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We are excited to bring you our very first e-newsletter and hope you enjoy being kept up to date on news and events related to Children's Safety Centers and the supervised visitation profession. Thank you for your support. Happy holiday's and New Year from all of us at Children's Safety Centers!

#### Holiday Party Brings Cheer to Families at Children's Safety Centers



For the past eleven years members of the National Honor Society at North High School have come together to put on a holiday party for the client families of CSC. This year students raised over **\$6,000** in gifts, food and entertainment for the attending families. With one of our largest turnouts, a total of 29 families and over 115 individuals shared their holiday traditions with us! We would also like to thank each and every one of the 55 volunteers that helped make this event possible.

In the past eleven years students from the National Honor Society at North High School have raised over **\$91,000** to help more than 1,100 children and families celebrate the holidays. We would like to acknowledge the dedication and partnership of these 1,300 students. These students truly represent values that help create a strong community. They have definitely made an impact on our hearts and upon the children and families they have supported. We are so pleased about the success of this year's event and we look forward to working with the NHS students at North High School again.

To view an article regarding the event in the Lake Elmo Review, please [click here](#).

**Annual Appeal a Big Success, But It's Not Over Yet!**

This year's annual appeal is underway but *don't worry...*  
**THERE'S STILL TIME TO DONATE** for 2009 tax deductions!

On November 17<sup>th</sup> Children's Safety Centers kicked off its annual fundraising drive with "Give To The Max" day through GiveMN.org. GiveMN is a new way to connect non-profits and donors through an online system. On 'Give to the Max' day a proportion of every donation made on GiveMN.org was matched. On that day alone CSC raised **\$2,815**. This amount was comparable to past annual appeals. WOW! What a great way to start our holiday giving season.

So far the 2009 annual appeal has raised the **MOST EVER** with over **\$5,000** ... and it is not over yet!

THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for your generosity.

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### Announcing the 12th Annual Charity Golf Classic



IT'S STARTED ALREADY! It may seem like just yesterday that you were tee-ing off with us at StoneRidge, but we have already started planning the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic for Summer 2010! The 2009 tournament was an AMAZING success which exceeded our expectations. Raising over \$65,000, over \$15,000 of which came from the live and silent auction, we know that our friends and golfers remain generous supporters in good economic times and bad.

Following such a successful event last year we are excited to announce that we will be heading back to StoneRidge Golf Club! With corporate sponsors and our loyal supporters we hope to reach this year's goal of \$75,000. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic will be on

**Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>.** More information about the event will be coming soon.

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### **Supervised Visitation is Safest When Done by Professionals**

Unfortunately we are once again reminded of the dire need for supervised visits to be performed by professional services. This past November in Florida a three year old boy was kidnapped by his father during a visit that was supervised by a friend of the family. Thankfully the child was eventually returned to his family unharmed.

While this monitor had the best of intentions, the boy was taken when the monitor chose to use the restroom during the visit. While this may seem like a fairly simple error, professional services such as Children's Safety Centers have used our years of experience to shape rules and practices that safeguard against these types of mistakes.

Again, this validates the importance of the time spent by those in the supervised visitation profession to ensure that visit monitors remain highly trained in current best practices in the field.

For more information on this case, [click here](#).

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**Sincerely,**

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Children's Safety Centers**



