



The Advokid Update



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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 in Philadelphia with the goal of securing a permanent, nurturing environment for every child.

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Community Connection

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January:

[Sapphire Fund](#)

AND SAPPHIRE WEEKEND



SAPPHIRE FUND

On the weekend of January 27th, 28th and 29th, Philadelphia's Sapphire Fund will present **Sapphire Weekend**, a weekend of events to raise money for the Philadelphia region's LGBT charitable organizations.

Sapphire Weekend will feature three signature events, beginning with the Sapphire Ball on Saturday, January 28th in the magnificent Franklin Monument at the Franklin Institute. [Buy tickets](#) today!

The weekend will also feature Sapphire Weekend's Sunday Brunch, taking place at the Pyramid Club, with stunning panoramic views of the city (the venue is located on the 52nd floor of Penn Center).

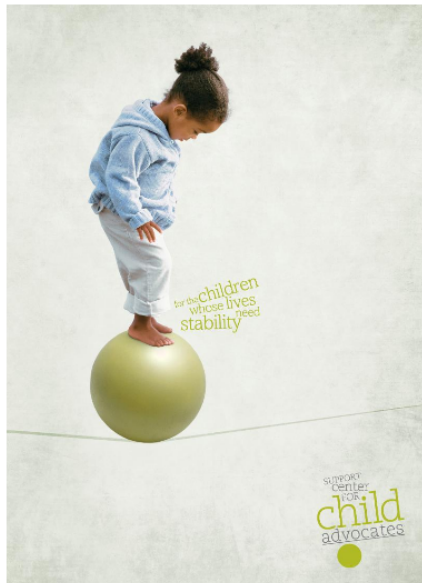
Kicking the weekend off, the Winter Wonderland Ball is presented by Stimulus and takes place on Friday, January 27th at Voyeur Nightclub. The night promises a red carpet, live entertainment and djs, and is a

semi-formal event. Tickets for the Winter Wonderland Ball are \$15 in advance or

\$20 at the door.

Visit the Sapphire Fund's [website](#) to learn more, like this organization on [Facebook](#) or follow them on [Twitter](#)!

Happy Anniversary!



2012 marks the 35th Anniversary of **Child Advocates!** Throughout the year we will be celebrating this milestone, and we want you to be a part of it!

Join us this spring for our **Annual Benefit Reception** at the Crystal Tea Room in the Wanamaker Building.

We'll have more details shortly on our [website](#).

Bi-Annual Report

Click on the cover below to view our Bi-Annual Report



Thanking Our Funders

Upcoming Trainings

Child Advocates' strength lies in our talented and compassionate volunteer attorneys. We team each volunteer attorney with a masters level social worker, supported by our consulting staff attorneys, to ensure that our child client receives the finest legal and social services available.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

"How to Handle A Child Abuse Case" - Volunteer Attorney Training: March 15, 2011



Child Advocates is grateful to all our funders. Without the extraordinary support of regional and national foundations, we would not be able to provide the highest quality direct services to our kids through special projects like our Medically Needy Project and our Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgendered and Questioning ("LGBTQ") Youth Project.

Through the LGBTQ Youth Project, Child Advocates seeks to remedy the disenfranchisement of the LGBTQ youth in the child welfare system. We provide access to justice, representation, safety and hope to youth of all

ages who are in the Philadelphia dependency system and who are marginalized due to sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

With the [Sapphire Ball](#) a few days away, we are thrilled to thank [Sapphire Fund](#) for a generous \$10,000 grant for our LGBTQ Youth Project and share their the news about their amazing upcoming [Sapphire Weekend!](#)

We are the proud beneficiaries of this year's [Sapphire Ball](#) along with the [National Adoption Center](#). Please join us at the ball on Saturday, January 28th. See the sidebar about [Sapphire Fund](#) for details.

[Sapphire Fund](#) was established in 2002 to support the efforts of organizations contributing to the health and well-being of Philadelphia's LGBTQ community and those who support them. [Sapphire Fund](#) is a volunteer organization, conceived and run by members and supporters of the Philadelphia LGBTQ community.

We would also like to thank [The Philadelphia Foundation](#), [The Clayman Family Foundation](#), [The November Fund](#), [Women's Way](#), and [First Hospital Foundation](#) for their amazing generosity and faith in our mission!

In The News

Check out our recent press

- [Post-Gazette](#) - Abuse Victims speak to Congress, 12/14
- [Insurance News](#) - IMPACT Award, 12/16
- [Smart CEO](#) - Golf Classic, 12/11
- [WHYY](#) - NJ Background Checks, 1/5
- [The Daily Local Item](#) - Glaxo Award, 12/31
- [Philadelphia Bar Reporter](#) - Toy Drive, Congrats to Larry Beaser, January 2012
- [The Legal Intelligencer](#) - Congrats to two Child Advocates, In Memory of John Leddy, 1/24

The 2012 Bar Run



TO BENEFIT SUPPORT CENTER FOR CHILD ADVOCATES
MAY 20, 2012

Mark Your Calendars!

On Sunday, May 20, 2012 the Philadelphia Bar Association will host the 32rd Annual 5K Run/Walk to benefit [Child Advocates](#). More than 1,500 Bar Association members and local runners and walkers are expected to converge on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive at 8:30 am for the 3.1. mile race, an open walk and the [Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney](#) Kids' Dash. Radio station [B101](#) will provide music, face painting and activities for all ages.

Hundreds of Philadelphia students from the [Students Run Philly Style](#) organization also participate in the race which supports [Child Advocates](#) continued efforts to serve and advocate for nearly 900 children annually.

Stay tuned for more details about our amazing race!

Meet The Advocates

Read about the amazing folks who serve our kids

Katayun Jaffari



[Child Advocates](#) Board President Katayun I. Jaffari will be honored as Committee Chair of the Year for the Philadelphia Bar Association's Business Law Section at its annual reception on February 6, 2012.

Kathy has served as Chair of the Philadelphia Bar Association Business Law Section's Small Business Committee since the beginning of 2011, and is a partner in the Business and Finance Practice at [Saul Ewing LLP](#).

[Read on](#) to see Saul Ewing's full press release about Ms. Jaffari and her award!

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Kathy has been involved with **Child Advocates** for years, and is loved by the staff and the clients she works with.

Lawrence Beaser

Lawrence J. Beaser will be also be presented with the Section's Dennis H. Replansky Memorial Award at the Philadelphia Bar Association's Business Law Section's annual reception.



Larry is a partner at [Blank Rome LLP](#), a former Chancellor of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and currently serves as the Chair of the Board of Managers of the [Philadelphia Foundation](#).

The Section established the award in recognition of Replansky's career as a lawyer and his contributions to legal, civic, religious and other charitable causes.

Larry has been a generous supporter and trusted adviser of **Child Advocates** over the years, and is a major proponent of social and legal services throughout the city.

Buy tickets to the Reception [here!](#)

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The Child Advocates Team

