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### **CAPstone Child Advocacy Center RECEIVES \$700.00 DONATION FROM NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE AND THE VERIZON FOUNDATION**

*Donation to support children and families affected by family violence*

**Scottsbluff, NE (8/20/10)** – **CAPstone Child Advocacy Center** was selected by National Children's Alliance to receive **\$700.00** in Target gift cards from the Verizon Foundation. **CAPstone** is one of 145 National Children's Alliance accredited Children's Advocacy Centers to receive this gift from the Verizon Foundation's total donation of \$100,000 in Target gift cards. Verizon Foundation presented this generous gift to National Children's Alliance to support the work of accredited Children's Advocacy Centers around the country.

**CAPstone** will use the awarded gift certificate to purchase essential items that will be distributed to child abuse victims and their families during times of crisis. The gift cards will be used to purchase clothing, school supplies and medical supplies.

"We are grateful for this contribution from the Verizon Foundation and are confident that each gift card will make a positive impact on the children and families served by our members. Victims of abuse undergo traumatic experiences and Children's Advocacy Centers are designed to lessen the trauma of the investigation process. These gift cards will add to the amount of support our members are able to provide during these difficult times," remarked Teresa Huizar, Executive Director of National Children's Alliance.

"Children's Advocacy Centers around the country provide a tremendous service to children and families in times of need," said Henry Shiembob, Verizon's executive director of cyber security. "Verizon is proud to partner with National Children Alliance and its members to support efforts that assist and comfort victims of child abuse."

For more information about **CAPstone Child Advocacy Center**, visit [www.capstonenebraska.com](http://www.capstonenebraska.com). And for more information about National Children's Alliance and the various benefits it offers to its over 700 members across the country, please visit [www.nationalchildrensalliance.org](http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org).

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CAPstone is an accredited Child Advocacy Center that serves the eleven counties of Western Nebraska. We provide a safe, child-friendly environment where children who have been abused can talk about what happened. Children are brought to CAPstone so they can be interviewed by trained forensic interviewers in a child friendly environment. We work closely with County Attorneys, Law Enforcement, and Health and Human Services to meet the child's needs, and to ensure prosecution of the offenders.

**National Children's Alliance (NCA)** is a national association dedicated to helping local communities respond to allegations of child abuse in ways that are effective and efficient and put the needs of child victims of abuse first. As the accrediting body for the over 700 Children's Advocacy Centers around the country, NCA provides training, financial support, technical assistance, leadership, national advocacy and access to current research findings on a national level to Children's Advocacy Centers around the country, as well as numerous

developing centers, multidisciplinary teams and child abuse professionals. As the national authority on multidisciplinary approaches to supporting child victims of abuse, NCA's purpose is to empower local communities to provide comprehensive, coordinated and compassionate services to victims of child abuse. [www.nationalchildrensalliance.org](http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org)

**The Verizon Foundation**, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, supports the advancement of literacy and K-12 education through its free educational website, Verizon Thinkfinity ([www.thinkfinity.org](http://www.thinkfinity.org)), and fosters awareness and prevention of domestic violence. In 2009, the Verizon Foundation awarded \$67.9 million in grants to nonprofit agencies in the U.S. and abroad. It also matched the charitable donations of Verizon employees and retirees, resulting in \$26.1 million in combined contributions to nonprofits. Through Verizon Volunteers, one of the nation's largest employee volunteer programs, Verizon employees and retirees have volunteered more than 5 million hours of community service since 2000. For more information on the foundation, visit [www.verizonfoundation.org](http://www.verizonfoundation.org).