



# Prevent Child Abuse Athens

*Positive Parenting • Stronger Families*

## 18th Annual “Starry, Starry Night”

### A Superb Evening

The eighteenth annual “Starry, Starry Night” fundraiser to benefit Prevent Child Abuse Athens was held on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the Athens Country Club. About 200 people



attended the gala event and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening while supporting a worthwhile cause. \$51,000 profit was made to support the vital services we provide in our community.

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Special Recognition goes to our Starry Starry Night artist Erin Gregory, the Junior League of Athens, our invitation designer Jordan Mastrodonato Mixson, auctioneer Gilbert Milner and his assistant Sherri Goggin and Oconee Youth Playhouse singer Rachel Wolfe.



Many thanks to the businesses and individuals who donated all the fabulous items for this event. We could not have this event without the support of all these people.



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## Congratulations to Our Graduates

A is just one example of a Healthy Families graduate. We met her when she delivered her son at Athens Regional Medical Center. She was 16 and being raised by her grandmother. Her mother was in jail out of state and her father had died. She had had no prenatal care, but thankfully delivered a healthy baby boy. She enrolled in Healthy Families and we assigned a Family Support Worker to work with her on parenting and establishing a healthy foundation for herself and her son.

She wanted to stay in school and be a good parent to her child, and with the help of Healthy Families and her grandmother she succeeded. She kept nearly all her home visits, set her goals, and graduated from Clarke Central. She then enrolled in Athens Tech and is completing course work there today. Her little boy is thriving.

When she had her baby, she was diagnosed with diabetes. Her family support worker helped her to understand the importance of taking care of herself and she lost weight and has been able to control her diabetes with minimal medication.

She and her son are proud and grateful HF graduates!!

**This year’s Graduation will be Saturday, June 13th. Congrats to all our HF families!!**

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Throughout April, communities in Georgia and all over the country will participate in activities to raise awareness for child abuse prevention. Of course, preventing child abuse is important all year-round; however April's focus provides opportunities for renewed commitment to valuing children and strengthening families.

Here at Prevent Child Abuse Athens, we began the month with our 4th annual Prevention Walk, co-sponsored by St. Mary's Hospital. Listed below are the local merchants who supported our Walk.

Pinwheels were placed in the lawn in front of the hospital to represent the 1191 children we served in 2008. We read a

proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The neighboring counties of Madison, Oconee, and Oglethorpe are also hosting Prevention month activities and displays.

We have continued to address various community groups throughout the month, from childcare facilities to teen pregnancy groups to community collaboratives to share information on the problem of abuse and how to prevent it.



Please contact us if you would like more information on this topic. Our website also has quality information and links to other useful sites.

<http://www.pcaathens.org>



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### 4th Annual Prevention Walk Supporters

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### More Good News!

UGA Idol and Kappa Delta have donated proceeds from their events to PCAA.

Please consider a tax-deductible donation to PCAA. In addition to monetary donations, we need diapers and newborn items. We also welcome volunteers.



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