

***Giving in the Spirit of the New Year: Friends of CAC, Inc.***

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) of Putnam County has some exciting news! We would like to announce our new volunteer board: Friends of Putnam CAC, Inc. The purpose of this organization is to support the CAC through fundraising and public awareness. This nonprofit organization will work to promote the CAC's mission and create fundraising opportunities. As a government agency, the CAC is restricted from seeking private donations and foundation grants. This new partner organization will broaden our scope and assist in coordinating public events to further serve our community.

Here is a list of things that monetary donations can provide:

- A snack, stuffed animal or comfort item for the child victim and a hot cup of coffee to their non-offending caretaker;
- Transportation for getting families to medical appointments, court appearances, meetings and therapy;
- Supporting the cost of educational programs to train community professionals to recognize the signs and respond appropriately to a disclosure of abuse;
- Supporting the cost for professional training to ensure that Multidisciplinary Team members working with the child are experts in their field;
- Supporting child abuse prevention programs for the community - the best hope for stopping child abuse before it occurs;
- Care packages (toiletries, clothing, books and comfort items) for children being placed in emergency foster care.

We hope you will consider giving the gift of comfort for a child victim and his or her family. Your compassionate support makes a difference in a child's recovery. Help us create a community where all children are safe and free from abuse.

If you are interested in making a tax deductible donation, make checks payable to:

***Friends of Putnam CAC, Inc.***  
**121 Main Street**  
**Brewster, NY 10509**