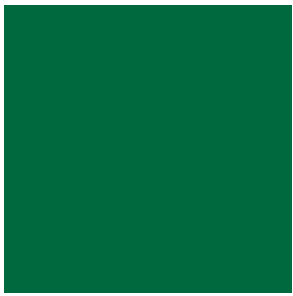
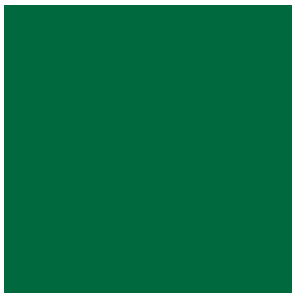
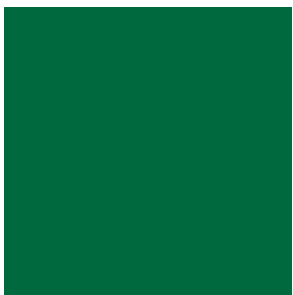




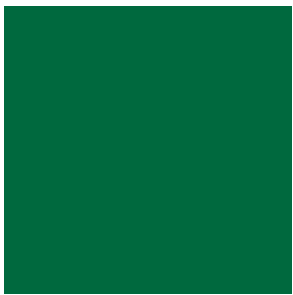
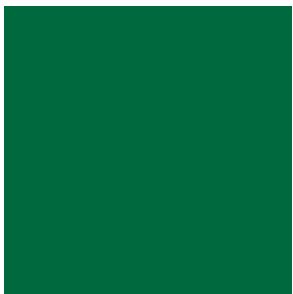
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6th annual Classic to offer fun for all ages

Sept. 21 event includes Olympic equestrians, live entertainment

The New Albany Classic Invitational Grand Prix and Family Day is quickly becoming one of central Ohio's most popular events. And it's no wonder because there's nothing quite like it. Beautiful horses, Olympic equestrians, live music and entertainment, carnival rides and The Ohio State University Marching Band make this an event that truly offers something for everyone. And central Ohio agrees; last year, more than 12,000 visitors turned out for an extraordinary day.

Gates open at the 2003 New Albany Classic on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 10 a.m. Get there early to stroll the grounds of Les and Abigail Wexner's New Albany home, the site of the Classic. Or take a horse-drawn carriage ride around the white-fenced countryside. The Classic is known for its colorful flowers and gardens and expansive, lush grounds, making it a beautiful setting for the competition.

THE PURSE

The New Albany Classic is one of the most prestigious events on the showjumping circuit with 25 of North America's top professional equestrians competing for a share of the \$50,000 purse. Many riders are former Olympians and recent participants in the Pan-American games in Costa Rica. This year's event is a proving ground for 2004 Olympic contenders.

Don't know much about the sport? Don't worry. All you really need to know is that the winner is the rider who completes the course in the fastest time, without knocking down a jump. Not an easy task given that all of the jumps are between 4 feet 9 inches and 5 feet 3 inches in height and must all be cleared in the allowed time — approximately 80 seconds.

LIVE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

Aside from the Grand Prix, visitors will be treated to five headlining acts on the Classic stage. This year, Jack Hanna, the popular host of the television show *Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures*, will bring along some of his unusual animal friends from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Other headliners include The Broadway Kids, a talented troupe of young Broadway performers and, new this year, the Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Company. Garbo is a hilarious show of big balloons and blow-ups. *The New York Times* calls it "skillful, joyful and buoyant entertainment."

On the local front, 100 outstanding student-musicians in the Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra will perform in one of their few local concerts. This accomplished orchestra, under the direction of Peter Stafford Wilson, represents 36 area high schools and has performed



ABOVE: Beth Underhill, former Canadian Olympian, clears a jump at the 2002 New Albany Classic. **BELOW:** Children of all ages can enjoy Family Day activities.



all over the world. Plus, The Ohio State University Marching Band will lift everyone's spirits, with Brutus Buckeye and the OSU cheerleaders leading the fun.

Central Ohio's arts organizations also will be on hand with activities for children. Organizations include BalletMet, The King Arts Complex, Columbus Children's Theatre, the Wexner Center for the Arts and COSI on Wheels. And, you won't believe what you can bid on at the Classic Silent Auction: everything from a luxury car to jewelry to great trips to autographed sports memorabilia and more.

Another great crowd-pleaser is the Hometown Heroes Autograph Tent. Local hometown heroes appearing this year include Dino and Stacy from WSNY-FM Sunny 95, the Columbus Crew's Brian McBride, OSU's Archie Griffin, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Director Emeritus Jack Hanna, Stefanie

What to Expect at the Classic

Whether you're a horse fan or just looking for a great way to spend the day, you'll enjoy The New Albany Classic Invitational Grand Prix and Family Day.

There are bleachers to watch the Grand Prix competition, with handicap seating available. The Classic Stage features lawn seating and nearby picnic benches. Dress is casual and the Classic is held rain or shine. Guests can purchase a wide range of food and beverages at the Classic Food Court.

All parking is free. Wagons, all-terrain strollers or child-carriers are suggested for families with small children since the grounds are not suitable for baby strollers.

and Chris Spielman, former Olympic competitors who are participating in the Classic and others. Family Day also means puppeteers, jugglers, face painting and, of course, carnival rides.

PROCEEDS

The Classic is an annual event held every fall, with all proceeds benefiting the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence, founded by Abigail S. Wexner.

Last year, the New Albany Classic raised more than \$1 million, making it one of the most successful fund-raisers in the region. The event's presenting sponsor is Bank One Private Client Services. Other sponsors include Limited Brands, *The Columbus Dispatch*, Huntington Bank, Nationwide, Barbara Trueman and Family, and Abercrombie & Fitch. Media sponsors for the Classic include WBNS-10 TV, *The Columbus Dispatch*, Time Warner Cable and WSNY-FM Sunny 95.

For more information, visit www.TheNewAlbanyClassic.com.

Planning to Go?

Gates open at 10 a.m. All admission tickets must be purchased in advance. All guests must have tickets to be admitted, and no tickets are sold at the gate. No reserved seats. Bleacher seating for the Grand Prix with handicap seating available.

ADMISSION

\$15*: Individual adult ticket (admits one adult, 17 and older)

\$25*: Ticket for two (admits two adults, 17 and older)

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TICKETS

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Five headliners anchor Classic Stage entertainment

Crowd-pleasers include 'Jungle Jack' and Brutus Buckeye

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The 2003 Classic Stage will offer all this and more. From unusual creatures to Broadway show stoppers, this year's entertainment will appeal to kids of all ages and their parents, too.

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

When "Jungle Jack" Hanna, director emeritus of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, walks on stage, expect the unexpected. His appearance usually results in funny animal antics.

Hanna is a frequent guest on the *Late Show with David Letterman* and on TV's *Bloopers & Practical Jokes*, and even hosts his own show, *Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures*.



BROADWAY ... KID-STYLE

Meet a talented troupe of young singers and dancers straight from the Big Apple. When they're not performing in Broadway shows such as *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Annie*, *Les Miserables* and *Oliver!*, The Broadway Kids dazzle audiences around the country with their singing and dancing skills.

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The performance begins with an inflatable 10-foot cylinder. Before long, the entire audience is playing catch

with gigantic inflatable props. The big blow-up shapes grow, change size and bounce in a rainbow of colors. Come to the Classic and see Garbo's unique inflatable inventions.

RHYTHM AND BRUTUS

The Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra and members of The Ohio State University Marching Band with Brutus Buckeye and the OSU cheerleaders round out the day's festivities on the Classic Stage.

If music is food for the soul, you'll get your fill as the talented aspiring instrumentalists of the Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra perform popular favorites. Pumping up the volume is The Ohio State University Marching Band, fresh from the 'Shoe with rousing numbers to raise your spirits. Plus, everyone's favorite mascot, Brutus Buckeye, and the OSU cheerleaders will be there, too. See them up close and personal at the Classic Stage.

You'll have plenty of time to take in these incredible performances and still enjoy all the other Classic activities. Remember, it's all lawn seating at the Classic Stage.



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To learn more about the center's 2004 opening, visit www.columbuschildadvocacy.com

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Schedule of Events

10 a.m. Gates Open

The New Albany Classic Raffle and Silent Auction, antique carriage rides, miniature animal petting zoo, clowns, jugglers, face and hair painting

Arts and Crafts – The Wexner Center for the Arts

Musical Petting Zoo – The Columbus Symphony Orchestra

The Science of Sports and Bubble Team – COSI on Wheels

Youth Ballet Workshop – BalletMet

Hands-On Arts Activities – The King Arts Complex

Costume Fittings, Story Telling and Mini Play – Columbus Children's Theatre

Strolling musicians
Boomerang demonstrations
Community service organizations
Street performers
Ronald McDonald
Brutus Buckeye
The Columbus Crew Cat

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Silent Auction

10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. — Carnival Rides (All activities close for approximately 45 minutes from 2:30 to 3:15 p.m. during the Welcoming Ceremony)

Classic Stage Entertainment (schedule subject to change)
10:45 to 11:15 a.m. — Columbus Symphony Youth Orchestra

Students from all over central Ohio perform in this full-scale orchestra that is nationally recognized for its excellence. Select instrumentalists, ages 14 to 18, represent 36 local high schools in 20 counties

11:30 a.m. to Noon — The Ohio State University Marching Band, OSU cheerleaders and Brutus Buckeye

Hear favorites like *Script Ohio*, *Hang on Sloopy*, and the *Buckeye Battle Cry*. Pepmaster Brutus Buckeye and the OSU cheerleaders bring their nationally ranked, high-powered routines to the Classic Stage

Noon to 12:30 p.m. — Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures

Hanna is known to the animal world and the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium as "Jungle Jack." Meet a cast of colorful animal characters, some so unusual you may never have seen their like before

12:45 to 1:30 p.m. — The Broadway Kids

Back for the second year in a row, with a just-released sixth new album, *Hey! Mr. D.J.!* You'll find it hard to believe you're not in New York City when these showbiz professionals take the stage

1:45 to 2:30 p.m. — Fred Garbo Inflation Theater Company

Gymnastic tumbling, energetic choreography and comedy by an unusual troupe. An enchanting blend of world-class artistry, technical brilliance and theatrical humor — a must-see treat



LEFT: At the Classic, riders compete to finish the course in the fastest time without knocking down a jump. BELOW: Children can enjoy carnival rides at this year's Classic.



Noon to 2 p.m. — Hometown Heroes

Local celebrities will sign autographs and pose for pictures at the Hometown Heroes Tent. Scheduled to appear: Dino and Stacy from WSNY-FM Sunny 95, the Columbus Crew's Brian McBride, OSU's Archie Griffin, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium Director Emeritus Jack Hanna, Chris and Stefanie Spielman and others

12:30 p.m. — Walking the Course, Professional riders only

1:45 p.m. — Walking the Course, Spectators welcome

2:30 p.m. — Bidding closes at The Classic Silent Auction

2:30 to 3 p.m. — Welcoming Ceremony

Hosted by Angela Pace, WBNS-10 TV Eyewitness News with special guests Abigail S. Wexner, founder and board chair of the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence; Dino and Stacy from

WSNY-FM Sunny 95; The Ohio State University Marching Band; OSU cheerleaders; Brutus Buckeye; Tommie Turvey, equine extremist; and the 6th annual New Albany Classic competitors

3 to 5:30 p.m. — The 6th Annual New Albany Classic Invitational Grand Prix, sponsored by Bank One Private Client Services; raffle prize drawing between first round and jump-off

5:30 p.m. — Awards Presentation, Parade of Champions

Championship trophy and check presentation by Bank One Private Client Services; car presentation to top rider by Midwestern Auto Group

5:30 p.m. — Meet the Riders

Autograph session with Classic competitors in the VIP Pavilion

NEW VOCATIONS RACEHORSE ADOPTIONS/LAST CHANCE CORRAL

Rescue organizations save unwanted horses

Old race horses, neglected ponies, aging steeds and even orphaned foals are finding new leases on life through two central Ohio horse rescue organizations. New Vocations Racehorse Adoptions and Last Chance Corral are transforming abandoned and neglected horses into pleasure mounts and companion horses, and in the process are giving many local families a horse to love.

New Vocations operates farms in Hilliard and the Dayton area, and works exclusively with racehorses that are no longer able to compete. Many of these horses are crippled or suffer from injuries related to their racing days, and are no longer wanted by their owners. Without New Vocations, these animals would have been put to death.

Other horses without such a glam-

orous pedigree find their way to Victoria Goss, owner of the Last Chance Corral. Goss cares for neglected, even abused horses and foals coaxing them back to health and winning their trust through her care. Last Chance is located in Athens and has helped more than 1,500 horses find new homes.

While Goss does much of the training herself, at New Vocations professional staff, in tandem with troubled youth, care for the horses. In a unique program with the West Central Ohio Juvenile Center, teens learn about dressage, jumping and grooming, and for the first time, understand what it means to be responsible for another living being. Improved self-esteem, empathy and trust are some of the by-products of this innovative partnership.

Both organizations are highly

regarded nationally for their commitment and work with horses. New Vocations is one of six, nationally-accredited racehorse adoption and retirement organizations in America. Last Chance was recognized in 2001 by the American Veterinary Medical Association with one of its annual Humane Awards.

Both New Vocations and Last Chance Corral will have booths at the New Albany Classic. Stop by and learn more about their efforts to help their equine friends.

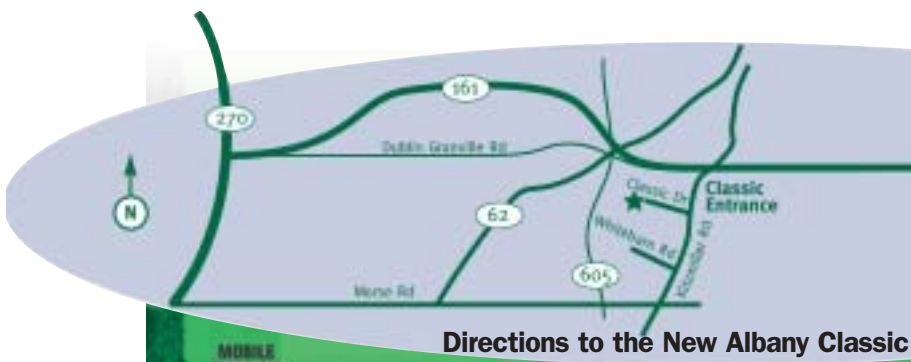
In addition, more information about New Vocations and how to adopt can be found at www.horseadoption.com. For more information on Last Chance Corral and its adoption program, please visit www.lastchancecorral.org.



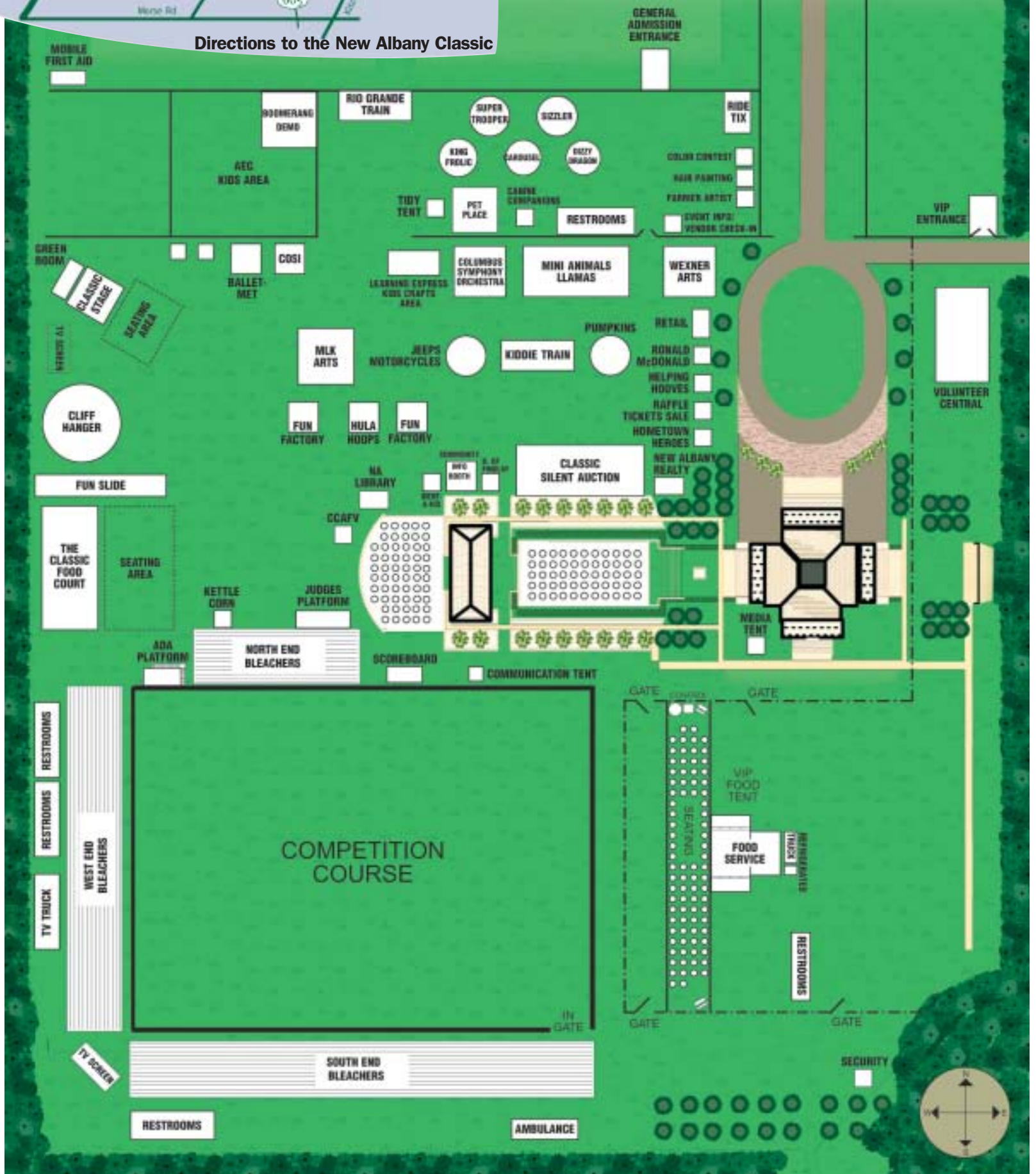
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Retired racehorses find new leases on life with adoptive families through New Vocations Racehorse Adoptions.

Enjoy a day of equestrian sports, family fun and entertainment at the New Albany Classic.



Directions to the New Albany Classic



COLUMBUS COALITION AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE

Changing attitudes, changing lives

Coalition working to break cycle of violence; initiatives making noticeable differences

Columbus police arrested more than 6,000 people last year for domestic violence while Franklin County Children Services investigated more than 3,000 instances of child abuse. While the numbers are overwhelming, they don't begin to tell the story of personal despair and devastation.

For six years, the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence has been working to create a culture that does not tolerate family violence. Founded by Abigail S. Wexner, the Coalition is an organization of more than 100 dedicated community volunteers who work with the area's legal, medical, business, faith and social service organizations — the points where victims and institutions interact. By improving the way these institutions react to family violence, the Coalition hopes that major societal changes will follow.

FAMILY VIOLENCE IS A COMMUNITY PROBLEM

"The crime of domestic violence is not just a police problem. Nor is it a legal problem or a woman's problem. It is a community problem because violence experienced in the home spills over to our schools, streets and workplaces," said Abigail S. Wexner, Coalition founder and board chair. "I believe this is a problem we can solve. And I believe that because of the impact the Coalition is already having here in Franklin County."

One example of this impact is the development of a new medical protocol for hospitals. Emergency department physicians, nurses and staff have recently begun to systematically ask patients entering local hospitals through emergency departments if they are safe in their homes. Central Ohio is the only region in the state that has launched a screening effort of this magnitude.

"As a trauma physician in an urban hospital, my peers and I have seen firsthand the bruises, broken limbs, shattered bones and even deaths that are part and parcel of abuse," said Dr. Jonathan Groner, trauma physician at Children's Hospital and Central Ohio Trauma System board president. "We not only have an opportunity, but a responsibility to help victims."

Another Coalition initiative is Project SAFE. OB-GYN doctors are identifying and connecting pregnant women in abusive family situations to community services. Project SAFE started locally at The Ohio State University Medical Center's OB-GYN clinic and, to date, has helped 60 victims.

Recently, Project SAFE has been replicated in other OB-GYN clinics in Franklin County and has received national recognition for its success.

FREE LEGAL SERVICES HELP REBUILD LIVES

"Imagine not having any money to hire an attorney to keep your boyfriend from stalking you because your paychecks are taken by that same boyfriend," said Roberta Mitchell, professor of law and director of the Capital University Legal Clinic.

Until the Capital University Law School Family Advocacy Clinic, a Coalition initiative, was established in 2000, victims like these were getting lost in the civil legal system with no place to go because their household income was technically too high to qualify them for free legal services with Legal Aid.

The Family Advocacy Clinic provides temporary and civil protection orders for domestic violence victims and also helps victims with divorce, housing and employment. It has helped more than 1,200 clients. In 2002, the Clinic began a Contested Child Custody Project to help victims in contested child custody cases where family violence is a factor and has served 245 victims since its inception.

POLICE, CASEWORKERS AND CLERGY BENEFIT FROM EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS

The Coalition also has spearheaded several training initiatives to better equip law enforcement, social service caseworkers and clergy members in addressing family violence. Victims frequently ask their faith leaders for help. Police respond to more than 40 domestic violence calls every day.

Caseworkers tell horror stories of elder, spouse and child abuse. While the public may only hear about the worst cases of family violence, others must deal with its trauma and brutality every day.

LOCAL COMPANIES ADOPTING FAMILY VIOLENCE POLICIES

Local businesses and the city of Columbus are putting in place stronger policies and procedures for dealing with employees who are stalked or harassed at work. More than 70 employers, including Kroger, Bank One, the city of Columbus and Nationwide, are working closely with the Coalition to improve security measures and adopt workplace policies that help, rather than penalize, victims who come forward for help.



Eighty percent of violent juvenile offenders and adult prisoners came from abusive homes.

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**— Abigail S. Wexner,
Coalition founder
and board chair**

"Historically, we in Columbus have acted like so many in our nation and have shunned the discussion of the abuse of women and children, choosing to believe these were 'private' family matters and that what takes place behind a family's door is not our business," Wexner said.

As the Coalition looks forward, signs of changing attitudes keep everyone hopeful.

"Thank you for recognizing this problem and educating us," said a business executive who attended a Family Violence in the Workplace training session organized by the Coalition.

"Comments like these help us know we are making progress," said Karen S. Days, Coalition executive director.

Bank One receives recognition for family violence prevention program

Coalition highlighted at American Occupational Health Conference

Bank One Columbus Health Management Head Nurse Patti Rutter and CHOICES Executive Director Gail Heller spoke recently to more than 100 occupational health professionals from across the country. Out of 300 entries, Bank One's program was one of 50 selected for presentation at the American Occupational Health Conference in Atlanta. The subject: Family violence doesn't stay home when its victims go to work.

"Family violence can affect business in a big way, with 37 percent of abused women reporting a detrimental impact on their professional lives," Rutter said.

Heller says that companies need effective policies that help managers and other employees respond to a given situation.

"Employers must know how to handle angry telephone calls or e-mails and even personal visits by the perpetrator," she said.

Rutter recommended establishing an internal team to handle cases of domestic violence with employees from human resources, legal, security, management, occupational health and employee assistance. Rutter also would like to see corporations become stronger advocates for victims.

"Any program put in place must encourage workers to come forward and guarantee commitment and confidentiality from the employer," Rutter said.

She recommended screening employees during routine wellness checks for blood pressure and cholesterol to see if there are problems at home.

"Only when we stop domestic violence are we going to eliminate its impact in the workplace," Rutter said.

Bank One began its work with the Coalition in the fall of 2001. Since then, Bank One has trained more than 50 managers at the Brooksedge Boulevard location and is in the process of launching training and awareness programs at Polaris and throughout central Ohio. Bank One employs more than 10,000 people in central Ohio and more than 70,000 worldwide.



Bank One's Patti Rutter and CHOICE's Gail Heller before their "Family Violence in the Workplace" presentation at a national conference in Atlanta.

"We anticipate Bank One will continue these efforts and expand this important program nationally," said Al Dietzel, chair of the Coalition's Business Community Task Force.

For information on how to get a program started at your company, contact Joel Dixon, account executive for the Coalition at (614) 722-5905.

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-About my Great-Great Grandmother, as published on the front page of the town paper.

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THE CENTER FOR CHILD AND FAMILY ADVOCACY

Breaking ground on family violence

On June 25, a crowd of more than 200 community, business and political leaders gathered as Yvette McGee Brown, president of the Center for Child and Family Advocacy; Abigail S. Wexner, founder and board chair of the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence; Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman; Franklin County Commissioner Dewey Stokes; Children's Hospital CEO Dr. Thomas Hansen; and Children's Hospital Boards President C. Robert Kidder of Borden ceremonially broke ground in a giant sandbox with local children.

"The Center is a promise to do more to help stop the cycle of violence that devastates our children, and robs them of the love and protection they deserve," Wexner said.

The Center, a partnership of Children's Hospital of Columbus and the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence, will be the first facility of its kind in the nation to fully integrate services for child abuse and family violence all under one roof. It will offer treatment, support services, education, advocacy and prevention for child abuse and domestic violence victims.

Coleman announced at the groundbreaking that the Columbus police

department's entire Child Sexual Abuse Squad, a team of 21 officers including 19 detectives, will be moved to the Center.

"This move improves police investigations, and it also highlights another facet of the Center — victims are interviewed once by a forensically trained social worker," he said.

Seven local organizations that help child abuse and family violence victims will have more than 100 professional staff members on-site to work as a team to treat victims, prosecute offenders and educate the community. They are Children's Hospital, the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence, the Columbus police department, Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Franklin County prosecutor's office, CHOICES and Franklin County Children Services.

Located on the corner of Ann Street and Livingston Avenue, the Center will be built on the campus of Children's Hospital. The 42,000-square-foot project, which is designed to look like a series of homes, is scheduled to open in early fall 2004.

Other amenities at the Center will include a community conference room for up to 100 people for on-site events, training, programs and meetings, and an



Groundbreaking speakers and the children who introduced them broke ground for the Center for Child & Family Advocacy on June 25. Pictured from left to right are Center for Child & Family Advocacy President Yvette McGee Brown, David Brown, Amanda Fox, Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman, Sophia Miller, Franklin County Commissioner Dewey Stokes, Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence Founder and Board Chair Abigail S. Wexner, Haley Smith, Children's Hospital Boards President C. Robert Kidder of Borden, Joe Zitesman, Children's Hospital CEO Dr. Thomas Hansen and Jordan Stewart.

outdoor play area for clients and neighborhood children. Private donations are funding the project. Major donors include Abercrombie & Fitch, the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence, the Nationwide Foundation, the Scotts Company, The Columbus Foundation and The Columbus Bar Foundation.

COLUMBUS COALITION AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE/CENTRAL OHIO TRAUMA SYSTEM

Agencies unite to create landmark initiative

Area hospitals begin massive effort to screen, identify, provide help to family violence victims

The Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence and the Central Ohio Trauma System have joined forces to create a landmark initiative to screen, identify and provide help to victims of family violence.

It is the only community-wide effort of its kind in the state and, perhaps, the nation.

A briefing for hospital leadership on Feb. 26, 2003 kicked off this effort and marked the formal adoption of region-wide protocols — an effort that has been underway for more than a year. Emergency department physicians, nurses and managers, as well as senior management such as CEOs, COOs and presidents attended the briefing.

SEEKING OUT VICTIMS

Beginning this spring, all emergency department staff members in Franklin County started training on how to screen patients as part of a standard procedure to identify and help victims. Physicians,

nursing staff, social workers, emergency room technicians, and unit and registration clerks will take part in this effort. The goal is to make family violence screening as routine as asking for an insurance card.

Once complete, trainings will be held in adjacent counties. Similar protocols for emergency medical service personnel are being put in place later this year.

"Abuse is the most common reason women seek treatment from the medical system, more than accidents, muggings and rapes combined. Studies show that when all patients are screened for family violence, reporting increases exponentially," said Abigail S. Wexner, founder and board chair of the Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence.

"Hospital emergency departments are one of the primary places victims access the health-care system, and staff need to be trained to identify victims and get them the help they need."

Numbers Tell the Story of Domestic Violence

- 6,000 reported cases of domestic violence in Franklin County in 2002.
- 3,000 reported cases of child abuse in Franklin County in 2002.
- More than 3 million children were reported abused or neglected in the country in 2000.
- CHOICES, a local domestic violence shelter, receives more than 10,000 calls to its hotline annually.
- 10,000 children in America have died at the hands of their parent or caregiver in the last decade.
- Child abuse is 15 times more likely to occur in families where domestic violence exists.



- 80 percent of violent juvenile offenders and adult prisoners came from abusive homes.
- The United States spends nearly \$258 million daily on foster care, incarceration and other societal costs due to child abuse and neglect.
- Child abuse costs each family \$1,460 per year. Yet the federal government invests only \$10 in prevention research per case.

TEEN DATING VIOLENCE

Dating violence more prevalent among youth

Startling results from a recent study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* reveal that one in five teen-age girls reported being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.

Further research shows that males commit nearly 95 percent of all assaults in relationships. Those with a family history of witnessing or experiencing abuse are more likely to become violent. The majority of dating violence occurs when the relationship is serious or steady.

WHAT'S HEALTHY? WHAT'S NOT?

Teens can choose better relationships when they learn to identify the early warning signs of abuse. Teens also are less likely to find themselves in a dangerous relationship if they understand they have choices and believe they are valuable people who deserve to be treated with respect.

PARENTS CAN HELP

If you are a parent of a teen in an abusive relationship, talk with your child. Tell him or her that no one deserves to be abused or threatened. Remember, it is virtually impossible to change a batterer and, in time, the violence will only get worse.

If you are a teen in an abusive relationship, talk to a trusted adult or your local shelter. Together, you can make a plan to end the relationship and remain safe. You also can call the 24-hour CHOICES hotline at (614) 224-4663 for help.

HOW TO AVOID ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS

When teens date someone new, they should consider double-dating the first few times. Before leaving on a date, they



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should know the exact plans for the evening and make sure a parent or friend knows these plans, too.

Alcohol is another mitigating factor in dating violence. As the consumption of alcohol increases, the rate of serious injuries rises.

SAFETY PLANNING FOR TEENS

If you are in a dangerous or potentially dangerous relationship, you need to design a safety plan. Here are some things to consider:

- What adults can you tell about the violence and abuse?
- Who can you tell at school in order to be safe? Teachers? Counselors? Friends?

- Consider changing your school locker or lock.
- Consider changing your route to and from school.
- Use a buddy system for going to school, classes and activities.
- If stranded, who can you call for a ride home?
- Keep a journal describing the abuse.
- Get rid of or change the number to any beepers, pagers or cell phones.
- Keep spare change, calling cards, the local shelter's number and the number of someone who could help, with you at all times.
- Where could you go quickly to get away from an abusive person?

Signs of Teen Dating Abuse

The Abuser

- Verbal abuse, including name-calling and put-downs
- Extreme jealousy
- Canceling plans at the last minute, monitoring and other controlling behavior
- Uncontrolled anger; cruelty to animals and/or children
- Use of drugs or alcohol
- Believes in rigid sex roles
- Quick progression of the relationship

The Abused

- Isolation from family and friends
- Dramatic mood changes, hyper-sensitivity
- Injuries
- Weight, appearance or grades have changed dramatically—signs of depression, which could indicate abuse

CALMING THE STORM

Local Catholic diocese responds to family violence

Clergy, staff, educators participated in training

During the past four years, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Columbus, headed by Bishop James A. Griffin, has led a massive training effort called Calming the Storm to help the diocese's clergy, staff and educators to identify, respond to and prevent family violence.

The Columbus Coalition Against Family Violence aided the diocese in formulating this program in which more than 1,500 priests, religious and lay ministers, and educators participated. Trainees were asked to share what they had learned with others in the diocese, thereby creating a ripple effect.

"With this program, the Catholic

diocese is better prepared to respond to the needs of family violence victims. Once the safety concerns and critical needs of victims have been met, there is also a need to help the perpetrators of violence find the healing and help needed to change their behaviors," Griffin said. "Thanks to the Coalition, our clergy and staff are better able to help victims."

VICTIMS SEEK CLERGY'S COUNSEL

"Victims often turn to their faith leaders when violence occurs in their families, although many clergy feel ill-equipped to appropriately assist them," said Coalition Executive Director Karen S. Days. "Through

hands-on practical solutions like the Catholic diocese's Calming the Storm initiative, the Coalition and its Faith Community Task Force are providing assistance for faith leaders to help victims."

The Calming the Storm staff coordinator continues to promote

the program throughout the diocese and the bishop's vicariate. In addition, several parishes are developing their own programs to respond to family violence victims; several programs are now 2 or 3 years old. The parishes include:

- St. Brendan, Hilliard
- St. Andrew, Upper Arlington
- St. Thomas the Apostle, Columbus' East Side
- St. Francis de Sales, Newcomerstown
- St. Mark, Lancaster

To learn more, visit www.ceducation.org/oym/sj/dven.htm, or call The Catholic Diocese of Columbus, Department of Social Concerns at (614) 241-2540.



Diocese of Columbus

"Calming the Storm"

A Diocesan Program to Address Family Violence

TELL A FRIEND

Help is a phone call away



Central Ohio offers many services for family violence victims. If you know someone who is a victim of abuse, let her or him know they are not alone. Help is as close as the telephone.

Know what to do if you suspect a friend or family member is living in a violent home.

To HELP AN ADULT

- Plan what you want to say, determine a good time and place to talk.
- Ask questions like "How can I help you?" "What do you want to do about the situation?" Listen without judgment. Do not moralize or criticize. Give the victim plenty of time to answer.
- Don't say, "Just get out." It is not a safe piece of advice.
- Let the victim know that you believe that verbal, emotional or physical abuse in a relationship is never acceptable.
- Provide her or him with information about local resources that can help.

To HELP A CHILD

- Report your suspicions of child abuse to Franklin County Children Services. All calls are confidential.

To HELP A SENIOR CITIZEN

- Report your suspicions of elder abuse or neglect to Adult Protective Services. All calls are confidential.

To HELP SOMEONE WHO IS A BATTERER

- Refer him or her to an intervention program.

HERE'S HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

- Talk to a friend, neighbor, minister or doctor; they can be a good source of support and help.
- Make a plan in case you decide to leave. Set aside some cash, important documents (birth certificates, Social Security cards, etc.), a spare set of keys and a change of clothes that you can access easily in a crisis situation.
- Contact community resources to find out how they can help. They can assist you if you need a place to stay or need help taking legal action against the person who is abusing you.
- If you are in an emergency situation, call 911. The police or sheriff's office can get you and your children away from risk.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO HAVE

EMERGENCY 911

SERVICES for CHILDREN and TEENS

Center for Child & Family Advocacy	(614) 722-4044
Community for New Direction	(614) 272-1464
Directions for Youth & Families	(614) 294-2661
Franklin County Children Services	(614) 229-7000
Huckleberry House	(614) 294-5553
Ohio Youth Advocate Program	(614) 777-8777
Prevent Child Abuse Ohio	(614) 722-6800
St. Vincent's Family Centers	(614) 221-7855

SERVICES for ADULT VICTIMS

Beit Ohr (Contact Mike Broidy)	(614) 449-4200
BRAVO (GLBT Services)	(866) 862-7286
CHOICES, 24-hour crisis/shelter	(614) 224-4663
Decision Center	(614) 759-7497
Domestic Violence National Hotline	(800) 799-7233
Mt. Carmel, Crime and Trauma	(614) 234-5900
Ohio Domestic Violence Network	(800) 934-9840
Shalom Task Force	(888) 883-2323
Welcome to Our Place	(614) 431-3542

SERVICES for SENIORS

Adult Protective Services	(614) 462-4356
Franklin County Office on Aging	(614) 462-5230

LEGAL RESOURCES

Capital University Family Advocacy Clinic	(614) 236-6779
City Prosecutor's Office	(614) 645-7483
Franklin County Prosecutor's Office	(614) 462-3555
Legal Aid Society of Columbus	(614) 224-8374

BATTERERS' INTERVENTION PROGRAMS

Africentric Personal Development Shop	(614) 253-4448
Crossroads	(614) 445-0352
Lutheran Social Services	(614) 421-3611
Mt. Carmel Non-Violence	(614) 234-2939
Southeast Inc.	(614) 225-0980

OTHER PROGRAMS and SERVICES

Asian-American Community Services	(614) 220-4023
Capital Area Humane Society	(614) 777-7387
Catholic Social Services	(614) 221-5891
Elizabeth Blackwell Rape Counseling	(614) 566-5353
FIRSTLINK (Info and referrals)	(614) 221-2255
Jewish Family Services	(614) 231-1890
Latino Outreach	(614) 278-3193
Parent Connection Line	(614) 224-2273
Rape Helpline (24-hour)	(614) 267-7020
Suicide Prevention Hotline	(614) 221-5445
United Way of Central Ohio	(614) 227-2700

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