



Tyler's Times

Tyler's Justice Center for Children

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Champions for Children

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Tyler's Justice Center for Children is actively raising funds for the 2nd Annual Champions for Children Walk. The walk is sponsored by the Child Advocacy Centers of Illinois with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois being this year's national sponsor. The walk takes place over the span of four days and covers routes all across Illinois. Tyler's has one walker representing the agency. Pledges are currently being accepted. Every single penny helps! Any donation is accepted. You can donate online at www.cacionline.org. Simply go to this website and click on the online sponsor link. There you will need to enter Tyler's Justice Center for Children as the CAC you would like to sponsor. You can also make donations at the center. Last year the walk raised enough funds to help 10,500 children who were victims of abuse. Please help make this year an even bigger success!



Walk for your CAC!

The Blue Kids Campaign is also currently be launched. The Blue Kids are a flyer with the statistic that 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before he or she turns 18. Area businesses have agreed to help out and sell Blue Kids in their stores for \$1 with the proceeds benefiting the walk and specifically, Tyler's Justice Center for Children. The businesses participating are the Stockton Travel Center on Highway 20, Sullivan's Foods in Savanna, Land of Oz in Mt. Carroll, Applebee's in Freeport, Karen's Kitchen in Stockton, Antrny's in Stockton, Woodbine Bend Golf Course and Restaurant, Ron's BP in Galena, R & L Gas Mart in Galena, Apple River Gas Mart, and the R.I.A. Federal Credit Union in Savanna. You can support this campaign and Tyler's by stopping by your local business and buying a Blue Kid!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

The blue ribbon is representative of Child Abuse Prevention month. The Blue Kids Campaign and the CACI walk are both reminders of the children we serve and would like to keep safe. The Blue Ribbon started in 1989 by one grandmother who decided she would, "Make people Wonder," by tying a blue ribbon to the antenna of her van. She chose blue to represent the battered black and blue children that are still in existence today. Since 1989 the blue ribbon has become a national symbol for Child Abuse Prevention. It was not until 1968 that there was a law making it illegal to abuse your child. These startling facts show just how important it is to raise awareness and be proactive against child abuse. Be an active part of your local Child Abuse Prevention Activities! Pick up your ribbon today at Tyler's Justice Center for Children, 400 W Front Ave, Stockton.



Community Corner Caring Hands



The Trinity United Methodist Women of Freeport recently made a contribution to Tyler's Justice Center. Each year they have their annual Butter Braids Sale. For the last two consecutive years the **entire** proceeds of those sales have been donated to Tyler's. Pictured are Judy Webster, President of the Trinity United Women and Ashley Castro, Program Coordinator.

Rummage SALE Clearance & Clutter for Kids

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Sale!

Friday, June 12th from 4:00-6:00p.m. Get all the good buys!

Saturday, June 13th from 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

Spend your Saturday afternoon sifting through the Goods and Purchasing some home baked goodies!

Contact the Center with your donations. You can drop off at the center or at our drop off spot at the Galena U.S. Cellular Store. Remember your trash is someone else's Treasure! Also contact the center with donations of baked goods for Saturday. See you There!

A generous donation was given to Tyler's from Mt. Carroll Rotary Club to help assist in the mission to keep our kids safe. Pictured are Tina Steele-Lietz, Executive Director and Rich Hall, Member of Mt. Carroll Rotary Club.



Pictured Laura Berning, Owner of the Market House Restaurant in Galena. Laura provided a drop off point for the month of March for the community to donate items from the Tyler's Wish list. Also \$210 was raised by monetary donations of local patrons. Thank you Laura for thinking of Tyler's and supporting all your local social service agencies.



Musical Chairs was a Big Hit! Throughout the night party games were played to raise money for individual tip jars. Thanks to the wonderfully supportive attendees, donors and waiters over \$22,000 was raised for the Operating Budget!

Waiter of the Night....Mr. Bob Peters!
Although all the waiters did a great job Bob was able to raise the greatest funds and entertain his table to #1! The 6th Annual Celebrity Dinner and Auction was a good time and great success.



Get Involved

Your support helps every child and family in Carroll, Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties utilizing Tyler's Justice Center's services.

Donate! Every contribution given to Tyler's Justice Center is used in the most appropriate way. More than 50% of the operating budget comes from community support! Your funds truly help keep the doors open for the children and families that need services the most.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

_____ **Yes, I want to make a contribution!**

*Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____. Make checks payable to Tyler's Justice Center for Children.

*Please mail above form with your contribution to: P.O. Box 168 Stockton IL 61085

*Tyler's Justice Center for Children is recognized as a 501 (c) (3) by the IRS. All gifts are tax deductible within IRS guidelines.

For the 2009 Fiscal Year Tyler's has decided to get more involved with the community. West Carroll Primary School agreed to partner with Tyler's to hold two art shows. The first show was held in January and the second in April. Each show showcased about thirty pieces of art from the 2nd and 3rd grade classes at West Carroll. The shows were opened to the community and received overwhelming support. Select pieces were chosen for more permanent work at Tyler's. Grants are currently being written to fund the framing and mounting of these art pieces. The colorful hand made art will fill the welcoming area giving the center an even more child friendly atmosphere. The art will also be displayed throughout the center and even in the community space. Tyler's would like to continue these art shows in the coming years and continue to support the local children in our local communities. If you are able to help in this endeavor please contact the center.



Helping Hands in Art



WISH LIST

- Postage Stamps
- Reed Diffuser or other Child Safe Air Fresheners
- Individually Packaged Snacks
- New or Current Magazines– Highlights, National Geographic, Girl's Life, Teen People, Nickelodeon Magazines,
- Unopened and Recordable DVD+R (minimum 2 hours in length)
- Paper Products-Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue
- Office Supplies-Reams of paper, Envelopes
- Cleaning Supplies-Anti-Bacterial Wipes, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Drop-Ins, Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags, Volunteers for Lawn Mowing, Land Maintenance, etc.
- Individually packaged cars, Nerf footballs/baseballs





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Tyler's Justice Center for Children provides services to abused children in Jo Daviess, Carroll and Stephenson Counties. The purpose of the center is to lessen the trauma of child abuse victims by providing a coordinated multidisciplinary approach to the investigation, prosecution and treatment of child sexual abuse and serious physical abuse cases.

**To receive more information about Tyler's Justice Center activities,
volunteer opportunities, presentations, events or anything else...
please contact the center staff!**

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