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**STAND FOR CHILDREN DURING NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

*Philadelphia Union Soccer Team, Delaware County Council, Nonprofits, Libraries, Community Members Come Together to Support Children*

**WHO:**

- Ray Gaddis, Philadelphia Union Soccer Player
- Jack Whelan, Delaware County District Attorney
- John McBlain, Delaware County Councilman
- Anne Shenberger, CASA
- Pat Kosinski, Family Support Line
- Carol Goertzel, PathWays PA
- David Belanger, Delaware County Library System
- Deirdre Gordon, Children and Youth Services Administrator
- LaTanya Burno, J. Lewis Crozer Library Director

**WHAT:**

- Stand for Children Child Abuse Prevention Event

**WHERE:**

- J. Lewis Crozer Library, 620 Engle Street, Chester, PA

**WHEN:**

- April 18, 2013 at 2:00 PM

**WHY:**

- To highlight how adults and children can become more aware about the dangers of child abuse and the impacts of abuse.

Holmes, PA – As we all know, children need the close guidance and support of an adult they trust in order to thrive. In an ideal family situation, adults lovingly nurture a child's development, helping them to adapt and grow. When violence and neglect occur, children are permanently damaged. Children who are victims of abuse are much more vulnerable to health problems, cognitive development issues, emotional and behavioral issues and even, in extreme cases, death.

During Child Abuse Month, which takes place each April, members of the Delaware County community are coming together to support children and to help prevent abuse.

As part of this event, the Stand for Children Coalition will be collecting money to purchase 100 copies of *My Body Belongs to Me* by Jill Starishevsky to distribute to Delaware County libraries, daycare centers, and agencies that work with young children. *My Body Belongs to Me* will be read to the children attending this event.

Contributions can be sent to Stand for Children c/o Delaware County Library Foundation, 340 N. Middletown Rd., Fair Acres Bldg. 19, Media, PA 19063.

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