

# CAPstone CATCH UP



CAPstone CHILD  
ADVOCACY CENTER

“A PLACE TO BE HEARD,  
A PLACE TO HEAL.”

MARCH 2021

## Pinwheels for Prevention

In 2008 Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign. What the research showed, and what experiences since then have reinforced, is that people respond positively to pinwheels, which represent childlike whimsy and lightheartedness and our vision for a world where all children grow up happy, healthy, and prepared to succeed in supportive families and communities.

Show your support for our nation's children and help get your children involved in the movement by making your own pinwheel display. The activities are great ways to inspire involvement at your local school, community center, religious institution, or even just within your family. CAPstone in Gering and Chadron will be selling pinwheels for \$1.00 each if you are interested in displaying Pinwheels for prevention during the month of April.



### CAPstone Office Locations

Scottsbluff/Gering  
900 P Street  
Gering, NE 69341  
308-632-7274

Chadron  
316 Main Street  
Chadron, NE 69337  
308-432-8145

Alliance  
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Alliance, NE 69301

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Sidney, NE 69162

### CAPstone STAFF

Monica Shambaugh  
Executive Director

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Forensic Interviewer, MDT  
Coordinator

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Family Advocate

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Forensic Interviewer,  
Community Outreach  
Coordinator

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Forensic Interviewer

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Family Advocate

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Child Advocate/Administrative  
Assistant

## CAPstone Donors are Superhero's



### CAPstone WISH LIST

#### For the Children

New Beanie Babies/stuffed animals  
New Blankets  
New Backpacks  
Journals  
McDonalds/Runza gift cards

#### For the Facility

Gift cards to Walmart/Target  
Individually wrapped snacks/juices

### DONATIONS

Mary & Eric Mitchell  
Journals  
Intralinks, Inc.  
Computer updating service  
Sandra Reddish  
Journals and Pens  
Anonymous  
\$10.00

### New Sign in Alliance Satellite Office

Recently CAPstone was the gracious recipient of a local grant in Alliance from the Mission Store in the amount of \$1600.00. With those funds we received a much needed upgrade in signage at our Alliance Satellite office. We are very excited that the project is completed and is visible from the street to help guide parents and children to our facility. Thank you to Misty Stinson and her crew at Mild Graphics for the wonderful sign. We are very proud of it.



CAPstone BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021

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## New CAPstone Board Member

### Website

[www.capstonenebraska.com](http://www.capstonenebraska.com)

### Email

[director@capstonenebraska.com](mailto:director@capstonenebraska.com)

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/CAPstone-Child-Advocacy-Center-310733285741/>

### To report child abuse/neglect

#### Nebraska child abuse/neglect hotline

1-800-652-1999 or call your local Law Enforcement agency.



### ATTENTION ATTENTION READ ALL ABOUT IT

If there is something you would like to see in our newsletter or would like to add to our newsletter, such as a job opening or an event you are having, please let us know.

Email Rebecca at [outreach@capstonenebraska.com](mailto:outreach@capstonenebraska.com) or call at 308-432-8145

If you are interested or feel inspired to help CAPstone by becoming a board member or volunteer, contact Monica Shambaugh in Gering at 308-632-7274. We would be more than happy to visit with you about this opportunity.

We are excited to announce that Amanda Bosse has graciously agreed to join our Board of Directors. She is currently a Clinical Nurse Education Coordinator at Regional West Medical Center for just over a year. She has also worked as a Clinical Resource Nurse since 2018, and covers when needed in the critical care unit.

Amanda hopes her role on the Board will bring a little more insight from the clinical perspective. Amanda stated, "I know that the board already has amazing individuals from both the clinical and non-clinical side with a wide range of experiences. With my current focus in education, I also hope to bring some insight in that aspect in regards to not only educating the public about issues facing children and their families, but also medical staff on various topics including recognition, treatment courses, and support during and after contact."

Amanda shared the following "I am a married mother of 6 and grandmother of 2. I was born in Colorado, but moved to the Scottsbluff area during my first year of college since my parents had relocated here. I was having a hard time figuring out what I wanted to do with my life. As a child growing up on a ranch, being a Veterinarian was all I ever wanted to do, but that wasn't quite right. I ended up getting a degree as a Vet Tech and working for several years in that field. As my family grew, I decided to make a go at being a stay at home mother, but still yearned for something more, professionally. I started taking classes at WNCC and before I knew it I was applying for the Nursing Program with UNMC. Nursing was always interesting to me because my mother was a nurse. During nursing school I was set on being a Labor and Delivery nurse, but Emergency Medicine won my heart. I went directly to the ER out of school in 2008 and have worked there since. I was also a Flight Nurse with Air Link for about 4 years and have recently started working some in the Intensive Care Unit as well. I am a lifelong learner and a little over a year ago decided to focus more on education and took a position as a Clinical Nurse Education Coordinator as well. In addition I am a Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum and Emergency Nurse Pediatric Course instructor. One area that I truly want to strengthen in my personal education is Child Advocacy, which is a big reason that I was drawn towards the Board of Directors with CAPstone.

CAPstone would like to Welcome Amanda Bosse to the CAPstone Board of Directors. We are excited to add you to our committed group of directors.



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## UPCOMING TRAININGS

Be watching for an opportunity to participate in the Bridges out of Poverty training in June 2021, presented by Panhandle Partnership. Visit their website at <https://panhandlepartnership.com/event/bridges-out-of-poverty-alliance/>. Training provided in Alliance Nebraska.

### CAN 101

This course prepares mandatory reporters with the knowledge and skills to recognize and report child abuse and neglect along with an overview of the different types of abuse and their prevalence in Nebraska. In this training, participants will discuss challenges associated with reporting abuse and neglect, practice asking minimal facts questions, and receive resources that will help with knowing how and when to report.

#### Participants will:

- Learn the different types of child abuse and neglect
- Know what to do when they suspect child abuse and neglect
- Understand how to report child abuse and neglect
- Learn what questions to ask when child abuse and neglect is suspected
- Understand what happens when a report is made

CAN 101 scheduled on Tuesday April 13, 2021 at the Alliance Public Library conference room from 2pm to 4pm. To RSVP email Rebecca at [outreach@capstonenebraska.com](mailto:outreach@capstonenebraska.com) or call 308-432-8145.

### Project Harmony presents the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Virtual Speaking of Children

Virtual Keynote Event  
Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 12:00pm

Featuring world-class swimmer, Diana Nyad, the event will focus on Diana's own journey as a survivor of childhood sexual abuse and the importance of education and awareness as parents, professionals working with children, and members of the community.

Register at [www.projectharmony.com](http://www.projectharmony.com)

Virtual Training Series  
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Thursday, April 8, 2021 from 10:00am-12:00pm  
Francoise Mathieu, M.Ed., RP., CCC  
Beyond Survival: How to Combat Compassion Fatigue and Burnout





Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 10:00am-11:30am  
Darrel B. Turner, Ph.D.  
The Analysis of Patterns of Denial Among Sex Offenders

Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 10:00am-11:30am  
Ryan Sallans, MA  
Matters of the Heart: Learning About Our Human Sexuality

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BY FIVE POINTS
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REDUCING RISK OF OSTEOPOROSIS
- LIMITS COLON CANCER**  
BY 31% FOR WOMEN
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## CAC's like CAPstone need continued VOCA funding

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), passed in 1984, has funded essential victim services such as through its Crime Victims Fund (CVF) funded essential victim services such as medical care, mental health care, and victim's advocacy for the nation's crime victims for the last 35 years. **These funds are not taxpayer dollars**, but rather are fines and fees levied against those convicted of federal crimes and as a part of settlements in federal criminal cases. States receive these funds on a formula basis to provide care to crime victims, including, crucially those most vulnerable victims — children who have experienced sexual abuse or physical abuse.

Deposits into the CVF are historically low. Deposits the last three years have been \$445 million, \$495 million, and \$503 million respectively - deposits have not been this low since 2003. This decrease is caused in part by an increase in the use of deferred prosecution and non-prosecution agreements, the monetary penalties associated with which are deposited into the General Treasury rather than the Crime Victims Fund.

CACs receive between \$150 and \$200 million in VOCA dollars annually, which is the largest single source of funding for these programs. The cost of serving the more than 371,000 children they helped last year was \$614 million. If programs lose 70% of their funding, this would leave a \$140 million deficit, equating to not assisting about 84,450 children.

CAPstone receives VOCA funding from the Nebraska Crime Commission which pays for 80% of the salaries for each of our Family Advocates. This funding makes up approximately 18% of our yearly budget. Without this funding, these two positions could be in jeopardy.

The solution to this issue is to increase deposits into the Crime Victims Fund by depositing monetary penalties associated with deferred prosecution and non-prosecution agreements into the CVF as well as monetary penalties associated with convictions. **This is not new spending.** It is simply capturing money that would be going into the CVF if these crimes were prosecuted instead of settled. Congress must also increase the federal contribution to state victim compensation funds by matching 75% of state funds instead of the current 60%.

The VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021 passed the U.S. House of Representatives 384-38 in mid-March, 2021. We are now waiting on the Senate to vote to fix this issue. Keep your fingers crossed our elected officials in Washington see the need and vote to change the way money is collected for the Crime Victim's Fund.

# Beth Ruzicka, CAPstone Super Hero

"I have consistently found Beth to exemplify professionalism, compassion, and confidence in her role as a SANE nurse and child advocate. In a system that often changes "players" and structures, Beth has remained the constant advocate and champion for her SANE role in the systemic and team approach to child maltreatment. I am honored to know and work with her and call her a friend." These were some words shared by Shelley Thomas about Beth and her work with victims of sexual abuse.

Her commitment to the safety and security of victims inspired her nomination for CAPstone Superhero of the Month. Beth recently took on a new role at CAPstone and joined our Board of Directors. We look forward to working with Beth and watching how her passion for children unfolds as she takes on this new role.

We asked Beth to share with us some things about herself. She is currently a Clinical Resource Nurse in the Emergency Department at Regional West Medical Center. She also functions as the head of the SANE program at Regional West. She has been an RN for 10 years and involved in the SANE program for 9 years.

She originally got involved with CAPstone Child Advocacy Center through the SANE program with the monthly peer review meetings that CAPstone is a part of. She got to know the staff from CAPstone well through communication for SANE exams and follow up conversations.

Beth stated she hopes to be a positive and resourceful person while serving on the board with medical knowledge as needs arise.

She also shared that she obtained her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She is married to Josh who is a deputy sheriff in Scotts Bluff county and has two daughters and two stepsons.



*"There is a superhero in all of us, we just need the courage to put on the cape."* -Superman

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Your donations to CAPstone Child Advocacy Center will help assist children in obtaining forensic interviews, assist with cost of medical and follow up mental health appointments, and help ensure the children have the opportunity to start the healing process. Please remember CAPstone on May 4<sup>th</sup> during the 24 hour Wyobraskagives online campaign.