

COLSON CASTER AIDS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EFFORTS

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Colson Caster Corporation, the world's leading manufacturer of standard and custom application caster and wheel products, has fulfilled a request from the Northeast Arkansas Children's Advocacy Center (NEACAC) to provide tuition and expenses for training a Sexual Abuse Nurse Examiner-Pediatrics (SANE-P). The \$1200 scholarship is to be formally presented to Jamie Agee at a Child Abuse Prevention Month ceremony in April.

The services of the SANE-P nurse will enable sexual and physical forensic examinations to be done locally in cases of child abuse where the victim is under 14 years of age. Currently, children needing these specialized exams are required to travel to Little Rock. As the exams are voluntary, this means many victims do not make the journey and those that do can be further traumatized by the trip itself.

"Those on our funding committee all agreed that creating a local capability was in the best interest of the care, comfort, and healing of the child," said Don Laux, Colson's President and General Manager. "We also discussed the evidentiary segment of the exams that would help local law enforcement prosecute child abusers. We believe that those convictions could be used to warn others about the seriousness of our community's efforts in the prevention of all child abuse."

Ms. Agee was able to travel to Kansas in March to complete the SANE-P course conducted at Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita by the International Association of Forensic Nurses. The highly specialized training provides knowledge in injury and disease identification for the pediatric sexually assaulted patient and documentation methodologies including history and evidence collection techniques and mandatory reporting requirements.

Ms. Agee will formally receive her award from Colson at the NEACAC's 'Prevention for Pinwheels' Child Abuse Prevention Month ceremony at 2 pm, April 5 at the Craighead County Courthouse. The ceremony is open to all and will feature a keynote address from Arkansas Attorney General Dustin McDaniel.

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