

EVENT INFORMATION

DATE: Saturday, April 19, 2008

PLACE: Walsingham Park
12615 102nd Avenue North
Largo, FL 33778-3435

MORE INFO: 727-544-3900 ext. 168
Kerri Pedersen
www.HelpAChild.org

7:30 A.M. 5K Race Registration
8:30 A.M. 5K Race Starts
Walk immediately following



On Saturday, April 19th 2008, men, women and children in our community will be taking a stand against child abuse! A Blue Ribbon Walk and 5K Race will be held in an effort to break the terrible cycle of child abuse and improve the lives of abused and “at risk” children in OUR community.

Youngsters in the community are heading up the Blue Ribbon project as their way to help other children impacted by child abuse and neglect. These youngsters have committed their time and energy to help plan the event, recruit sponsors, and volunteer the day of the event.

The 5K Race is open to the entire community followed by a one mile Family Walk.

There will be many children’s activities, special guests, entertainment and refreshments. Dogs on leashes are welcome!

Help Prevent Child Abuse!!!
AWARDS & PRIZES
DURING THE EVENT

THE ST. PETERSBURG EXCHANGE CLUB proudly invites you to participate in the: Blue Ribbon Walk

*** The blue ribbon represents preventing child abuse**

Benefiting:



Help A Child, Inc.

- Help a Child Inc. operates six programs that provide assistance to families with special needs children and to families who are experiencing child abuse, neglect or exposure to violence. They serve all of Pinellas County, and they do not charge consumers for their services; services range from prevention oriented to intensive residential care.
- The Parent Aide Program is a mentoring program for parents using community volunteers who understand the unique challenges of raising children in today’s society. Working one to one with a parent who has asked for help, the parent aide becomes an emotionally supportive friend, role model, and mentor for successful parenting.
- The St. Petersburg Exchange Club promotes a number of youth programs designed to honor and encourage the leaders of tomorrow. The Programs recognize hard-working high school students who attain high levels of scholastic achievement, community involvement and leadership.

Important Facts About Child Abuse

There are over 3 million abuse reports nationwide per year.

4 children die everyday from child abuse in the United States.

79% of the children who die are under the age of 4.

90% of children who are raped know the identity of the perpetrator.

38% of incarcerated women and 14% of incarcerated men were abused and neglected as children.

Children who have been sexually assaulted are twice as likely to abuse alcohol and drugs as an adult.

Female children who have been sexually assaulted are 25% more likely to have a teen pregnancy.

Child abuse victims experience 59% more arrests under the age of eighteen and 30% more arrests as adults.

Last year there were 195,095 abuse reports in Florida. There were 10,611 abuse reports in Pinellas County.

More than 1200 children are placed in foster care in Pinellas due to child abuse and neglect.

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Be a sponsor of the Blue Ribbon Walk. You will be improving the lives of children and families in YOUR community!

SPONSORSHIPS

\$100 Friend

Your name or company listed in the Blue Ribbon Walk Program
Your name listed on the Sponsor Board.

\$250 Mentor

Your name or company listed in the Blue Ribbon Walk Program
Your name listed on the Sponsor Board
Business Card Ad in the Program

\$500 Advocate

Your name or company listed in the Blue Ribbon Walk Program.
Your name listed on the Sponsor Board.
½ Page Ad in Program
Name on event t-shirt

\$1,000 Champion

Your name or company listed in the Blue Ribbon Walk Program.
Your name listed on the Sponsor Board.
Full Page Ad in Program
Name on event t-shirt and banner

\$2,500 Supporter

Your name or company listed in the Blue Ribbon Walk Program.
Your name listed on the Sponsor Board.
Full Page Ad in Program
Full Name and Logo on event t-shirt and banner

\$5,000 Protector

Identified as the Major Sponsor Designee
Your name or company listed in the Blue Ribbon Walk Program.
Your name listed on the Sponsor Board.
Company Name and Logo on event t-shirt and banner
Full Page Ad in the Blue Ribbon Walk Program

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____
For _____
(Name as desired for printed program)

Visa, Mastercard, AMEX, Discover

CC# _____ exp. ____/____/____

Signature _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

*Make Checks Payable: St. Petersburg Exchange Club Foundation
Send to: Kerri Pedersen, Help A Child, Inc.
4000 Gateway Centre Blvd, Suite 200, Pinellas Park, FL 33782
Any questions: Contact Kerri Pedersen 727-544-3900 x168
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CHILD ABUSE CAN BE PREVENTED!



“Thanks for taking a strong stand against child abuse in our community. Our children need to be protected”!

- a supporter of the Blue Ribbon Walk



“I am calmer and more confident than I have been since I have had kids; and it is showing. I no longer despair that my life is going under but now I feel that there is hope.”

– parent who received help from the Parent Aide Program

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Community 5K Race

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