

BEHIND THE WHY: Stories from Kempe Supporters

Everyday, The Kempe Foundation works to provide support for experts in the field of child abuse and neglect, advocate for children, and to engage with our communities to support children and families.

We are very dedicated to our mission and we are fortunate to be supported by a host of professionals who ensure children are both safe and healthy. We want to share a few personal stories from individuals who have dedicated themselves to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

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DR. RICHARD KRUGMAN

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR, THE KEMPE CENTER / UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO



In March, 1967, I met C. Henry Kempe. I was a third year medical student and he gave a lecture on The Battered Child Syndrome. After his talk, I decided that I wanted to go to Colorado to work with him for my pediatric residency. On June 23, 1968, I started my pediatric internship at the University of Colorado with Henry and his terrific faculty. On Dec. 1 that same year, I saw my first case of child abuse. It was an eight-month old child who was brought in dead by his mother. Henry had me review the medical records of the mother and baby over the previous nine months, and it became clear that not only was this an abused child, but that 25 professionals who had come into contact with the mother and baby from the eighth month of her pregnancy until the little boy's death had all missed the opportunity to recognize what was happening and prevent not only the baby's death, but the

mother's incarceration. I had always been interested in human behavior, and became curious about what was it that caused a mother to kill her son. I was also interested in what it was that led to such "gaze aversion" by professionals and society that the problem was ignored.

"Abusive parents love their children very much, but not very well."

—DR. C. HENRY KEMPE

I was the second director of the Center, and promised Henry I would not be the last. The Center has always been a place that has tested new approaches for the field and published its efforts so others could implement what we had learned.

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LORI JACKSON, LPC RPT

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER AND MENTAL HEALTH THERAPIST



In 1983 I received treatment from Dr. David Jones after having been abducted from my home, sexually abused, then left in the pit of an outhouse for 3 1/2 days. Dr. Jones' work not only had a lasting impact, but also introduced my family to the power of seeking support and internal healing.

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I'm a mother to three remarkable human beings. Being a mom has not only been the hardest job I've had, but also the most impactful, humbling, courageous and beautiful one as well. Life is full of beauty and love when we see it as a healing world. It is my intention to heal our world of and from abuse. I am on a mission to do just that.

DR. ANTONIA CHIESA
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PEDIATRICS – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, THE KEMPE CENTER

Children are vulnerable and greatly impacted by their environment. They need a safe and nurturing childhood to reach their full potential as an adult. We know from research that children with a history of chronic or severe maltreatment are more likely to have future medical and behavioral health problems. This can in turn impact their overall functioning. I dedicate myself to this work so that I can prevent early exposure to adverse childhood experiences. Hopefully this will impact not only the outcomes for individual children, but for society as a whole.

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”
-MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The work we do is hard, and talking with parents about maltreatment can be uncomfortable, but it's worth it. Children are vulnerable and often cannot speak for themselves. Sometimes we have to be the voice for them.

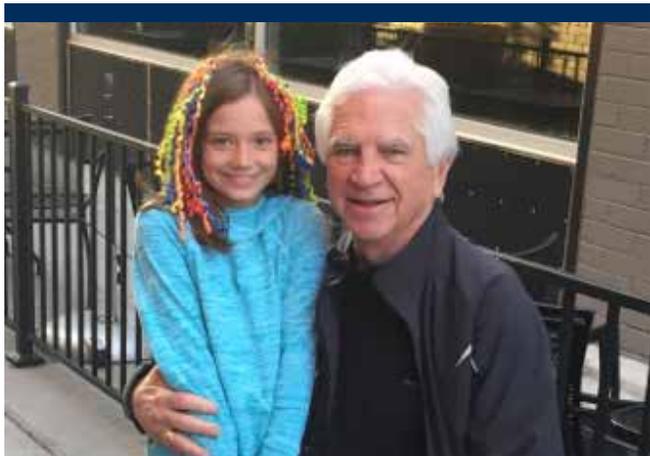
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Start with Why

John D. Faught, President & CEO of The Kempe Foundation

Author and speaker Simon Sinek powerfully states “everyone has a why.” They have some purpose, cause or belief that inspires them.



For me the why behind my 23-year commitment to keeping children healthy and safe is Dr. C. Henry Kempe’s quote “Our children’s future and the world’s future are one.”

Child abuse takes many forms. We often think of it in terms of physical or sexual abuse. But we know the term has a much broader meaning and includes emotional abuse and neglect.

When I was growing up, emotional mistreatment of children was never considered abuse. It was something private, a way

families handled things. We now know that all forms of mistreatment of a child can have long-lasting, adverse impacts on their lives. We also know that an adult taking just a few moments to let a child know he or she is valued can provide that child with the resilience to overcome adversity.

I have been on the Board of Kempe and now work as the President/CEO as a way of providing a voice to those children who are being harmed by those who are supposed to love them. It’s a voice that must be heard and, if the message is delivered broadly and often, may provide hope to those who are being harmed.

When I look at my daughter Jamie and my granddaughter Kate, now 10, I realize their future, and the future of the world, is in part based upon their actions, but is also dependent on how children throughout our society, and world, are treated. It is necessary that we invest our time and resources in the well-being of all children if the world is to become as we would want for our closest loved ones. As the late Nelson Mandela said, “There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.”

Sincerely,

John Faught, Esq.
President & CEO of The Kempe Foundation

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INSPIRED ACTION

A signature luncheon honoring Kempe as a Center of Excellence in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect, and inspiring community action to keep children safe and healthy for generations to come.

SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 15

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Ritz-Carlton, Downtown Denver
1881 Curtis Street, Denver



FEATURING STEVE PEMBERTON
Chief Diversity Officer, Walgreens Boots Alliance
& Best Selling Author of *A Chance in the World*

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Happenings at Kempe:

★ Colorado Gives Day

December 5, 2017

Save-the-Date! Colorado Gives Day is December 5, 2017. As we all unite to celebrate the good work charities do across the state, we hope you will remember the work Kempe is doing to support experts in the field, advocate for children and engage with communities. Find our profile and make a donation by searching for Kempe at www.ColoradoGivesDay.org.



★ Imagine 2018: Inspired Action

March 15, 2018

Join us for this signature luncheon at the Ritz-Carlton Downtown Denver. Our featured speaker is Steve Pemberton, Chief Diversity Officer, Walgreens Boots Alliance and best selling author of *A Chance in the World*. More information online at kempe.org.

★ Kempe Ambassadors

The Kempe Ambassadors are a group of dedicated individuals engaged in supporting the mission and work of Kempe. The group works in concert with Kempe to provide awareness, education, advocacy and fundraising opportunities that will help end child abuse and neglect. If you would like to learn more about the Kempe Ambassadors, please contact Julia Stone at stone.julia@kempe.org.



★ New Faces



WELCOME NEW BOARD CHAIR JOHN KELLOGG

John Kellogg, Esq. was named the chair of The Kempe Foundation's board of directors in July. Kellogg is a member of the business section at Moye White, LLP, and has been on our board since 2015.



MEET MONICA BROWN, KEMPE'S NEW OFFICE MANAGER

If you ever have an opportunity to work at a job where you feel like it is more purposeful and in some way, you are making a difference in other's lives, TAKE IT. That's how I felt when the opportunity came along for me to become a part of the Kempe Foundation. My coworkers are not only a pleasure to work with, but are truly committed and dedicated to the prevention of abuse and neglect of any child. I feel so blessed to be coupled with such a cause and to carry the title of Office Manager for this foundation.

Event Features

★ 2017 Kempe Golf Classic

On August 14, nearly 100 individuals joined us for a day of golf and networking at the Cherry Creek Country Club. Together, we raised \$47,000. Thank you to our Care for Kids sponsor CRESA, and to our Hole sponsors 20/20 Institute, Cardel Homes, CBiz Seff, Hall & Evans, Haynie & Company and United Reprographics.



★ Downtown Aquarium Wine Fest

Thank you to everyone who joined us on September 9 at the Downtown Aquarium Wine Fest. Hundreds of individuals attended to mingle with winery representatives from California at this afternoon of wine tasting, appetizers and live entertainment. Proceeds from the silent auction and a portion of ticket sales benefited Kempe.

