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ICAN/ICAN ASSOCIATES HOLDS ITS 8TH ANNUAL NEXUS CONFERENCE

ICAN and ICAN Associates held their annual **Nexus VIII** conference at the **Sheraton Universal Hotel**. This spectacular location provided the opportunity to bring together local, state and national experts to discuss the impact of family violence and potential solutions.

The opening ceremony commenced with the radiant sounds of vocalists **Deputy Angela Shepard, Officer Michael Crisp and Officer Lisa Richardson** from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Messages of support were energetically delivered by the Board of Supervisors and department heads. As



Jerry Tello, Director, National Latino Fatherhood and Family Institute, at Nexus VIII.

child. Additionally, the morning session featured a panel of six highly respected

and knowledgeable professionals addressing the topic "What Are The Effects of Violence in the Home on Children?" Everyone in attendance was extremely stimulated and enthusiastic about the information presented.

The lunch program commenced with exhilarating and lively songs from of the **FAME Youth Choir**. Subsequently, **Rita Saenz, former Director of the California Department of Social Services** greeted the attendees. **Rob Reiner, Producer/Director** and **Lindsay Wagner, Author/Actor**,

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Deanne Tilton Durfee, ICAN Executive Director; Rob Reiner, Producer/Director, Chairman of the California Children and Families State Commission & Lindsay Wagner, Author/Actor, ICAN Associates Honorary Chairperson, at Nexus VIII.

the Opening Keynote Speaker, it was a privilege to have **Honorable Charles D. Gill** whose presentation, "Maybe We Have Spent Too Much Time Answering Questions When We Should Be Questioning Our Answers", challenged our thinking on child welfare practices and what is really in the best interest of the

ARTIST RECEPTION AT HOWS MARKETS

At **HOWS Markets** in Pasadena, ICAN Associates celebrated the fine artistic achievements of the winners and finalists from the 2003 Child Abuse Prevention Month Poster Contest. The students and their families in attendance were treated to goodies and treats provided by HOWS Markets. As part of the festivities, Deputies from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department provided fingerprinting for the children in the local community.

The event was a success! The winners and finalists were extremely proud to show their artwork to friends and family. Many of the HOWS Markets' customers praised the students on their artistic talents and took the time to admire the entire exhibition. Parents also enjoyed the opportunity to meet Board Members and learn more about ICAN/ICAN Associates.

We are deeply thankful to **Mark Oerum** and **Dave Wolff**, owners of **HOWS Markets**, for hosting this event and their staff for showing such great enthusiasm for this worthwhile project. Additionally, we greatly appreciate the support of



Beverly Kurtz, ICAN Associates Poster Contest Chair, with Grand Prize Winner Jordan Chun and family at the Artist Reception at HOWS Markets.

Sheriff Leroy Baca and the **Los Angeles Sheriff's Department** for their commitment and support in promoting child safety.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND AWARDS CEREMONY

On Monday, November 3, 2003, ICAN/ICAN Associates held its annual luncheon symposium at the exquisite and



Deanne Tilton Durfee, ICAN Executive Director; Lindsay Wagner, Author/Actor, ICAN Associates Honorary Chairperson; and Sheriff Leroy D. Baca presents an award to Sallie Perkins at the Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony at the Hotel Bel-Air.

beautiful **Hotel Bel-Air**. Despite the unusual rainy weather, the event was very well attended. The room was filled with professionals, community leaders and child advocates. We were extremely honored to have in attendance **Lindsay Wagner, Actor/Producer, Sheriff Leroy Baca, Honorable Steve Cooley, Los Angeles County District Attorney** and **Dr. Marvin Southard, Director, Los Angeles Department of Mental Health**.

The luncheon began with greetings from **Nicholas S. Winslow, President, ICAN Associates**. Subsequently, **Deanne Tilton Durfee, Executive Director, ICAN**, gave an inspiring presentation about the tragedy of child abuse and neglect. Following the presentation, special awards were presented to **Sallie Perkins, child advocate and newly-**

elected Board Member of ICAN Associates; Honorable Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chairperson, Los Angeles County Board Of Supervisors; and Honorable Frank D. Vicencia, Former Speaker Pro Tem California State Assembly for their decades of support and commitment to protecting abused and neglected children. Everyone in attendance was deeply moved by the honorees' extraordinary efforts on behalf of children!

ICAN/ICAN Associates wishes to thank everyone that attended this wonderful event. We especially want to thank our 2003 Honorees for their continued dedication and inspiration they give to all. In addition, a special thanks to the Hotel Bel-Air for providing superb and excellent service.

ICAN ASSOCIATES ANNOUNCES TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

ICAN Associates is pleased to announce that **Sallie Perkins** and **Monica Hylande-Latta** have recently been elected to the Board of Directors.

Sallie has spent a lifetime dedicated to helping abused and neglected children and their families. She has raised money to build much-needed children's facilities and has worked with battered women's

shelters. Ms. Perkins has been a long-time supporter of ICAN/ICAN Associates and helped organize various special events and projects such as the MacLaren Children's Center Holiday Party.

Ms. Latta is involved with numerous community programs and projects that work with children from troubled and often violent backgrounds. Prior to her appoint-



New Board Member:
SALLIE PERKINS



New Board Member:
MONICA HYLANDE-LATTA

IN MEMORY OF LOIS SCHWEIGER-RUST

ICAN Associates lost a dear friend and loyal employee. After a long and heroic battle, Lois Schweiger-Rust died of cancer. Throughout her many years with ICAN Associates, Lois remained unfailingly enthusiastic about her work. She was always, even in the most challenging of times, a lady-in the truest sense of the word. She was delightfully social and loved the many holiday parties for abused and neglected children, receptions, Los Angeles Marathon



and other special events and activities involving ICAN Associates. She recruited her husband Rusty and friends to help with events and raise funds for the charity. Lois delighted in her friendships with other staff and, even when she was very ill, insisted that her husband bring her to the office to visit and catch up on the activities of the Associates. Her cheerfulness, good will and strong commitment made her a treasure. She is truly missed! ♥

ment to the Board of Directors, Ms. Latta had also been involved with ICAN/ICAN Associates for many years and helped coordinate various events.

"We are very fortunate to have both Sallie and Monica serve on the Board. Their dedication and commitment to helping abused and neglected children will be a true asset to the organization", said Nicholas Winslow, President, ICAN Associates Board of Directors.

ICAN Associates is extremely honored to have Sallie Perkins and Monica Hylande join the Board of Directors. Their strong desire to help children will continue to help guide the work of ICAN Associates and its mission to improve the lives of abused and neglected children.

ICAN ASSOCIATES AT THE 18TH ANNUAL L.A. MARATHON

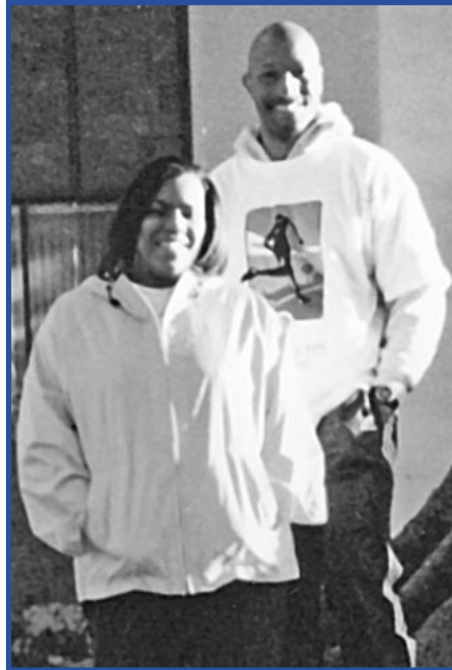
While most of Los Angeles was just waking up on Sunday, March 7, 2004, the streets around the L.A. Convention Center and Staples Center were overflowing with excitement as the XVIII Annual Los Angeles Marathon was about to begin.

At Mile 2 of the Marathon, dozens of ICAN Associates volunteers, runners, walkers, and bicyclists arrived at 6:30 a.m. to participate in the L.A. Marathon to support the cause of child abuse and neglect!

Thanks to the extreme generosity of the **Automobile Club of Southern California**, ICAN Associates hosted



Veronica Plascencia, ICAN Associates Office Assistant, and her friend Yadiro Rios receive their medals for finishing the marathon.



L.A. Marathon volunteers Rufus Jackson and Valerie Coleman at ICAN's designated mile.

Mile 2 of the Marathon at the Auto Club's beautiful and historic headquarters building located at the corner of Figueroa Street and Adams Boulevard.

The ICAN Associates' volunteers, supporters, and athletes had a great time! Volunteers and supporters were there to cheer on the ICAN Associates athletes. Everyone involved was treated to fruit, pastries, coffee and a goody-bag filled with marathon materials! It was very gratifying to see people of all ages and backgrounds come together to raise funds for ICAN Associates and public awareness about the importance of preventing child abuse.

ICAN Associates would like to extend its sincere appreciation for the sup-

port and commitment of the athletes, volunteers and supporters! Also, special thanks to the **Automobile Club** and **HOWS Markets** for donating the pastries and fruit. Because of these dedicated and loyal folks, ICAN will continue to move forward to help win the race against child abuse!

Athletes and volunteers of all ages are welcome to join us next year at the L.A. Marathon - we just know that you will have a great time! As simply stated by one of ICAN's Associates athletes, "Participating in the marathon on behalf of ICAN Associates has been one of the most rewarding things I have done!"



Tammi Relyea, ICAN Associates Development Manager; Lorraine Abasta, ICAN Senior Secretary and Yvonne Guevara having fun in the 5K race.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE 2005 LOS ANGELES MARATHON PLEASE CALL THE ICAN ASSOCIATES OFFICE AT (626) 455-4585!

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THE 18TH ANNUAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH POSTER CONTEST

"This annual project is designed as a teacher directed lesson to educate students and raise their awareness on issues of child abuse and child abuse prevention."



Sheriff Leroy Baca, ICAN Chairperson; Beverly Kurtz, ICAN Associates Poster Contest Chair; Tammi Relyea, ICAN Associates Development Manager; Kirk English, Store Manager, HOWS Markets; Supervisor Michael Antonovich and Deanne Tilton Durfee, ICAN Executive Director with the Poster Contest Winners.

Each year, April is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. **ICAN / ICAN Associates** celebrated the exhibition of the 2003 Child Abuse Prevention Month Poster Contest "Let's Take Care of Our Children" at a reception on the 8th Floor Terrace at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration on April 28, 2003. The winners and their parents, teachers and principals joined ICAN Council Members and ICAN Associates at this event. **Sheriff Leroy Baca, ICAN Council Chairman** and **Beverly Kurtz, ICAN Associates Poster Contest Chair**, presented the students and their teachers with their awards. The children were delighted and parents and teachers were proud of all recognition they received.

The Child Abuse Prevention Month Poster Contest is open to all 4th through 6th grade students in Los Angeles County. This annual project is designed as a teacher directed lesson to educate students and raise their awareness on issues of child abuse and child abuse prevention. Almost 600 children from all over Los Angeles County submitted

posters bringing the total participation of this project to over 12,000 students since 1998. A panel of judges selects 10 winners from 50 finalists. Awards are presented for both students and their teachers.

ICAN and ICAN Associates are deeply thankful to the many individuals who have supported this worthwhile project and made it possible. Special thanks to all the teachers, school health counselors, and principals who help us to reach thousands of children every year on the important issue of child abuse prevention.



Poster Contest Winners at the ICAN Associates Policy Reception.



Sheriff Leroy Baca presents an award to Sally Deng and her teacher Patricia Schwarz at the ICAN Policy Reception.



Sheriff Leroy Baca, ICAN Chairperson and Beverly Kurtz, ICAN Associates Poster Contest Chair presents awards to Joshua Milanez, winner of the Lindsay Wagner Award and his teacher Mrs. Tsang.

2003 POSTER ART CONTEST WINNERS

~ GRAND PRIZE WINNER ~

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Jordan Chun	Monterey Highlands	5th	Monterey Park	Joanne Yamabe	Joe Cash

~ WINNERS ~

Claire Heffernan	Jefferson	6th	Redondo Beach	Gail Yoneoka	Marcia Avent
Schuyler Moore	The Mirman School	5th	Los Angeles	Karin Durup	Dr. John Adelshein
Catherine Paz	Monte Vista	6th	South El Monte	Belinda Hyde	Joan Masters
Jonathan He	Monterey Highlands	5th	Monterey Park	Joanna Yamabe	Joe Cash
Evelyn Sam	Northrup	6th	Alhambra	Sharon Zaslav	Dr. George Jaeger
Sally Deng	Solano Avenue	4th	Los Angeles	Patricia Schwarz	Richard Hickcox
Alfred Galindo	South Ranchito	5th	Pico Rivera	Shantel Reyes	Silvina Rubinstein
Emmy Cobb	Topeka Drive	4th	Northridge	JoAnn Grofsky	Jung Hae Kim
Micaela Withers	Topeka Drive	4th	Northridge	JoAnn Grofsky	Jung Hae Kim

~ LINDSAY WAGNER AWARD ~

Joshua Milanez	Repetto	5th	Monterey Park	Mrs. Tsang	Jenny Cheng
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2003 JUDGES

Honorable Yvonne Brathwaite Burke
Los Angeles County Supervisor

Jeffrey Bacon
Creative Domain
Entertainment, Advertising and Design
ICAN Associates Board of Directors

Elizabeth Bloom
Artist/Teacher
Past BRAVO Awards Judge, Los Angeles County Music Center

Rockard J. Delgadillo
Los Angeles City Attorney
Member, ICAN Policy Committee

Deanne Tilton Durfee
Executive Director, Inter-Agency Council on
Child Abuse and Neglect
Project Chair, National Center on Child Fatality Review

Steven Fogel
Past Chairman, California Arts Council

Captain Patti Minutello
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Family Crimes Bureau

Michael Pines, Ph.D.
Los Angeles County Office of Education
Chairperson, ICAN Operations Committee

Robert Sain
Director, LACMALab
Los Angeles County Museum of Art

Sylvia Shap
Los Angeles Artist

Billie Milam Weisman
Director, The Frederick R. Weisman Philanthropic Foundation

Honorable Mention for Child Abuse Awareness:

Lindsay Wagner
Performing Artist
ICAN Associates Honorary Chairperson

Finalists Judged by:

**Jane McAniff, Franki Kessler,
Ruth Sternlight, Betty Stoller, Bette Treiman**
LACMA Docent Council Members

Beverly Kurtz
ICAN/ICAN Associates Poster Contest Chairperson
ICAN Associates Board of Directors

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NATIONAL CENTER ON CHILD FATALITY REVIEW

Preventing the Deaths of Innocent Children

Approximately 50,000 children die in the United States each year; 2,000 of those children directly as a result of child abuse and neglect. About 40 percent of these children are younger than one year old, and the great majority is younger than 5 years.

Historically, responsibility for preventing and examining child fatalities fell on law enforcement, public safety, and public health agencies working in isolation. As policy makers and the public grew more sensitive to the issues of child abuse and other violence against children, these agencies began to explore ways to work together as a team to share resources and information.

Then in 1978, under the auspices of the Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN), Child Psychiatrist **Dr. Michael Durfee** created the first large-scale Child Death Review Team (CDRT). Dr. Durfee realized that to determine why hundreds of Los Angeles area infants and small children were dying under vague and/or violent circumstances, professionals from criminal justice, health and social services would have to come together to review these



Artwork By: Claire Heffernan, 6th Grade, Jefferson Elementary School

cases as a team. The multi-agency, multi-disciplinary group, known as the Child Death Review Team, discovered

through their reviews that many child fatalities were directly related to abuse and neglect. As a result, the CDRT suggested improvements to make agencies more accountable, helped increase prosecutions, and promoted ideas to improve services and treatments for high-risk families.

In 1996, ICAN established the National Center on Child Fatality Review (NCFR) to help reduce the number of preventable child fatalities and to improve the health, safety and well being of children throughout the nation. **Through its website:**

www.ican-ncfr.org, extensive library and Advisory Board, NCFR helps



Artwork By: Jordan Chun, 5th Grade, Monterey Highlands Elementary School

establish, support and expand a national and international network of multi-agency, multi-disciplinary, local, regional and state Child Fatality Review Teams.

ANNUAL NEXUS CONFERENCE

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Honorary ICAN Associates Chairperson were also in attendance to participate in the special awards presentation. The highlight of the lunch program was the keynote presentation by **Jerry Tello, Director, National Latino Fatherhood and Family Institute**. His riveting and captivating presentation received a standing ovation!

The conference featured 20 workshops that covered an extensive range of current issues. Some of the topics presented at the conference workshops were "Understanding the Overt and Covert Expression of Anger in Children", "Boys Will Be Men: Raising our Sons for Courage, Caring and Community", "Teaching Non-Violent Parenting: Breaking the Cycle of Violence With Positive Parenting Strategies" and "Empowering Traumatized Youth Through Video."

Although the Nexus VIII conference was a huge success with close to 1,000 people in attendance, there is much more work to be done to heighten the awareness of family violence. Last year, about 3 million suspected child abuse and neglect reports were received by child welfare agencies in the United States, while at least 2,000 children died from abuse at the hands of parents and caretakers.

If you are interested in learning more about the conference or would like to become a sponsor, please call the ICAN Associates office at (626) 455-4585.

SAVE THE DATE!
NEXUS 10 WILL BE HELD ON
FRIDAY OCTOBER 22, 2004 AT
THE SHERATON UNIVERSAL
HOTEL IN LOS ANGELES.

ICAN'S CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM

Five-month old Michael was reportedly found unresponsive in his crib by his mother's boyfriend, Thomas. Thomas called 911 and paramedics responded to the home where they found Michael blue and lifeless. Michael was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead shortly after arrival. Thomas notified hospital personnel that he had been babysitting while Michael's mother was at work. He gave Michael a bottle and put him to bed at about 7 p.m. When he returned to check on the baby a few hours later, Michael appeared lifeless.

Hospital personnel observed no evidence of trauma to the baby and speculated that he may have died of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). However, autopsy found evidence of healing rib fractures of varying ages and small hemorrhages to the brain for which Michael's mother and her boyfriend had no explanation. A call had been made to the Child Protective Services Agency two months before Michael's death alleging that Michael's mother and her boyfriend were drug abusers and were neglecting the baby. Michael reportedly cried for extended periods of time, and neighbors were concerned. Social workers who investigated the referral found no evidence to support the allegations and closed the case after several home calls and referrals for parenting class to Michael's mother.

Due to Michael's unexplained injuries and family's history with Child Protective Services, the Coroner modeled Michael's death as "undetermined," indicating that additional

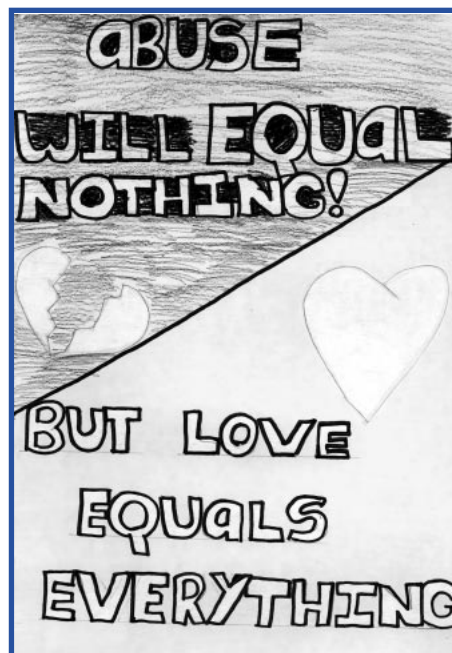
investigation by law enforcement was required to make any other determination.

On the first Wednesday of each month a group of dedicated professionals, ICAN's Child Death Review Team, gathers to review cases of child fatality such as Michael's. Team members, including representatives from the Coroner's Office, District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, Department of Children and Family

petrators. Ultimately, the mission of the Team's case review process is to assist in the prevention of severe and fatal child injury, abuse and neglect.

The Child Death Review Team currently conducts intensive, multi-disciplinary reviews of approximately 3 – 4 cases of child fatality per month. Because of Los Angeles' large population, the Team has primarily focused on child homicides by parents, caregivers and other family members and suspicious undetermined deaths. However, in 2001, the Child and Adolescent Suicide Review Team, under the auspices of ICAN and the Los Angeles County Office of Education, began to examine child and adolescent suicides in Los Angeles County to gain a better understanding of youth suicide and effective prevention practices. In addition to the efforts of these two teams, it is hoped that a separate team will soon be formed to review non-intentional injury deaths ("accidental deaths") of children in an effort to promote prevention of these tragic deaths.

In addition to its monthly multi-disciplinary case reviews, the Child Death Review Team publishes an annual written report on child fatality in Los Angeles County. The most recent report provides information on child homicides by parents, caregivers and family members, as well as child victims of suicide, accidents or undetermined causes over the past fourteen years. Included in this report are Team recommendations designed to promote prevention efforts. The many efforts of the Child Death Review Team are made to benefit the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community.



Artwork By: Alfred Galindo, 5th Grade, South Ranchito Elementary School

Services, Department of Health Services, Office of Education, law enforcement, community care licensing and mental health, share information from their agency files regarding what they know about the deceased child and his or her family. This multi-disciplinary sharing of information helps to tell the stories of children's lives and results in improved services for vulnerable children, improved intra- and inter-agency communication, and enhanced criminal prosecution of per-

FINAL HOLIDAY PARTY AT MACLAREN CHILDREN'S CENTER



Christmas Carolers singing holiday songs to the children.

ICAN Associates hosted its 24th and final Holiday Party for the children at MacLaren Children's Center (L.A. County's temporary housing unit for abused and neglected children).

There was an abundance of laughter and smiles from the children and the adults as they participated together in various game booths. It was very pleasing to watch **Sheriff Leroy Baca** interact with the children and make them feel at ease. In addition, to the game booths and activities, they were entertained with music. With their favorite songs being played in the background, it was wonderful to see the children having so much fun dancing!

Furthermore, the children were amused and excited with the visit of the Mr. Magic, the Christmas Carolers who sang beautiful holiday hymns and the Warner Bros. Characters. Finally, thanks to ICAN Associates Board member, **Kendall Wolf**, a wonderful surprise visit from the **Los Angeles Laker Girls** had the children truly thrilled! Every child had the opportunity to take a picture with the Laker Girls and receive an autographed picture of the entire cheerleading team. Of

course, the visit of Santa Claus and his elves brought the biggest smiles to the children! One of the most heartwarming moments was to see that Santa was able to bring holiday cheer to these special children, regardless of their ages, as he handed them backpacks filled with a sports radios, toiletries and toys!

With all the entertainment and activities of the day, the children were very glad to see that **In-N-Out** was cooking their favorite burgers! Because of **In-N-Out's** extreme generosity, there were plenty of burgers, chips, and drinks for everyone to enjoy!

Special guests included ICAN Associates Board Members: **Tina**

Yothers, former star of the mega hit TV series "Family Ties".

An event of this size can only operate with the help of dedicated volunteers. ICAN Associates is deeply appreciative and grateful to receive the help of so many volunteers who donate their time to make this an extraordinary event. Also, we are very thankful to the MacLaren Children's Center staff, which contributed tremendously to the success of this event.

With the support of these many dedicated individuals, ICAN Associates was very honored to provide an event which hopefully made the children of MacLaren Children's Center feel very special during the holiday season.



Kendall, ICAN Associates Volunteer, participating in the festivities.



Sheriff Leroy Baca with Santa and his Elves.



In-N-Out employee hard at work cooking the children's favorite burgers.



Lindsay Wagner, ICAN Associates Chairperson with Bob Schremp, NFL Alumni Member.

THE COTTAGES ARE NOW EMPTY...

A Message From The Executive Director



DEANNE
TILTON-DURFEE
Executive Director

For 25 years, ICAN shared a building with the staff and children of MacLaren Children's Center. Over the years, literally thousands of children from infancy to adulthood walked through these halls, slept, ate, attended class and played here. Caring ICAN volunteers brought gifts, parties and cheer to the children at MacLaren. It made their stay a little happier; it made them feel more important.

Although ICAN doesn't specifically focus on children in protective custody, the proximity and interaction with these children over the years taught us invaluable lessons we will never forget as we work to prevent child abuse and neglect.

I remember the face of a very sad 15 year old, Lisa (not her real name), who sat in my office on her first day at MacLaren, exhausted from running away and living on the streets. I asked her to write me a letter as I worked at my desk. She slowly printed these words in pencil: *"I feel unhappy because I don't understand what did I ever do to deserve this, why am I so far away from where I'd like to be and away from all my friends. All I wanted was to live a normal life with my Mom and Dad and no drugs to mess everything up.. but I can't change that so I started to do them (drugs) to make me happy and to not think of my past...why did I have to go what I went through?"*

This child's mother was morbidly addicted to drugs and alcohol, her father died from an overdose the week after he was released from a maximum security prison, her grandmother beat her.

Lisa's story is just one of the hundreds that captured our hearts over the years... stories that reinforced our mission to reach children before someone hurts them, before their hopes and dreams are shattered, before they hurt themselves.

We all want to make a difference, and we are. The support of ICAN Associates has made it possible to develop cutting edge training and programs that have been replicated throughout the nation. We have touched the lives of children far beyond those who ever walked the halls of MacLaren. The impact of our work to review child fatalities has resulted in major prevention programs and fewer child abuse deaths. ICAN's NEXUS conference has brought

together advocates for battered partners and abused children, and affected legislation and policy for victims in violent homes. There are children alive and healthy today because of ICAN's focus on preventing teen pregnancies, drug exposed infants and abandoned newborns. We have helped bring grief and mourning counseling to children who have lost family members.

It's difficult to see the difference you make each day, but please stand back for a moment and realize that by sharing in the awesome responsibility of protecting helpless victims of violence, you not only save lives, you give strength to us all. And, you provide hope for Lisa and vulnerable children we may never meet.

Postscript. In 2003, the children at MacLaren Children's Center were moved into foster care and group homes with the goal of providing them homelike settings. Lisa is doing well in a group home and will graduate from high school this year.



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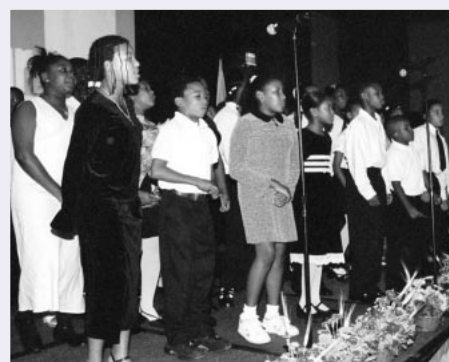
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FAME Youth Choir entertains the Nexus attendees at the luncheon program.



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Deanne Tilton Durfee, Executive Director, ICAN with Penny Weiss, former Assistant Director, ICAN at the L.A. Marathon.



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Joel Henrie, ICAN Associates Board Member with Frank Vicencia, Former Speaker Pro Tem California State Assembly and the winners of the Fernandes Golf Tournament.



Paula Shorter, Manager of Executive Services, AAA; Julius Graham, Manager of HOWS Markets in Torrance; and Dick James, Fundraising Consultant at the L.A. Marathon.

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Pierce O'Donnell, ICAN Associates Board Member, playfully attempts to get one of the children to smile for the camera at the MacLaren Children's Center Holiday Party.



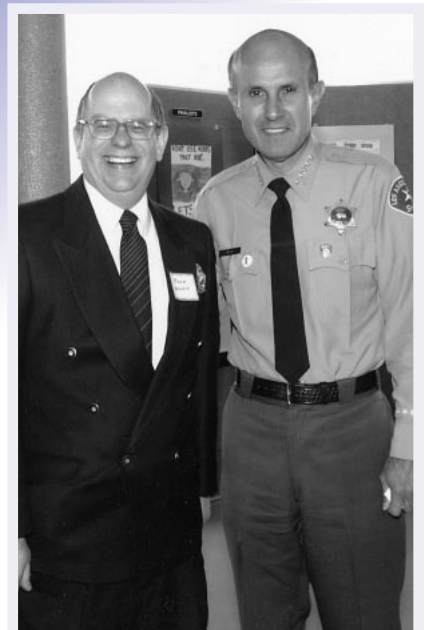
Buddy Fowler, the Sheriff's photographer, at the MacLaren Children's Center Holiday Party.



Alfred Galindo, one of the Winners of the Student Poster Contest, and family at the ICAN Associates Policy Reception.



Jordon Chun, Grand Prize Winner of the Student Poster Contest, with his family and teacher at the ICAN Associates Policy Reception.



Kirk English, Store Manager of HOWS Markets in Pasadena and Sheriff Leroy Baca at the ICAN Associates Policy Reception.

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MacLaren's Children's Center Holiday Party Photos



Mr. Magic (Jay Weiss) with Warner Bros. characters.



Kendall Wolf, ICAN Associates Board Member, with Laker Girls.



Pierce O'Donnell, ICAN Associates Board Member and his son Brendan O'Donnell with the Laker Girls.



Elsbeth Meinardus, ICAN Associates volunteer, collecting Christmas toys for children in foster care.



Beverly Kurtz, ICAN Associates Board Member and her husband Barry Kurtz with the Sheriff's Deputies.



Nicholas Winslow, President, ICAN Associates Board of Directors, with Laker Girls.



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