

KAY HOFFMAN NAMED PRESIDENT OF ICAN ASSOCIATES BOARD



Kay Hoffman, a relatively new member of the ICAN Associates Board of Directors, has just been elected its new president.

Kay is a recently retired television executive and producer. Prior to a ten-year freelance producer career of movies and miniseries for NBC, ABC and CBS, Kay was Executive Vice President of The Landsburg Company (TLC). Headed by ICAN Associates President Alan Landsburg, TLC is best known for its issue oriented movies and miniseries such as Adam, The Ryan White Story and reality based programs including That's Incredible!. Kay was also producer of the documentaries The Fragile Mind, which won a Christopher Award, and Teenage Suicide: Don't Try it!

Some of Kay's freelance projects include the true story of FBI agent/spy Robert Hanssen, starring William Hurt and filmed in Russia, Hong Kong and New York; Danielle Steele's The Ring, filmed in Prague, Austria and New York; Zoya, filmed in Russia, Montreal and New York; Jackie Ethel & Joan: The Wives of Camelot and The Audrey Hepburn Story.

Kay is associated with Women in Film Board of Trustees, Recording for the Blind, the LA County Museum of Art, the LA Philharmonic, Our House (Grief Counseling Center), Cedars Sinai volunteers, and mentoring.

ICAN SENDS YOUTH CAN LEADERS TO RED CROSS CAMP



New members of the YOUthCAN Advisory Council attended the Red Cross Leadership Development Camp

last August. For five days, ICANs Council joined other youth participants at Pilgrim Pines in Yucaipa.

The camp focuses on leadership development: team building, conflict resolution, group dynamics and decision making; community development; service learning, volunteerism, project planning and ethics and diversity; and preparedness; Red Cross training and college essay and resume writing.

They also focus on a lot of fun and some pretty good food. Our kids LOVED IT and will be eligible to return next year as staff members.



NEXUS XIII TRAINING CONFERENCE

In partnership with ICAN, First 5 LA, and the California Department of Social Services, ICAN Associates presented the thirteenth annual Nexus Training Conference: "Violence Within the Home and Its Effects on Children" at the Sheraton Universal Hotel. The conference was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2008 at the Sheraton Universal Hotel. This beautiful setting provided approximately 800 professionals, volunteers, and community representatives in attendance with the opportunity to hear local, national and state experts address the various complex issues of family violence and child abuse.

The conference featured presentations by Dr. Harvey Karp, M.D., and Azim N. Khamisa. Dr. Karp is a child development specialist, author, and assistant professor of pediatrics at UCLA. His groundbreaking books, *The Happiest Baby on the Block* and *The Happiest Toddler on the Block* are national best-sellers. Azim Khamisa provided an inspirational account of the events that led him to be an instrumental leader in societal transformation through halting the continuing cycle of teen violence.

Author of *From Murder to Forgiveness*, he is a highly regarded and respected leader, founder of the Tariq Khamisa Foundation, and founder of the Constant and Never Ending Improvement (CANEI) program.

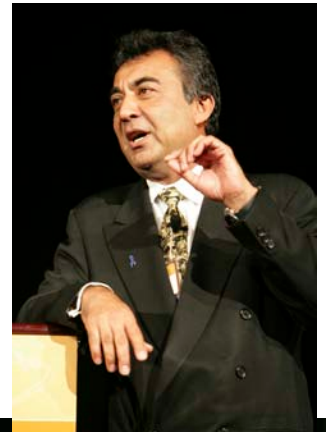
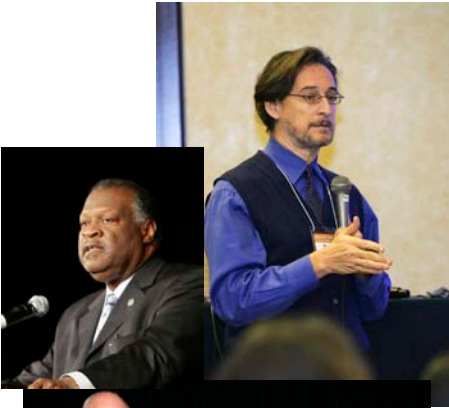
John Hill, outgoing Chief Deputy to Supervisor Yvonne Burke and founder of Cell Phone Dads, received a standing ovation for his inspirational comments regarding his life and his program.

The conference included nineteen (19) workshops providing attendees with training to strengthen multi-disciplinary responses to victims of family violence. Among the workshops featured were such cutting edge topics as "Internet Safety: Do You Know Where Your Children Are?", "Child Grief and Traumatic Loss of A Loved One," and "Reducing Stress, Compassion Fatigue and Emotional 'Triggers,'" presented by Lindsay Wagner.

ICAN and ICAN Associates were proud to recognize and provide two very special awards to celebrate the unwavering and long standing leadership of Christina Crawford and Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke. For over thirty years, both women have remained relentless and tireless advocates for children, and their innumerable achievements reflect this commitment.

This extraordinary event will continue to providing timely information concerning the nexus between child abuse and domestic violence to help those who work with vulnerable children and their families.

ICAN and ICAN Associates are extremely grateful to the numerous volunteers and agencies that continue to support the Nexus Conferences. If you would like to become a Nexus sponsor or volunteer please contact the ICAN office at (626) 455-4585 to receive further information.





MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DEANNE TILTON DURFEE

“Woman is Accused of Stabbing Newborn Baby”
“Man Kills Daughter, 5, Then Himself”
“Man Charged in Death of His Children in Blaze”

ESCAPING HELPLESSNESS

We all read the newspaper accounts of horrific tragedies where innocent young children are starved, tortured, or caught up in the deadly crossfire of violent parents. After years of working with abused kids, reviewing cases and developing programs, I still am profoundly affected, physically and emotionally, by these articles. The victims are real children, and like you, I think of what could or should have been done to save their precious young lives. I imagine myself in the room, sweeping up the child and carrying them to safety. If only I had known...

I have found some salvation from this sense of sadness and helplessness. That salvation comes from the privilege of doing something to prevent the next tragedy... We can grieve, but we can also learn from those painful circumstances and see the many opportunities to make a difference for the next child, and the next. This is the heart and purpose of ICAN. And you, too, are part of that answer.

Findings from such highly regarded studies as the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study of Dr. Vincent Felitti have provided remarkable insight into how we become what we are as individuals and as a nation. The years of childhood experiences are not lost, but like footprints in wet cement, are lifelong. A child living in a violent or neglectful home is not only more likely to experience substance abuse and depression, but more likely to be victimized by rape, domestic violence and suicide.

More eye-opening are the findings that children from violent homes are more likely to suffer adult-onset heart disease, liver failure, diabetes, obesity, and early death. The damage may not go away by just ignoring or ‘out-growing’ it. I once again think of Carson McCuller’s words about the ‘*heart of a hurt child... that festers and swells.*’ Preventing and treating child abuse clearly is a profoundly important investment in our future health and well-being.

There are many daunting issues facing us. We all are struggling with economic and political uncertainties that affect our own finances, health care, security and well being of our families and friends. So, with great respect for the many challenges facing each of us, let us remember the importance of keeping a focus on vulnerable children who so desperately need our help. Because it isn’t just about these children, it is also about ourselves.

You are not helpless, and your concern and support can make a difference. You can be a part of reaching children before they are hurt, preventing the devastating effects of child abuse and neglect on our society.

For more information on ICAN’s initiatives, please visit the website at www.ican4kids.org.

ART IMITATES LIFE: THE 2008 STUDENT POSTER ART CONTEST



GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Jessica Wyrick-Solari, 4th Grade

SCHOOL

Wonderland Avenue

TEACHER

Ruby Kim

CITY

Los Angeles

PRINCIPAL

Dr. Carol Greene

This past year, over 1100 students from 48 Los Angeles County schools submitted posters for the ICAN/ICAN Associates Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Poster Contest, "Let's Take Care of Our Children." The winners and their teachers received cash awards at a special reception at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, Los Angeles Music Center.

ICAN's poster art contest provides a unique opportunity for teachers to talk to their students about the health and well being of children. The contest emphasizes the importance of child abuse prevention, and gives children the ability to convey their message through art. Each school receives a basic curriculum of topics to discuss with their students and examples. A few of the topics are: "It shouldn't hurt to be a child," "It only takes a moment to brighten a child's life," "Help a friend tell someone if they're afraid or hurt," and "Trust your inner voice if something seems wrong."

The 2008 Grand Prize Winner was Jessica Wyrick-Solari, a fourth grader from Wonderland Avenue School in Los Angeles. Jessica's poster, *Bad Words Stick* demonstrates that no matter how many times you compliment a child, it's the negative words that have the most lasting impression.

Winning posters were displayed at the California Department of Social Services, Sacramento; How's Markets; LA County District Attorney's Office, LA County Office of Education and the LA County (Edward D. Edelman's) Children's Court.

Bravo to Beverly Kurtz, ICAN Associates Board member and Poster Contest Chair, our judges and our many friends and supporters for always making a difference for students throughout LA County.



WINNERS

Shannon Hurst
Heather Friedman
Sidney Yi
Ana Jovanovic
Garrett Lash
Britany Nguyen
Amie Vu
Lisa Valicente
Madeline Zauss

SCHOOLS

Castlebay Lane Elementary
Castlebay Lane Elementary
Castlebay Lane Elementary
Gardner Street
Jefferson Elementary
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ICAN FRIENDS RUN, WALK AND BIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE LA COUNTY MARATHON 2008



Brad Goldberg Honored for the Second Time at the ICAN Student Poster Contest Awards Reception

Brad Goldberg and Pablo Esion were honored by ICAN for their LA County Marathon XXIV participation. They received special recognition for their run to prevent child abuse at the annual ICAN/ ICAN Associates Marathon and Student Poster Contest Awards Reception. Other ICAN runners, walkers and bicyclists honored were Sheriff Leroy D. Baca – 5k, Linda Lee – 26 mile run, and Alyse Daniel and Maria Rose – 26 mile bike.

When ICAN Associates Board member, Mike Soliday introduced us to his colleague Brad Goldberg. Brad was so taken with ICAN's work for children and families that he decided to run the 26 miles to benefit ICAN and ICAN

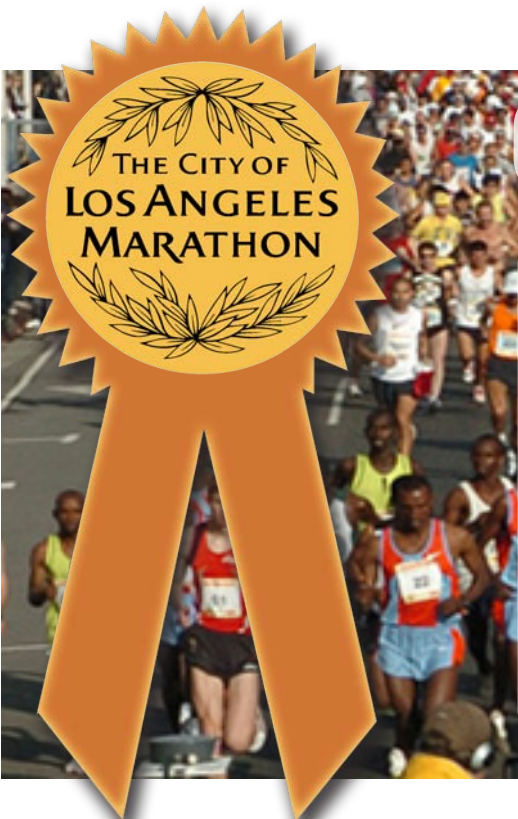
Associates. In 2008, Brandon completed his second run, earning \$7,745.00 for ICAN, and beating his last year's pledges by \$400.00.

Our heartfelt thanks to Mike Soliday, ICAN Friend and Marathon runner - Brad Goldberg, and all the ICAN Friends who ran for ICAN this year. We always say that everyone can make a difference, and all of you did.



Deanne Tilton presents Pablo Esion with his award.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RUN AT THE 2008 LA MARATHON



TOP FUNDRAISING ATHLETES:

1ST PLACE WINNER

Brad Goldberg

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Pablo Esion

2ND PLACE WINNER

Alyse Daniel

3RD PLACE WINNER

Maria Rose

4TH PLACE WINNER

Sheriff Lee Baca

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

THANK YOU TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

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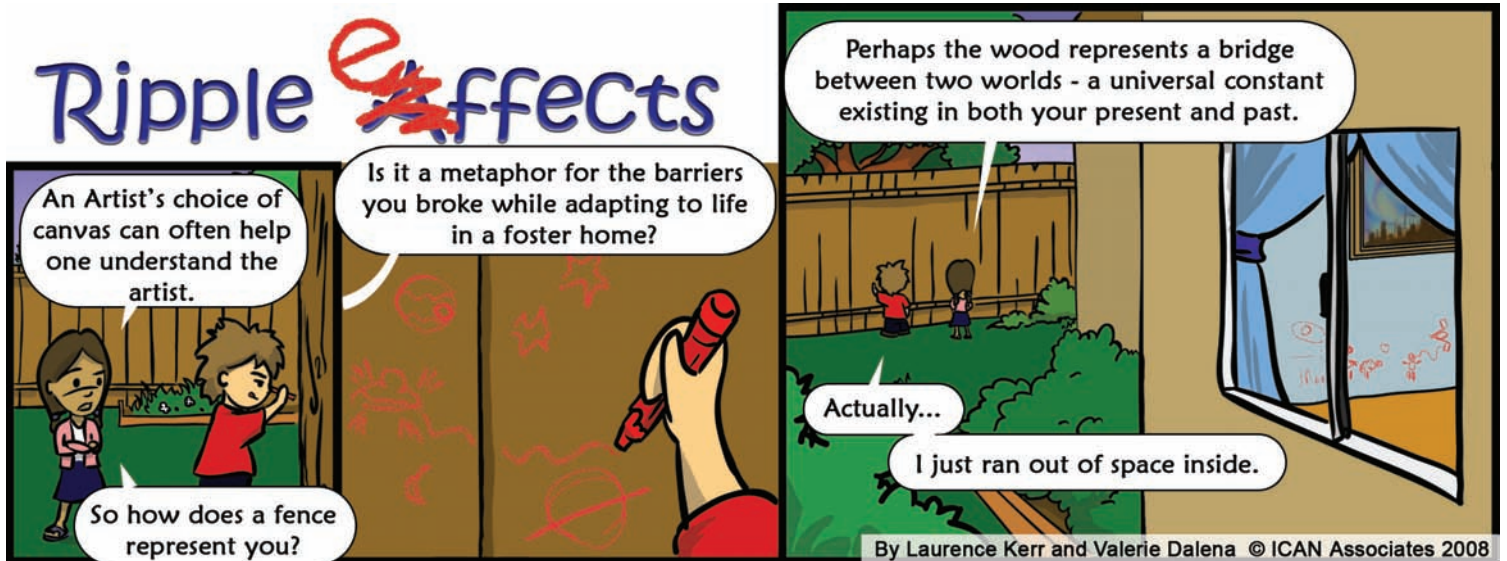
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Because of you, for the past 30 years ICAN/ICAN Associates has improved the lives of children and families in Los Angeles County and throughout the nation through education, advocacy, special projects and programs, including ~~

- National Center on Child Fatality Review (NCFR)
- International Child
- Annual National NEXUS Training Conference
- Child Abuse Investigation Protocols and Training
- YOUTH CAN Leadership Development Project
- Student Poster Contest to Prevent Child Abuse and

Thousands of children continue to suffer from abuse and neglect. The work of ICAN/ICAN Associates would not continue without the generous help from supporters like you. Please accept our sincere thanks for your help with these and other ICAN, ICAN Associates, and NCFR Programs.

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ICAN and ICAN Associates wish to thank those who work so hard to help children and families. Entering foster care can be devastating to a child, but it is often a child's only chance, only lifeline. Ripple Effects does not trivialize the foster care experience and its effects on children, nor does it portray foster care as negative or hopeless. Based on initial responses, ICAN and ICAN Associates believes that the optimistic perspective of Ripple Effects may offer some encouragement to the children, foster parents, parents and social workers who deal with the realities of the child welfare system everyday.

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FIFTH ANNUAL CHILDHOOD GRIEF CONFERENCE **RESTORING JOY TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** **A DAY TO REMEMBER**

“How can we best aid families recovering from a traumatic death or loss?”

This was one of many topics discussed in the recent training conference regarding childhood grief and traumatic loss held at the California Endowment on March 26th, 2009. In partnership with ICAN, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, and Hathaway Sycamores, ICAN Associates presented the fifth annual event *Restoring Joy to Children and Their Families*. Connie Lillas, Ph.D, MFT, RN, co-author of *Infant Mental Health, Early Intervention, & Relationship-Based Therapies*, was the featured speaker. Ms. Lillas is a national graduate of the Zero to Three Leadership Fellow and is the Director of the Interdisciplinary Training Institute. She also serves as a co-chair on the Foster Youth Mental Health Initiative Capacity Building Workgroup at the Children's Law Center.



experiences of losing a loved one. Fifteen workshops provided attendees with training to strengthen multi-disciplinary responses to grief and loss. Among the workshops featured were sensitive topics as “Helping Children Move Beyond a Terminal Diagnosis,” and “The Supervisors Role: How to Care for Your Staff When Clients or Colleagues Die.”

ICAN and ICAN Associates are extremely grateful to the numerous volunteers and agencies that supported this extraordinary conference. The event not only educates professionals but also offers vital information to families experiencing the devastating effects of a traumatic loss. If you would like to become a sponsor or volunteer please contact the ICAN office at (626) 455-4585 to receive further information.

NEW CALEMA GUIDELINES AVAILABLE

The latest draft of the Multi-Agency Identification and Investigation of Severe Nonfatal and Fatal Child Injury guidelines has been finalized and is being distributed. You can obtain a copy on our website, ican4kids.org.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Everyone can make a difference in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Now, you can see the ICAN and ICAN Associates story in the short, entertaining DVD, “Every Ten Seconds.” The DVD is a great way to show your friends and colleagues how they can help prevent child abuse by supporting ICAN's important work. If you would like to be the first on your block to see “Every Ten Seconds,” please contact Laurence Kerr at icanlkerr@gmail.com.