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FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

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Nurturing children, ending abuse

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New Report Shows Child Abuse Decreased in 2008

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services just released an announcement of their latest findings which show that child abuse decreased in 2008. These findings, contained in the "Child Maltreatment 2008" annual report, explain that these are the lowest child victimization rates in five years.

Brigid Collins' prevention services are making a difference for children. Locally, we have seen a 30% reduction in the number of child abuse calls that come into Child Protection Services each month.

To find out more about the prevention services in Whatcom and Skagit Counties made possible by our dedicated and generous supporters, visit www.brigidcollins.org.

Over 480 Therapy Sessions Raised for Child Victims

At this year's Annual Benefit Auction a stunning 480 sessions of therapy for child victims of sexual abuse were donated by those who attended. These funds are matched by a grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce.

For families with limited income, this program is their only opportunity for therapy with a trained professional. **"It [therapy] was helpful by helping me get through what happened,"** shared one 13 year old. **"It is easier to share your load than to try to carry it alone."**

Matching Donation Project with St. Luke's Foundation

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St. Luke's Foundation has set up a one-time challenge grant to benefit the Whatcom County Children's Advocacy Center Child Abuse Medical Evaluation Program at Brigid Collins. They will match donations on a dollar to dollar basis, up to $10,000.

To double the value of your donation, donate to the Children's Advocacy Center campaign before July 1st. Help children hurting from abuse get the specialized medical care they need.

Click below on the "Donate Here" button to give through our secure donation site, "Just Give". Or send a check to Brigid Collins Family Support Center at 1231 N. Garden St., Bellingham, WA 98225.

And thank you to the Eleanor and Henry Jansen Foundation for kicking off this campaign with a $2,000 donation!

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Great News for Washington's Children

Governor Gregoire signed into legislation this session the language that recognizes Children's Advocacy Centers' as best practice for serving child victims of abuse. Brigid Collins played a key role in accomplishing this significant policy milestone. Using a multidisciplinary team approach, Children's Advocacy Centers have research proving their effectiveness to serve children involved in the investigatory process.

The Whatcom County Children's Advocacy Center at Brigid Collins was established in 2006 and is accredited by the National Children's Alliance and a member of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Washington Association. Brigid Collins' Skagit County Children's Advocacy Center is currently working towards accreditation. To tour either these of facilities call Dana Browne, Events Coordinator, at 360.734.4616.

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