



Stewards of Children's "Back-to-School" Prevent-a-thon™



Since last July, the 2006 Stewards of Children Prevent-a-thon has provided over 4,000 Charleston area adults with the opportunity to be involved in a Stewards of Children (SOC) training and learn skills necessary to better protect the children and youth in their care from sexual abuse. This has led to heightened protection for over 40,000 of our Lowcountry children and prompted Darkness to Light's Lowcountry Advisory Committee (LAC) to set a goal to facilitate Stewards of Children trainings for at least 5% of the adult population in the Tri-county area, approximately 30,000 adults.

The 2nd Annual Stewards of Children "Back-to-School" Prevent-a-thon begins August 1, 2007 and will once again deliver a month-long series of the 2.5 hr. Stewards of Children trainings to adults throughout the TriCounty area. Keller Williams Realty is committed to the importance of making the Stewards of Children training available to all Lowcountry adults and organizations who serve our Lowcountry youth. Hence, their generous Corporate Sponsorship of the 2007 SOC Prevent-a-thon is allowing the Stewards of Children trainings to be offered **FREE OF CHARGE** to Lowcountry adults attending one of the August trainings. ***2.5 continuing Education hours for LPC and LMFT are provided by Barbara Melton Counseling Associates.***

Adult participation in the Prevent-a-thon's series of evidence-based Stewards of Children trainings is essential to creating the skills needed to reduce the prevalence of child sexual abuse within the Charleston community. We are inviting SOC alumni, youth serving organizations, Lowcountry leaders, & all community members to contribute to Charleston's Prevent-a-thon initiatives by:

- Attending one of the trainings
- Publicizing the August SOC Prevent-a-thon trainings
- Recruiting youth-serving organizations to commit to training their adult volunteers & staff by submitting an Organizational Pledge Form and attending an August Stewards training (churches, sports/recreation centers, day care centers, schools, civic groups, etc.)
- Becoming a Stewards of Children Authorized Facilitator
- Serving on Stewards of Children planning committees

Please contact us & let us know how you can contribute to the participant recruitment efforts for our community's 2nd annual Stewards of Children "Back-to-School" Prevent-a-thon.

We look forward to having you and your organizations join us as Stewards of Children.

With warm regards,

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