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with a child, offenders aim to lower inhibitions or desensitize the child.

such as on overnight trip, babysitting, taking the child for a day

possible, thereby confusing the child when the touch becomes

gifts, taking the child on special trips, usually with their parents'

children and families we serve. The party, held in a space donated by

If you have suspicions that your child, or a child you know, may be

their parents, fear of not being believed, shame or guilt. It is also not uncommon for children to

harm (to the child and/or the child’s family), fear of being removed from the home, fear of upsetting

There are many reasons why children do not disclose being sexually abused, including: threats of

sexually abused is not always apparent. In many cases, there is no physical evidence of the act

As opposed to the more obvious indicators of physical abuse, evidence that a child has been

40% of victims are abused by a family member; another 50% are abused by someone outside the

20% of children are sexually abused by a family member, another 20% are abused by someone outside

dependent children. Only about 10% of children are sexually abused by strangers.

the name of your state into your browser or search engine. If you

find the number for your state, enter “Child Abuse Hotline” and

younger. The rates are a bit higher for boys than for girls, but this could be due to the fact

that boys tend to report less often. While there is risk for children of all ages, children are most

have a few important points for parents and concerned adults to keep in mind:

Contrary to any myths surrounding “dangerous dykes,” research estimates that approximately

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Full support for the child and their family is provided by

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child is at Risk

If the child is forced to touch the child, or is allowed to
touch the child, the touch is non-consensual. In

Small hands

they experience their victimization as sexual abuse, particularly in cases of

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NYSPCC Children’s Council member Sophie B. Harris performing a keynote speech for The NYSPCC at the Inaugural Spring Luncheon on March 11, 2012.

Thank you for your time and commitments for overcoming this event.

Thanks to our Once Upon A Dream Silent Auction donors:

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This event helps support our work in the fight against child abuse and neglect. We have raised more than $20,000 to support our work. Each seat purchased for the event helps us continue our work. Thank you for your support.

RSVP TODAY!

To PURCHASE
 inflicted. 10-pack of cards is $20.

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Once Upon A Dream

On Thursday, May 3, 2012, the Junior Committee, chaired by Alexandra Papathanasiou, hosted their annual Spring Benefit at The Dream Downtown. Despite a rainy evening, there was no doubt about the exciting theme, “Shine Brightly.” The NYSPCC offered a special thanks to all of the auction donors, and to the Junior Committee for their dedicated work to make this event so memorable.

Thanks to our friends and families for our extraordinary support.

Program Spotlight:

The NYSPCC Training Institute

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On behalf of everyone at The NYSPCC, I wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season.

Warm regards,

on November 13, honoring Margo and John Catsimatidis and Kimberly Guilfoyle for their support of our ongoing mission to protect children and help families heal. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make these new initiatives possible, and to those who have already become partners or supporters. Children helping The NYSPCC.

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• Program Innovation Institute (PHII) research award evaluating the impact of the NYSPCC Training Institute’s Early Childhood Trauma Training for Children (EC3) orientation on professionals.
• Our inaugural Spring Luncheon, introducing the month’s worthy agency to some great friends of the NYSPCC.
• Thanks to friends who have helped make these new initiatives possible, and to those who have supported our ongoing movement to protect children and help heal their hurt.

We are inspired by our active, dedicated community, who hosted another trend on May 26 at the Donna Housley must see success. Please go to Page 3 for photos from this event, as well as from the Spring Luncheon. We recently held our Annual Gala featuring Rachel Dratch, first in October, then November 13, former Mayor and James Carville and Kenneth Robert’s Gala for the remarkable efforts to protect children and heal their hurt.

If you are interested in supporting The NYSPCC this season, please consider sending holiday cards designed by children in our programs. Visit www.nyspcc.org, select a holiday card, select your level, call our 212.233.5500 ext. 216 to discuss other ways to volunteer. We are deeply grateful for the simple support of many wonderful friends, and we’d love to expand opportunities to capitalize on our work. This year, thank you for allowing us to continue our work in New York City, helping to heal vulnerable children last and happy holiday season.

Mary L. Pollio, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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Children’s Holiday Party and Toy Drive

Each December, The NYSPCC holds a robust holiday party for all of the children in our care and their families. This party, which is held in the Downtown Conference Center, is made possible by the generosity of many volunteers and corporations. After a night of fun and games, crafts, karaoke, face painting, balcony animals, and delicious food, every individual leaves with a gift bag in the knowledge that they have donated to our agency. We look forward to this joyful occasion each season when every child is given a chance to experience Christmas joy. For more information on the holiday party, or to drop off toys, please visit www.nyspcc.org.

Staff and Director News

The NYSPCC was delighted to welcome Ms. Mark to the Board of Directors on September 18, 2012. Mark is the Vice Chairman of Meadowdale Financial, and is an active member of several non-profit organizations. 

Children’s Holiday Toy Drive: Please Act if You Suspect a Child is at Risk

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As opposed to the more obvious indicators of physical abuse, evidence that a child has been sexually abused is not always apparent. In many cases, there is no physical evidence of the act and children do not report that they have been abused. Young children may not have the capacity to express themselves or explain what happened to them. Those who have had the experience of being sexually abused will often tell someone about it, even if they are a child. They can often tell someone that something has been wrong if they are approached in a way that they feel bad or hurtful.

The NYSPCC is equally pleased to announce that Natalie Wright Cooch, as the Director of the Training Function. She comes to The NYSPCC with about a decade’s worth of experience in the field.

The NYSPCC’s Executive Director, Dr. Mary L. Pulido, was honored by Sacred Heart University, with their Alumni Leadership Award on September 28, 2012, for her remarkable contributions to the field of child protection.

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This year, we have three lovely designs to choose from:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Two Snowmen

Send an NYSPCC Holiday Card to friends and loved ones this December.

The NYSPCC was founded in 1928, and is the oldest and largest non-profit service organization in the United States focused exclusively on the mental health, sexual abuse, and neglect treatment of children and their families.

The NYSPCC is also the oldest organization in the United States to be designated a Child Abuse Prevention Agency. The NYSPCC is a New York State-licensed mandated reporter and child abuse is a criminal offense. The NYSPCC can be reached at 212 233 5500 ext. 216 or e-mail info@nyspcc.org.

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