

Putting Children First

Bivona Child Advocacy Center's Newsletter

Fall 2016



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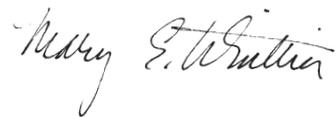
At Bivona Child Advocacy Center, the needs of **children are always put first.**

As the founding executive director of Bivona Child Advocacy Center, I am surrounded by the wonderful, healing work done by our phenomenal staff and 20 partner agencies each and every day. I am excited to introduce the first issue of our new quarterly newsletter, **Putting Children First**, and hope that it provides our friends, advocates, and community with a better understanding of who we are and what we do.

Bivona Child Advocacy Center opened its doors in 2004. Since that time, and with the support from the community, we have evaluated over 16,000 children and helped them on the path to healing.

Our ability to heal children is a direct result of the unbelievable generosity of our supporters and advocates. In this issue, we will introduce you to Alana Sansone, a friend of Bivona who helped to shape the very foundation of where the organization is today. Also in this issue, we will celebrate accomplishments, including our re-accreditation by the National Children’s Alliance, the public announcement of the I/DD Alliance of Greater Rochester, and the success of the 14th Annual CHEERS for Children! event. Another exciting piece in this issue, is a “spotlight” on our 9th Annual Bivona Child Abuse Summit including information about our Keynote Speaker, Sacha Pfeiffer, and our Plenary Speaker, Derek Clark, as well as a link to the official registration page for the April 27-28, 2017 event.

With gratitude,



Mary E. Whittier
Executive Director



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Keynote Speaker Announced for 9th Annual Bivona Child Abuse Summit

The 9th Annual Bivona Child Abuse Summit returns to the Joseph A Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center on Thursday, April 27 and Friday, April 28, 2017. This year's Keynote Speaker will be Sacha Pfeiffer.

A print and broadcast journalist, Sacha Pfeiffer was a member of the Boston Globe Spotlight Team that won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for its stories on the Catholic Church's cover-up of clergy sex abuse. In more than a decade at the Globe, she has produced numerous other investigative series and covered legal affairs and the Massachusetts court system, among other topics. Pfeiffer has also been the host of "All Things Considered" and "Radio Boston" at WBUR, Boston's NPR station, where she won a national 2012 Edward R. Murrow Award for broadcast reporting, and a guest host of NPR's nationally syndicated "Here & Now" and "On Point." Pfeiffer was a 2004-5 John S. Knight journalism fellow at Stanford University and is a co-author of the book "Betrayal: The Crisis in the Catholic Church." She currently writes about wealth, philanthropy and nonprofits for the Globe.

Registration for the 9th Annual Bivona Child Abuse Summit is now open online. Visit www.BivonaCAC.org/bivona-summit for more information.



Plenary Speaker is ...

Derek Clark is a speaker, author, and singer/songwriter. His true-life trials and personal triumphs have inspired organizations with his message of hope and unwavering perseverance. He has turned his situation from victim to victor, equipping him with the wisdom and the will to never give up.

Visit www.BivonaCAC.org/bivona-summit/speaker-bios to learn more about Derek and the rest of our 2017 speakers.

From the very beginning

Community Profile: Alana Sansone

In 2003, Alana Sansone joined the steering committee to form Bivona Child Advocacy Center.



How did you first get involved with Bivona?

I was on the steering committee to form the organization. It was a very exciting and scary time for all of us not knowing if we were going to be successful or not. We had a very dedicated and strong group of people that were determined to make this organization a success. We successfully launched the organization with strong policies, practices and procedures put into place. It was one of my greatest and proudest accomplishments!

What do you find to be the most rewarding about your involvement with Bivona Child Advocacy Center?

I am extremely proud of the work that Bivona Child Advocacy Center does. These people pour their hearts and souls into a job that most people wouldn't have the ability to do. Working in the field of child abuse is one of the most difficult jobs that someone can have and it takes special people to do this on a daily basis. To know that my contributions, whether it be financial or my time, helps a child heal from horrific circumstances and puts them on the road to overcome their tragedies and mend is one of my most rewarding experiences.

As an active volunteer, do you have any advice for other people who are interested in volunteering with us?

You can volunteer in a multitude of ways and each and every person involved is valued and appreciated. The team is awesome to work with and all are very engaging, helpful and fun to work alongside with, especially at the events! There are a lot of opportunities to help and this assistance is valued by not only the organization but by fellow volunteers.

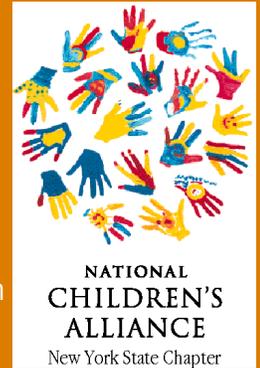
What three things do you think of when you think about Bivona?

High standards, Leader in the field, Exceptional care

***Thank you to Alana Sansone for her continued support.
We are so grateful to call you an advocate for our cause!***

Bivona Child Advocacy Center re-accredited by the National Children's Alliance

The National Children's Alliance (NCA) is the national association and accrediting body for Children's Advocacy Center's (CACs). With a focus on teamwork, the NCA's CAC model places an emphasis on putting the needs of children who experience sexual or physical abuse first.



Bivona Receives Landmark Award

On November 13, Bivona received a 2016 Landmark Society Award of Merit in recognition of the outstanding rehabilitation of the Skalny Building at One Mount Hope Avenue. Bivona's new home is the oldest surviving industrial building, formerly the "Old Stone Warehouse", in Rochester. Thank you to Norbert Hausner, project architect, C.P. Kelly & Associates, Saralinda Hooker, and all of supporters of our Building Hope Campaign!

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I/DD Alliance of Greater Rochester

Children with disabilities are 3-6 times more likely to be abused

I/DD Alliance
OF GREATER ROCHESTER



The I/DD Alliance of Greater Rochester is a collaborative, community-led partnership with a goal to raise awareness of the prevalence of sexual abuse in children with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, and lessen the barriers for communication and treatment for these children.

Created in September 2015 through a \$75,000 grant award from the Golisano Foundation, the I/DD Alliance of Greater Rochester is a community partnership consisting of several local agencies working together to investigate, evaluate, treat, and prevent sexual and physical abuse of children with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Partner agencies include:

Autism Up, Bivona Child Advocacy Center, Catholic Charities Community Services, CP Rochester/Happiness House, Golisano Foundation, Heritage Christian Services, Holy Childhood, Mary Cariola Children's Center, New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), Stepping Stones Learning Center

Learn more about the I/DD Alliance of Greater Rochester online at www.BivonaCAC.org/idd-alliance

Ensuring Hope for the Future

A victim of abuse, Alicia was the first child to receive support and services from our multidisciplinary team of caring, compassionate professionals back in August 2004. In honor of her story and her courage, we have named our planned giving society in her name – Alicia's Circle.

In 2015, we launched Alicia's Circle. Members have made arrangements today for Bivona to benefit in the future through a bequest, life insurance policy, charitable gift annuity, or another planned giving vehicle. To join Alicia's Circle or learn more about how you can ensure hope for future children, like Alicia, through planned giving, please contact Cynthia Pacia at cpacia@BivonaCAC.org or (585) 935-7838.

For more information on Planned Giving, contact Cynthia Pacia, Director of Development, at cpacia@BivonaCAC.org or 585-935-7838.



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CHEERS to another great year at ARTISANworks!

14th Annual CHEERS for Children! raises \$85,000 for local child abuse victims

CHEERS for Children! is a fun and festive tasting event featuring samples of regional wine, microbrew, spirits, and cider, appetizers from Madeline's Catering, live music by The Swooners, a raffle, silent auction, and complimentary valet parking. This year, over 500 guests joined us at ARTISANworks on Thursday, October 27 to raise awareness and funds for local child abuse victims.

The 14th Annual event introduced the "Give us a CHEER" tasting contest. This new feature allowed guests to vote for their favorite tasting vendor of the evening. Congratulations to OSB Ciderworks on being named this year's most CHEER'ed vendor!

Thank you to all attendees, sponsors, and vendors for contributing to another great year for CHEERS for Children! A special thank you to this year's Diamond Sponsor **Lost Vineyards**, a division of Brothers International, for their contribution.



Join Bivona on Tuesday, November 29th to raise awareness & funds for local child abuse victims. Visit BivonaCAC.org/november29 for more information! #ROGtheDay #NYSGivesDay #GivingTuesday



SAVE OUR DATES!

OPEN THAT BOTTLE NIGHT
February 25, 2017 at
Locust Hill Country Club

Register Online:
www.BivonaCAC.org/otbn

9TH ANNUAL BIVONA CHILD ABUSE SUMMIT
April 27-28, 2017 at
Joseph A Floreano Rochester
Riverside Convention Center

Register Online:
www.BivonaCAC.org/bivona-summit

15TH ANNUAL BIVONA CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER GOLF TOURNAMENT
June 26, 2017 at
Midvale Country Club

15TH ANNUAL CHEERS FOR CHILDREN!
October 26, 2017

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