

March 20, 2018

Dear Friend:



The Children's Advocacy Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania (CAC/NEPA) is a private, nonprofit, charitable organization whose mission is to provide excellence in the assessment & treatment of child victims of abuse and neglect. Often experiencing shame and guilt, child & teen victims who have experienced traumatic abuse undeniably need the compassion and specialized treatment they receive at our Center, to begin the healing process and keep the abuse from having a lasting effect on their adulthood.

In 1997, under the direction of then Lackawanna County District Attorney, Michael J. Barrassé, the concept and need for a Northeastern Pennsylvania regional advocacy center was researched and developed to serve child and teen victims of abuse. Since it became operational in 1998, Judge Michael J. Barrassé has continuously served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. With one board-certified pediatrician and an attending nurse, we served 32 children in a three-room office - in its first year of operation. This past year, we provided **1,676 child abuse intervention services to 839 children & adolescents**. These services included: 682 Forensic Interviews, 670 Medical Exams & Assessments, 291 Advocacy, Support & Referral Services and Evidence-Based Trauma Therapy for 33 Children at our Mulberry Center.

In celebration of 20 years of service, we are hosting our **Emerald Gala** on Saturday, September 29, 2018 at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel. Our Honorary Chair is John P. Moses, Esquire and Julie Sidoni (WNEP) will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies! We are looking forward to honoring the following community leaders:

- William J. Browning, Executive Director, Lackawanna County Department of Human Services
- Lieutenant Colonel Robert Evanchick, Acting Commissioner Pennsylvania State Police
- Michelle L. Olshefski, Assistant United States Attorney

Your support of this event will help us fund medical examinations, forensic interviews and other critical services that we provide to child victims of abuse every day. The Gala will feature both a live and silent auction. We are hoping that you would be able to donate an item to be used as silent or live auction prize for this event. Your donation will be acknowledged by including your company name/logo in our event program listing. Please return the reply form from the attached document by September 7, 2018. We will make arrangements for pick up once we receive your reply.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly (at 570-969-7313 or maryannlaporta@cacnepa.org) or the Committee Person who shared this information with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann LaPorta".

Mary Ann LaPorta
Executive Director
Children's Advocacy Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania



Yes, I would like to donate a Silent or Live Auction Item as described below.

Donation of Goods Description: _____

Estimated Value of Goods: _____

I would prefer to support this event with a monetary donation.

Donation in the amount of \$ _____ Check/Cash (circle one) Check #: _____

Name: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

The Children's Advocacy Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania, a child abuse intervention center is a private, non-profit charitable organization [501(c)3].

In-kind Donations are tax-deductible at the estimated value of each item donated.

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Please complete this form and return with your check made payable to CAC/NEPA to:
The Children's Advocacy Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania
1710 Mulberry Street, Scranton, PA 18510

Donation Deadline: September 7, 2018