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An Evening For Child Advocacy

Wednesday, April 22, 2015, 5-8 pm

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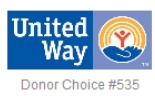


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Who We Are

The [Support Center for Child Advocates](#) provides legal and social services to our most vulnerable children. It is our mission to advocate for victims of child abuse and neglect with the goal of securing safety, justice, well-being and a permanent, nurturing environment for every child.



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2015 Annual Benefit Reception & Auction

Help us celebrate those who bring their talent and passion to our work with children at the Annual Benefit Reception & Auction on Wednesday, April 22nd at the Crystal Tea Room.

This year, we proudly recognize **Kenneth C. Frazier, Chairman and CEO of Merck**, with **2015 Judge Lois G. Forer Child Advocacy Award** for his commitment to the health and well-being of youth and his advocacy for access to justice through pro bono representation. The evening will also allow us to celebrate the extraordinary efforts of our friends who devote countless hours to improving the lives of vulnerable children.

The **2015 Distinguished Advocates** are Alfred R. Fuscald, Gibbons P.C.; Jason T. LaRocco, Fineman Krekstein & Harris P.C.; Daniel J. Luccaro, Cozen O'Connor; George D. Mosee, District Attorney's Office of Philadelphia; Charles N. Persing, Bederson LLP; Lara Thane & Rae-Lynne Tuzzo, Adoptive Parents; Megan E. Watson, Berner Klaw & Watson LLP; and Lawrence J. Beaser, Blank Rome LLP, who will receive the first annual **Eddie Ohlbaum Distinguished Advocate for Children Award**.

Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets and view sponsorship opportunities.

Watch a short video for highlights from our 2014 event!



Child Advocates 2014 Annual Benefit Reception & Auction Highlight Video

2014 Dennis H. Replansky Memorial Award



(FROM LEFT: Michael Ecker, Business Law Section Chair; Frank Cervone, Support Center for Child Advocates; Mitchell Barb; Eckart Seaman; Leonard

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Support Center for Child Advocates, Mitchell Bach, Eckert Seamans, Eckert, Bernstein, Reed Smith)

On January 13th, *Child Advocates* was on hand to help celebrate the work of Mitchell Bach as he received the 2014 Dennis H. Replansky Memorial Award from the Business Law Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association. We are grateful to accept Mitch's generous contribution of his honorarium to support our work. Congratulations, Mitch, on this well-deserved honor!

Meet Our Volunteer Attorney Brett Wolfson



Brett Wolfson, a partner at Rawle and Henderson, has been a volunteer attorney for *Child Advocates* for almost five years. After attending a training in 2009 Brett was eager to join our team and take a case representing a child in need.

Brett heard about our agency over the years from lawyers who volunteer with us, and knew this was work he also wanted to do.

"I felt it was my obligation to use my training skills to help people less fortunate and unable to help themselves. If we are to improve society, the most important place to start is with youth, and try to offer them better resources and opportunities."

Brett feels his role as a volunteer at *Child Advocates* has been professionally challenging and personally fulfilling, and, he has found that working with our staff is rewarding and inspiring.

"It must not go without saying that I have worked with some wonderful people employed by *Child Advocates*, without whom it would not be possible for me to comprehend the system we have, the many resources available, and my role as a Child Advocate."

In his downtime, Brett enjoys running, softball, biking, racquetball and tennis. In fact, he has participated in the Philadelphia Bar Association 5K Run benefiting *Child Advocates* for the last 14 years! He loves the culture, culinary choices and architecture of Philadelphia, and of course our Philly sports teams! Brett also loves to travel and enjoys live theater and music. Thank you for all you do, Brett!

Vicarious Trauma and Burnout: Ethics of Self-Care When Managing Clients in Crisis Recap

On Tuesday, January 20th, *Child Advocates* Social Workers Allie Dolan and Laurie Ayler led a three-hour training at Widener University. At the training, coordinated by Center for Excellence and Advocacy Project Manager Meghan Johnson, Laurie and Allie discussed ways in which vicarious trauma impacts professional competency and personal well-being. Attendees gained the knowledge and skills necessary for identifying and preventing compassion fatigue and burnout.

Over 100 people attended the informative and interactive training held in the beautiful Lathem Hall on Widener's campus.

