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### **Spring News 2018**

### CAC to Expand Mental Health & Forensic Interview Services

With enhanced funding from the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA), the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County is expanding our staff and client resources to meet the growing demand for services. This funding will allow the CAC's Mental Health Team to hire an additional bi-lingual, master's level family advocate to provide the Child & Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI). Since first offering CFTSI in 2015, CAC clients have experienced considerable benefits with this program. We are pleased to be able to increase capacity to serve more families in our community.

Additionally, the CAC will add a Multidisciplinary Team
Coordinator/Forensic
Interviewer, a key team member who facilitates the CAC's frontline

1495 referrals in 2016



reports of sexual abuse

316
reports of physical abuse

193 reports of high risk & commercially sexually exploited youth

93 reports of witnesses to violence **1716** referrals in 2017



1263 reports of sexual abuse

309 reports of physical abuse

240 reports of high risk & commercially sexually exploited youth

70 reports of witnesses to violence

response to reports of child abuse and conducts specialized interviews with children exposed to violence. To learn more about our services or these roles, click **here**.

## A Ginormous THANK YOU to All Who Made the 5th Annual Ginormous Climb a Success!

On April 7, over 400 climbers, volunteers, and supporters filled the lobby of 200 Clarendon at the 5th



CAC Executive Director Susan Goldfarb thanks Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley for his support of the Ginormous Climb, with Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Evans.

Annual Ginormous Climb to fight child abuse. Friends old & new joined together to raise over \$129,000 in support of CAC's services for children and families, bringing the Climb's five year total to over \$500,000!

CONGRATULATIONS to men's division winners Kai Van Horn (1st place), Samuel Goldman (2nd place), and Brendan Harrington (3rd place); women's division winners Elizabeth Burke (1st place), Jennifer Previti (2nd place), and Meagan Hoover (3rd place); team fundraising champions Team LAUREN; and individual fundraising champions Lorrie Higgins, Samantha Kreitman, and Amanda Teo.

Event partners included the <u>Suffolk County District Attorney's Office</u>, the <u>Boston Police Department</u>, <u>Boston Properties</u>, and <u>AMP 103.3</u>, and lead sponsors <u>Torrington Properties</u> and <u>Silversmith Capital Partners</u>. We were so excited to celebrate this milestone event and are honored by the outpouring of support from our community!

For more information about the Climb, including the full results and photos from the day, visit <a href="https://www.ginormousclimb.com">www.ginormousclimb.com</a>. We'll see you at the top next spring!

#### **CAC Marathon Team Conquers Elements**

Despite the chilly temperatures, pouring rain and driving wind, the five members of Team CAC 2018 were eager to line up in Hopkinton and represent the CAC on their journey to Boylston Street. In the words of team member Tracey Sullivan, "It was truly an unbelievable experience. There were so many points where I wanted to give up, but the greater purpose of me running kept reminding me to push forward. I knew the elements I was experiencing in the race were small in comparison to the obstacles the children at the CAC are faced with."

We are so grateful to Tracey and teammates Margo Cramer, Trip Hargrave, Caitlyn Weller, and Lauren Pratt for their dedication and commitment. Our marathon team raised over \$30,000 to support CAC services! If you'd like to read their stories or make a donation to thank them for their efforts, you may do so here.



Team CAC member Calt Weller is all smiles at the halfway mark!

# Check out our new website at www.suffolkcac.org!

Click <u>here</u> to explore our new website! The CAC's new site features information for both community members and professionals about our programs, resources for prevention

and responding to child abuse, and updates about all of the happenings here at the CAC.

If you have any questions or feedback you would like to share with our team, please contact us at <a href="mailto:cac@state.ma.us">cac@state.ma.us</a> or 617.779.2146.

#### Make a gift to support our work



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