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## Children's Trust Launches 30th Anniversary

[Join us at noon, Thursday, April 3, First Floor of the Statehouse](#)

Children's Trust will commemorate its 30th anniversary with a kick-off press conference at the Statehouse. We will also mark the beginning of Child Abuse Prevention Month and Pinwheels for Prevention.

I encouraged all of you to attend and to stand with us as we work to decrease the number of confirmed cases of child abuse, neglect and unintentional injuries in South Carolina.

Sincerely, Sue Williams, CEO

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## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

[Get involved by planting a pinwheel garden](#)

Show your commitment that every child should have the opportunity to thrive in a healthy, nurturing environment by planting a pinwheel garden. Pinwheels are the national symbol of child abuse prevention and represent the happy, healthy childhood every child deserves.

Pinwheel Garden (96 pinwheels)  
\$55 pick-up at Children's Trust  
\$75 shipped

Bulk Pinwheels (192 pinwheels)  
\$100 pick-up at Children's Trust  
\$125 shipped

Prices include weather-resistant sign.

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## Child Abuse Prevention Month Resources Available

From toolkits to tip sheets, to sharing your events and accessing information, our Child Abuse Prevention Month webpages give you easy access to resources.

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## Visit us on Instagram @ChildrensTrustSC

**Join our Photo-A-Day Challenge during Child Abuse Prevention  
Month**

Instagram, a picture-sharing social media app, allows us to share our prevention message and work. Follow us to get sneak peek at some behind the scenes work we are doing.

From April 1 - 30 , Children's Trust will host a photo-a-day challenge. Check out on Instagram the list of photos you need to find and share your photos with #CAPphotoaday . For every day you participate, you will be entered into a drawing for two tickets to our annual gala.

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## Strengthening Families Program Expands to 10 Sites in South Carolina

The addition of six sites brings a total of 10 non-profit partners delivering the Strengthening Families Program across the state. The addition increases the number of counties served to 19, completing the network of the Strengthening Families Program across South Carolina.

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## Legislative Agenda Makes Progress at Statehouse

[H. 4408](#), adding members to the State Child Fatality Advisory Committee, received a favorable report by the House Judiciary Committee. The bill now moves to the House floor for a vote.

[H. 3124](#) received a favorable report by the Senate Judiciary committee. The bill prohibiting employers from punishing or dismissing mandated reporter employees who make a child abuse or neglect report. This bill now moves to the Senate floor.

[H.4665](#), prohibiting child care facilities to administer medication without parental consent, received a favorable report from the House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs subcommittee. The bill moves to full committee for consideration.

[H. 4386](#), prohibiting texting while driving, received a favorable report by the House Education and Public Works Committee. [H. 3994](#), Read to Succeed, advanced with amendments for teacher training, accountability and reporting requirements for schools. Both bills move to the House floor.

[Track progress on our all legislative initiatives.](#)

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## Home Visiting Reauthorization: Share your support

For the past several years, Children's Trust has been funding home visiting programs throughout South Carolina, with a wide variety of program models and local partners, through the federal Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program.

It is time for these critically important programs to be reauthorized. Congress must act before Sept. 30 to reauthorize Maternal Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting program. Please contact your Congressional delegation and share your support for maintaining home visiting. Reauthorization is critical for South Carolina to continue serving young families.

[Contact information for the South Carolina congressional delegation](#) is available.

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## First-time index shows children of color at heightened disadvantage in South Carolina

**Race for Results identifies need to create more opportunity for success for all children**

In the first-time index and new KIDS COUNT® policy report, Race for Results: Building a Path to Opportunity for All Children, South Carolina trails national levels. This new compilation shows South Carolina below national figures for its three largest racial and ethnic groups on how children are progressing on key milestones.

The full report will publish Tuesday, April 1.

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## Children's Trust Hosts Successful Safe Sleep Summit

Meeting addressed rising infant mortality rates from unsafe sleep environments

Children's Trust hosted South Carolina's first Safe Sleep Summit, a solutions-based discussion for those committed to reducing the number of infant deaths from unsafe sleep environments. Many diverse professions were represented: pediatricians, coroners, child care workers, home visitors and state-level administrators. It was a productive meeting, and we applaud the energy and momentum that came from our day together.

All conference materials, photos and presentations are available.

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## On the Safe Side: Now Accepting Reservations for Free Classroom Materials

On the Safe Side is the annual safety education program of Children's Trust for elementary-age children, their families and teachers. Organized around specific injury-risk areas identified by our Safe Kids South Carolina program, materials include safety tips, lesson plans, online quiz, web resources and take-home posters. The posters feature student art and include tips for staying safe, a safety pledge, interactive games and activities.

[We are now taking reservations for classroom poster sets.](#)

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## Challenge Match Issued for Check-Off Campaign

[Current and past leadership agree to match citizen donations through state income tax Check-Off program](#)

In celebration of its 30th anniversary, Children's Trust of South Carolina has received a fundraising challenge match. Current and past leadership volunteers have agreed to match citizen donations to Children's Trust made through state income tax Check-Off program. Volunteer leadership will match up to \$30,000 as those funds become available through the match effort.

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# Music for a Cause at the S.C. Philharmonic

Join us at the Koger Center, April 5,  
7:30 p.m.

Children's Trust of South Carolina is honored to be the chosen "Music for a Cause" designee in April, Child Abuse Prevention Month. Music for the evening is described as, "Jazzy, bluesy, and a roaring (Twenties) good time. "

A portion of ticket sales in Sections III and VI will benefit Children's Trust work. Tickets and are priced at \$28 each. Ticket purchasers must designate "Children's Trust" for the donation to transfer.

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## Annual Gala set for Saturday, Aug. 23

Event will celebrate 30 years of community-based child abuse prevention

Children's Trust annual benefit gala and auction is set for Saturday, Aug. 23, at the Columbia Marriott. The black-tie-optional evening will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, live music and a not-to-be missed silent auction.

We will honor 30 extraordinary individuals who have significantly impacted child abuse, neglect and injury prevention in South Carolina.

Mark your calendars! Tickets will go on sale in April.

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