Changing lives one child at a time.
Our Mission:

Child Advocates of Connecticut recruits, trains and supervises court appointed volunteers who work to ensure that each abused or neglected child has a safe, loving and permanent home.

We are a volunteer-powered organization of committed people who believe society has a fundamental obligation to improve the lives of our most vulnerable children.
I hoped that volunteering as a Child Advocate would give me the opportunity to help protect the interests of a child in the court system and it does, but I have discovered that there is much more to being a Guardian ad Litem … I have been able to help a disabled child access school, after school programs, and counseling resources that enabled her to stay with a loving but overwhelmed mom. (Sometimes a bus pass or a homework program can have a big impact!) Now I am working to help a very determined teenager achieve her goal of college and a career, despite extraordinary obstacles of poverty, natural disaster, and family dislocation. I may not be able to change her world but I can be there to encourage her and to try to find resources that will help her achieve her goals.

The wonderful and hardworking CAC staff provides comprehensive ongoing training and support and is always available to help!

It’s a privilege to work for CAC!

- Susan Stern, CAC Volunteer

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**Thank You**

Dear Friend,

It has been an honor to serve you in our new roles as Board President and Executive Director. This has been an exciting year of growth.

In 2012 – 2013, Child Advocates of SW Connecticut (CAC) moved into new office space, became a member of the National CASA for Children Organization, established an Advisory Board, grew the Board of Directors, expanded our volunteer advocacy into the Probate Court, trained new volunteers, and was awarded a two-year contract from the State of Connecticut to provide volunteer advocacy in southwestern Connecticut.

But most importantly, CAC continues to fulfill our fundamental obligation to make sure that a qualified, compassionate adult will fight for and protect a child’s right to be safe, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to learn and grow in the security of a loving family.

Thank you to our volunteers and supporters who make this possible.

Sincerely,

Elaine Harris
President, Board of Directors

Stacey G. Sobel, Esq.
Executive Director

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A volunteer child advocate reduces the number of traumatic transitions for a child by half.

Research indicates that having a volunteer child advocate reduces by 50% the chance that a child will spend time in long-term foster care.

We are grateful to all who contributed to CAC. We recognize and thank these generous individuals, corporations, organizations and foundations for their gifts and heartfelt support.

- Child Advocates of SW Connecticut
A volunteer child advocate increases the likelihood that a child and his or her family receive needed health and therapeutic services.

CAC provides the highest-level training and continuing education for our volunteers.

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- Child Advocates of SW Connecticut

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Jack Feuer
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Maryellen Frank
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Julie Walsh
Gayle and Seth Weinstein
Joan Weinstein
Charlene Wendell
Charles Zahringer
Lauren and Jon Zirn

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Congratulations to CAC’s new volunteers who completed over 35 hours of training to become CAC volunteer advocates.

Nancy Anderson
Mara Arzi
Marcella Bianco
Ellene Brostoff
Rosemary Contreras
Trish DePhillips

Volunteers
Georgia Adams
Kim Ambrose
Adele Aquila
Peg Atchue
Ellen Barkan
Diane Barston
Lesley Bowman
DeEtta Breitwieser
Lisa Cannon
Julie Chandler
Gail Cohen
Patty Cope
Michele Corrow
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Pam Graber
Michael Gregorio
Ellen Gross
Carissa Gulyas
Adele Handlers
Judy Hart
Lucy Hazard
Tina Healey
Myra Hess

Irene Judge
Richard Liebman
Kate Madigan
Jean McKeever
Barbie McKelvey
Steven Mueller
Bob Nalewajek
Miriam Pacheco
Allison Peyton
Nancy Rebold
Susy Rosato
Patti Stack
Jodie Stanley
Ricki Stern
Susan Stern
Ruthie Strother
Lenore Sturm
Susie Swirbul
Kathy Thompson
Julie Walsh
Sheri Warshaw
Joan Weinstein
Charlene Wendell
Sharon Wessan
Elizabeth West
Lauren Zim

Mari Flicker
Andrea Friedman
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CAC Volunteer Advocate, Barbie McKelvey, is part of the team that provided support for a young man to graduate high school.

Court Swearing-in of CAC Volunteers

I am taken by the tremendous commitment that the people of CAC give to their cases. This organization is amazing in helping kids who can’t help themselves. I am honored to be a part of this wonderful group.

- Lisa Cannon, CAC Volunteer

Since 2010, CAC volunteers have assisted over 150 abused or neglected children
Celebrate & Support

Financial Report
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

High school students Jeremy Platt and Liza Rebold, Chairpersons of Kids Love Kids fundraiser benefit for CAC

Cheers for Children cocktail reception

Expense Total - $304,334
- Fundraising 7% - $20,956
- Management & General 15% - $45,768
- Program Services 78% - $237,610

Revenue Total - $294,028
- Foundations, Trust & Grants $143,930
- Individual, Business contributions $85,622
- State of CT Contract Income $50,000
- Special Events $14,231
- Interest & Misc $245

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THE LOVE LUNCHEON
May 1, 2014
Honoring Cathy Malloy
Connecticut’s First Lady and others


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