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Gear up for the back-to-school season by making a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve at the Denver Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC). Thanks to the Ottoson Family Fund, every gift made to DCAC before August 31st will be automatically doubled - up to a total of \$10,000.

Please consider making a gift that will have double the impact today! To make a contribution, please click the button below.

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#### Thank You to the Nonprofit Finance Fund!



DCAC has been working with the Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF) for the last several months. In August, Peter and Renee from the NFF spent a day on campus teaching our staff members about financial situation analysis, taking a took a DCAC's business model, and helping us draw a web of connectivity between our program models and our organization as a whole.

DCAC staff members had an amazing morning breaking down financial terms and definitions, coming together to see the bigger picture, and learning how to be more confident when it comes to all things finance. The Nonprofit Finance Fund empowers the people and organizations that generate opportunity and hope in underserved communities. To learn more about their work, please click here.

Thank you again, Peter & Renee!

Art from the Heart is Only a Few Weeks Away



Tickets are officially on sale for our 2nd Annual Art from the Heart event on Thursday, September 14th. Join us at the beautiful and unique Space Gallery in the Santa Fe Art District to support Denver's children and their families.

By featuring the artwork created by many of our clients, Art from the Heart will draw attention to the transformative power of art and the art therapy utilized by DCAC's therapists. Art from the Heart will help support our many programs that positively impact Denver's most vulnerable children and families. The event will include a live auction, food and drinks, wine raffle, interactive art activities and live music.

BUY TICKETS NOW!

## DCAC Training Program Continues to Expand



DCAC's training program has been expanding in 2017 and with the help of many kind individuals and organizations, we were able to conduct multiple trainings in the last few weeks. On Saturday, July 29th Dr. Gizane Indart, DCAC's Executive Director, conducted a training on childhood sexual abuse at Re:Vision. We are so grateful for the Launch Together Initiative of Southwest Denver for their sponsorship of this event. Thank you to Rosa Vergil-Garcia and Re:Vision for all of your work organizing and planning this event.

DCAC also conducted two trainings on Saturday, August 19th. The first was also conducted by Dr. Indart. This training focused on impact of trauma on the developing child and was held in the Montebello neighborhood in northeast Denver. Around 65 individuals participated in the training and we are so appreciative of VOCA for this incredible opportunity.

The second training on August 19th was conducted by Angela Davidson, DCAC's Director of Assessment and Treatment. Sponsored by the Launch Together Initiative of Southwest Denver, this event focused on preventing sexual abuse. During the training, we had the opportunity to introduce Francesca Cordero from Universidad de Desarrollo de Chile. She will be interning at DCAC in the coming months. Welcome Francesca!

Thank you again to all event sponsors, attendees, and organizers!

To view more photos from these trainings, please click here.

Thank you, Mark & Michele!



In June, two wonderful DCAC supporters, Mark & Michele, invited our staff and board members to a very special event. Mark and Michele are long time supporters of DCAC and Mark volunteers in our prevention program, Denver Safe from the Start, doing puppet shows for the children at the schools.

Earlier this spring, we hosted a breakfast for Mark at DCAC thanking him for his dedication to Denver Safe from the Start and DCAC. During the breakfast, we spoke with Mark about his passion for ventriloquism and his business, <a href="Puppets & Things on Strings">Puppets & Things on Strings</a>. Through this conversation, Mark invited us to his home for a special performance and a presentation on the history of his personal collection of ventriloquism figures and other items. Everyone who attended had a wonderful time and it was fascinating to learn more about this form of art and Mark's passion for it.

Thank you again for your hospitality and kindness, Mark & Michele!

Dedicate your Birthday to DCAC through Donate to Celebrate



Do you have an upcoming birthday? Are you still deciding how you would like to celebrate it? By dedicating your birthday to DCAC, you can celebrate your special day by supporting our community's most vulnerable children and their families.

We invite you to pledge your birthday and raise funds to support the 1 in 10 children who will be sexually abused before their 18th birthdays. Because birthdays should be a celebration - not a statistic of childhood sexual abuse.

To learn more about how you can dedicate your birthday, <u>please</u> <u>click here</u> or contact Meghan at MParman@DenverCAC.org

Let's celebrate together!

#### Developing a Resilient Community Together Todos Juntos Creando una Comunidad Resiliente



Training and Community Diaglogue - Clase y Diálogo Comunitario September 13th, 2017

Training/Clase: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Community Dialogue/Diálogo Comunitario: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Free and open to all/La clase es gratuita y todos son bienvenidos

Child care provided/Cuidado de niños sera provisto

Training Facilitators/Presentadoras: Dr. Gizane Indart & Angela Davidson

Community Dialogue Moderators/Moderadores para el diálogo: Rosa Vergil, Armando Rangel, and Anna Friedman

For questions, please contact Raquel Hernandez at 303.996.8584, Rosa Vergil-Garcia at 303.910.8647, or Armando Rangel at 720.297.1550.

To register, please click the button below.

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## Meet DCAC Volunteer, Beth!

Q: What is your role as a volunteer at DCAC?

A: My role as a volunteer is mainly to greet, direct and provide way-finding for clients and visitors that come to the center. I also maintain and up-keep waiting areas to make them presentable. On occasion, I even get thrown a task, such as reworking event flyers or presentation for the center, that really keeps me on my feet! There's always a basket full of duties to get volunteers involved.

Q: What do you find most rewarding about volunteering at DCAC?

A: The most rewarding, by a great deal, is working with the souls who keep the center up and running! The staff is beyond welcoming, a source of positive energy that fills up the whole

place and whoever comes through the doors could feel it immediately. Whatever I can do to make their load a little lighter, I would gladly do it!



Q: What do you find most challenging about volunteering at DCAC? A: I don't find anything particularly challenging about volunteering given that DCAC has made it anything but that. From showing the ropes on how to interact with any given visitor to readily working around school and work schedule, DCAC has really made the volunteering experience hassle-free!

Q: Do you have any hidden talents?

A: Hmm... I can always put a USB cable in the right way on the first try without looking? That's a talent, right?

Q: What do you love to do when you are not working? A: What I love to do the most is roller-skate! It's a childhood habit that's never gone away and has now become as natural for me as walking. Whether sun or rain, you'll always catch me rolling out!

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