



Dear Friends of the CAC of Warren County:

We are so excited about our NEW Blue Ribbon Benefit "Bourbon & Blue" which will be held on April 30, 2022 at Hidden Valley Orchards (HVO). All proceeds will benefit the Child Advocacy Center of Warren County (CACWC) to help provide specialized services to children who have suffered trauma or abuse. We are so excited to get together again to raise funds to support the center. We would love to have your support to make this another successful fundraiser. With the attached forms you will find many ways to help make this a successful event through sponsorships and basket donations. With the support of community businesses and individuals over the past 12 galas, we have raised nearly \$400,000 for the center to help **serve over 3,200 children!**

The mission of the CAC is to serve abused and neglected children through a comprehensive, coordinated team response of intervention and education. The overall goal is to reduce further trauma to children by decreasing the number of times they tell their story and help ensure their long-term protection and healing. We have continued to grow and reach more Warren County children, **averaging 350 children per year**. It is vital our children have access to trained professionals who conduct child forensic interviews, medical evaluations, therapy, victim advocacy, investigative, and prosecutorial services within a safe, child-friendly facility. The CAC works hard with partnering agencies to ensure every child is provided these services and does not slip through the cracks.

"Bourbon and Blue" is going to be our next Blue Ribbon benefit, and it will be a social gathering filled with good eats, live music, drinks, and auction opportunities. And who can forget those one-of-a-kind paintings by some of our children from the center which will be auctioned!! We will have a new look and new location, but you are supporting the same great cause! This year's event will be held in the Pasture at HVO in Lebanon, Ohio. Your sponsorship will provide needed funds for the CACWC, and it will also promote your business/agency as it will be publicized at the event and through multiple social media outlets throughout southwest Ohio. The funds raised along with other grants, contributions, and in-kind donations help the CAC continue its operations.

**Here are a few facts to consider when choosing your sponsorship and support for "Bourbon and Blue":**

- Every child deserves to be in a safe environment and have a child-friendly place to share their story.
- Child abuse can affect anyone- 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused by the age of 18.
- The CAC builds awareness about prevention and response through Prevention 360 curriculum.
- The CAC model is considered best practice in treating child abuse cases.
- A CAC is the link to healing and hope for abused children.
- 100% of our families surveyed felt safe at the center and knew what to expect upon leaving the center.
- One parent wrote, "Everyone was extremely kind. I am glad that my child was able to meet with such concerned individuals. Thank you so much. We both feel so much better about everything!"

These are just a few reasons why our community continues to need the CACWC. We appreciate your consideration of sponsoring "Bourbon and Blue," so the Child Advocacy Center of Warren County can continue its mission to help children overcome their trauma. We look forward to seeing everyone again on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and we hope you will join us! If you have any questions, please feel to reach out to the center at 513-695-3100.

Sincerely,

Blue Ribbon Benefit Committee

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