

2007 Community Breakfast Huge Success!

Juandiego Wade Wins Child Advocate Award



City School Board member and Albemarle County Transportation Planner Juandiego Wade is this year's *John L. Snook Child Advocate* Award winner.

Mr. Wade was honored at the CYFS Community Breakfast in April. This annual event brings together community and

business leaders along with volunteers and professionals who work to improve the lives of children in our community. Juan's commitment to local children is evident in every aspect of his life. His contributions range from intensive support of individual children to high level public policy development and implementation.

State Farm Insurance Chosen Family-Friendly Employer for 2007



CYFS Executive Director Jacki Bryant congratulates Wayne Roberts, Claims Manager of Property and Casualty for State Farm; Chad Yarbrough (3rd from left), other employees and CYFS Board member Ed Fowler (far left) look on.

Terri Allard Headlines Community Breakfast



Singer/ songwriter Terri Allard was the featured performer at this year's CYFS Community Breakfast. Terri has an extraordinary talent for capturing the human spirit in her songs. Nominated for several WAMMIES (Washington Area Music Awards) over the past ten years, Terri won

Best Female Country Vocalist in 1999. She has released five albums of original music and performs her rootsy blend of folk, country and acoustic pop at festivals, concert halls and coffeehouses across the US and Canada. Said Allard, "The work that CYFS is doing for the children of this community is invaluable. Beginning with children, helping families - starting at the root - there could be no better way to give everyone a chance at building a healthy and happy life and community. How fortunate we are that CYFS is there for our families, our community."

With 1,450 employees at its Charlottesville Office, State Farm Insurance is one of our community's largest employers. State Farm was honored at the recent CYFS Community Breakfast as the *Family-Friendly Employer for 2007*. This award honors an organization with practices that recognize the importance of family and instill a family-friendly work culture. The Claims Department, under the leadership of team manager Chad Yarbrough, has created a team of 20 part-time workers, most of whom are mothers wishing to spend as much time as possible at home with their young children, while still earning an income. With the support of upper management, Mr. Yarbrough has worked with each team member to put together a schedule that will address both their needs and those of the workplace. State Farm has earned the loyalty and dedication of this team of hard-working mothers. CYFS recognizes that for such an innovative program to be successful, there must be an excellent team leader, dedicated employees, and solid support from the company leadership.

Why I Support CYFS

At the ripe old age of 82, I have been writing a history of my life after WWII. Because I consider those years the most rewarding of my entire life, I am sharing some of it with you because CYFS has been a highlight. For 60 years I have had the privilege of serving in community organizations. In 1991, I had the great privilege to be the first president of the newly merged Children, Youth & Family Services and in 1995 I was extremely honored to be the first recipient of the John L. Snook Child Advocate Award. I have to limit my activities now, but as I look back, I realize that my service with CYFS and other organizations has been rewarding not only for the causes supported, but because the association with people who have the same service-minded intentions has been inspiring, and nothing has been more inspiring than CYFS.

Charles Gleason, Past CYFS Board member and Volunteer

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Law Students Raise \$17,500 for CYFS

The 24th Annual UVA Law School Softball Invitational Tournament was played during the first weekend of April. An incredible 112 teams



representing 48 different law schools from all over the country played in 250 games on fields around Charlottesville. More than 1,300 law student/softball players from 18 different states converged on the city and competed for trophies in two divisions. For the eighth year in a row, CYFS was the primary beneficiary with Tournament organizers donating \$17,500 to our programs. Over the years, CYFS has received a total of \$68,500 from the efforts of these community-minded Law students.

3 on 3 Tourney Attracts 25 Teams

Twenty-five teams competed in the Merrill Lynch 3 on 3 for Community Basketball Tournament on April 7th. The event raised over \$16,000, and CYFS was one of two beneficiaries. "We are feeling quite bullish about the growth of this tournament in just its third year!" said Tournament Director Michael Kaminski. "We understand at Merrill Lynch that to be great we must do some good...we are confident the funds we helped raise for CYFS and Jeffrey's Gifts will do a lot of good."



Community

Why Our Business Supports Nonprofits

*Hantzmon Wiebel supports Nonprofit Organizations in the central Virginia community for the very simple reason that **it's the right thing to do.***

It's the right thing to give back to the community: Our practice is based here, much of our income is generated here, and investing profit back into the community is fitting.

It's the right thing for the community: Both well-established nonprofit organizations and new organizations need financial and professional support. We try to make a positive difference.

It's the right thing to do as a leader in the business community: We hope other firms will discover the rewards in being involved in the nonprofit community.

It's the right thing to do as a major employer: We have the chance to show 90+ employees the challenges and benefits of being involved as volunteers and supporters. And, with the community's diversity, any one of those 90 employees can find a satisfying match.

While we contribute to many organizations across the spectrum of community needs, our deep financial commitment is to education. Scholarships and fellowships are long-term commitments with long-term benefits. The firm is an intellectual enterprise and we feel an obligation to provide for the thinkers and decision makers of tomorrow. We hope to model not only technical expertise but also ethical behavior.

Today several phrases are frequently used in discussing corporate social responsibility. We hear "virtuous circle" and "do well by doing good" – or – "do good by doing well" and we smile and nod our heads in agreement, but really, we think it as simple as, "It's the right thing to do."

Carolyn Frazier, Marketing Director at Hantzmon Wiebel, a longtime supporter of CYFS

ParentingMobile is On the Road!

Thanks to the support of our community, the brand new **ParentingMobile** has hit the road. Following a generous grant from the *Perry Foundation* to purchase the vehicle, *Crutchfield Corporation, VMDO Architects, HighTech Signs, CATEC, All Things Computer, NorVic Construction, the County of Albemarle and Crozet United Methodist Church* have all joined together to make this innovative classroom on wheels



a reality. The **ParentingMobile**, working with the Parent Education Workgroup, will visit neighborhoods on a regular basis, giving parents advice on problems they are having with their kids, information about upcoming parenting classes and workshops, or just a friendly ear to listen. Parents and kids can step into the van to watch a video about positive discipline, communication skills, child development or stress reduction strategies, or to borrow a parenting book, meet with a group of neighbors to brainstorm solutions to common problems, or request an individual parent consultation session. All services are provided by experienced parent educators at no cost to families.

New Initiative Seeks To Expand Quality Child Care in the Area

CYFS is part of a community collaborative that has been awarded one of four statewide *Smart Beginnings Foundation* grants, bringing \$400,000 into the community over two years. CYFS and the Partnership for Children, who work together to administer the Seal of Good Childcare, will be able to expand the program as a result of this grant. The Seal of Good Childcare offers training and guidance to childcare providers, both center-based and family childcare homes.



VOCA: Changing Lives

Sally (not her real name) was seven years old when she was sexually abused by a relative. As a result of the abuse she had nightmares, trouble getting along with the other kids at school, and difficulty separating from her mother, whom she saw as a protective figure. Sally started to see a Victims Of Child Abuse therapist at CYFS and, through play therapy, was able to share the details of her trauma. Through role-playing, Sally learned strategies to protect herself from abuse and to talk to adults about abuse. Sally's mom and dad worked with the counselor to learn about Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder along with strategies to increase Sally's sense of safety. They learned that Sally might exhibit symptoms in the future as she progressed into new developmental stages. After several months of therapy, Sally's behavior improved at school and her nightmares went away. She had an easier time separating from her mother. Sally is now learning to horse-back ride and has dreams of being a beautician when she grows up. *[Details have been modified to protect client's privacy.]*

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