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## Children's Giving COMMUNITY SUPPORT

For The Child received a call this week from Emerson Charter School. Could one of our children use a brand new bicycle? Yes, Si, Da - we could think of "yes" in several languages to answer that question! We wondered what parent or teacher had been so kind and generous when we learned that the donor was Theresa, an elementary student, who won the bicycle in a contest. Rather than keep it, she had asked to give it to For The Child. She didn't even keep the new bike and give her old one. With a generosity of heart we see so often in children, she gave away the new bike to make a child she didn't know happy.

Brownie Troop #069 from Carver Elementary School, a group of primarily 7 year olds, formed a "wagon brigade" in November and went door to door in their neighborhood collecting food for the children and families with whom we work. They carried bag after bag into our offices just before Thanksgiving.

The children at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, with family assistance, provided over 80 FTC families with a full Thanksgiving dinner basket. Weaver Elementary School children provided Christmas presents for over 50 of our children. Vanguard University students and staff did a toy drive in their dorms and adopted families in the office.

*What could more exemplify the spirit of the season than children giving to children?*

**Thank you! Great Job Parents!!!!**



*We cannot say thank you enough times to adequately reflect our appreciation for the amazing community support we have received this year: Fundraisers by Light and Life Belmont Shore, Johnny Rebs, Kappa Delta Alumnae Association and the Give Thanks Foundation; donations of funding and items needed by children and families by Children's Circle of Friends supporters, Starbucks, Boeing, EarthTech, Quilters by The Sea, Light and Life Christian Fellowship - North, Church of Religious Science - Seal Beach, In-N-Out Burger, Inland Paperboard and Packaging, NACA Logistics, John Morris of Mums, 49ers Bookstore, Knit Wits, Legends, Exchange Club. Long Beach Police and Fire Associations, Eurocraft Architectural Metal, Long Beach Kappa Delta Alumnae Assoc., Barbara Thomas, Los Altos United Church of Christ...and many more we will thank in upcoming newsletters.*



An hour of your day could make a big difference! We invite you to spend an hour with us learning about child abuse and the variety of ways For The Child and you can impact abuse in our community and in the lives of individual children.

Beginning in February 2003, we will host monthly one

hour meetings for supporters and community members interested in getting a bearing on how For The Child makes a difference each day in children's lives. You don't need to come monthly...just once!

We hope you will join us. To get an early invitation, please check the box in the insert.



**Building the Circle  
of Safety for  
Young Children**

## 36-Foot Mobile Counseling Vehicle—Known Affectionately as the Partridge Family Bus—Brings Counseling Services to School Campuses



### Mobile Counseling Rolls Out to Schools

*Dr. Anthony Urquiza, Director of Mental Health, CAARE Center, UC Davis Medical Center, Gillisa Heredia Miller, Chief, Children's Branch, Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) and Dr. Michele Winterstein, For The Child's Clinical Director celebrate the access to services this OCJP funded vehicle brought to Long Beach children and families at an October 11 breakfast.*

For The Child, funded by a \$200,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP), introduced services "on wheels" in October. A colorful new 36-foot, state-of-the-art mobile vehicle, custom designed to provide counseling, is rolling out to meet children and families at local schools and community sites. Mobile services were developed to overcome common barriers to children receiving assistance such as a lack of transportation and their family's lack of knowledge or trust of services outside of their neighborhood. In addition to space for individual, family and group counseling, the mobile is the first in the nation to be customized for Parent Child Interaction Therapy.

### 911 Visits to Kids' Place in 1st Quarter of Operation

592 children from 389 families were cared for at Kids' Place – our childcare center in the Long Beach Courthouse – in our first three months of being fully operational. 319 return visits were made by these children. Over 1/3 of the children were two years old and younger. 43% of the families accessed our resource and referral services, looking for housing (#1 request), childcare for young children (#2), after-school programs (#3), food and clothing (#4) and child abuse assistance (#5).

## Boeing Paints California Avenue Facility



The old adage “looking the worse for wear” could have been used to describe 4565 California until October. Thanks to a grant from the Boeing Corporation, we were able to repaint and repair the exterior, shown at left.

**Thanks Boeing for your continuing support!**

## Child Abuse Response Team (CART) Expanded Services to Three Hospitals - Assisting a Record Number of Children in 2001-2002

For The Child’s team of volunteers now responds to three area hospitals when a child has been sexually assaulted in the last 72 hours: Community Hospital of Long Beach, Little Company of Mary-San Pedro and the Redondo Beach Women’s Wellness Center. The total number of children assisted increased from 43 in 1999/2000 to 61 in 2000/01 to 111 in 2001/2002. The greatest number of responses continue to be in Long Beach.

On the average 60% of the child victims are female and 40% are male. The number of females increases as the children’s age increases. The children in 2001-2002:

Age	Number of Victims	Age	Number of Victims
0-1 year	2	8 yr	4
2 yr	6	9 yr	5
3 yr	8	10 yr	4
4 yr	10	11 yr	3
5 yr	8	12 yr	8
6 yr	12	13 yr	11
7 yr	8	14 & 15 yr	22

## CART Volunteers

Carrying the pager 24/7 for a week at a time, the following volunteers have given hours and hours of personal time during 2001- 2002...to say nothing of sleepless nights and interrupted dinners:

Lisa Alexander, Linda Asbee, Emily Brennan, Marlene Calderon, Esther Crawford, Erin Ashley Dearden, Miriam Dennis, Kate Hyland, Sandy Komine, Bryan Littlefield, Judy Miller, Dionne Mulcahy, Lorraine Pittman, Leslie Smith. Sharon Turner, Letty Veloz.

We could not do this work without these valuable volunteers. For more information on being a CART volunteer or other volunteer opportunities please contact Sunny Breed, FTC’s volunteer coordinator at (562) 422-8472.

Our next 40 hour CART training is scheduled to begin in early spring.



## Experienced RV Driver Volunteers Needed

If you are an experienced RV driver who has time in the mornings or afternoons to assist our clinical staff in taking this mobile unit to local schools, we need your help. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sunny Breed at (562) 422-8472.



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## **For The Child Invites You to be a Part of the 2003 Children's Circle of Friends Campaign to Fight Child Abuse and Neglect and its Affect on Children**

### **For The Child's Second Annual Circle of Friends Breakfast – April 2003**

#### **Be a Breakfast Sponsor**

- Patron: \$5,000 To \$10,000
- Supporting: \$2,500 To \$4,999
- Contributing: \$1,000 To \$2,499

#### **Be a Table Captain**

- Give a Minimum of \$100
- Recruit 9 friends and colleagues to join you at the breakfast and to consider supporting programs for abused and at-risk children.

#### **Join a Table**

- Hear about For The Child's programs to meet this important need in Long Beach and consider making a donation.

- Check the box that indicates how you would like to help.
- Attach your business card or send the information below — we will contact you.
- Mail to For The Child

*Thank You!*

#### **I AM INTERESTED IN:**

- Being a Breakfast Sponsor
- Being a Table Captain
- Attending the Event
- Learning more about the breakfast

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_