children's Division and its investigation, her son was temporarily placed in foster care. Jessica reached out to CAPA and we began to help her process her anger, guilt and anxiety over her situation.

Jessica eventually regained full custody of her son, filed for divorce, and her husband is currently in jail. She got a new apartment, a full-time job and, with the help of CAPA, completed her therapy goals. Jessica continues to participate in CAPA's Healthy Family Connections program. When her son is older, she says that she'll look to CAPA to provide his own counseling needs.

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