



Child Abuse Prevention Month

Since 1985, April has been nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, "*The Children's Trust Fund*," have used this special time each year to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child maltreatment.

Honor a child or family in Alabama... Donate today to recognize someone special in your life or the life of a child. Visit our website www.ctf.alabama.gov to make a donation in honor of a special child, family, or anyone that has made a difference in the life of a child. Through your donation, your honoree's name will be placed on a pinwheel to plant in our garden. Once your donation is made through our website please contact Dawn Miller by **Wednesday, March 30, 2016** at dawn.miller@ctf.alabama.gov with your honoree's name.

You are invited... Join us at our pinwheel planting event **Friday, April 1, 2016, at 9:30 AM** in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. (**Note:** The pinwheel is the nationally recognized symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. It also symbolizes the belief that every child has the right to grow and flourish to his/her full potential within a nurturing environment.)

We will be planting our pinwheel garden at **201 Monroe Street Montgomery, AL 36104**. This is directly across the street from the RSA Tower building.

This event brings together people to recognize and honor all the children and families of Alabama. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

April Activities... We are grateful to our friends and partners across Alabama as they participate and support the prevention of child abuse.

- The Fountain in downtown Montgomery will be blue beginning **Friday, April 1-10, 2016** in support of Alabama's children and families.
- Wear blue on **Friday, April 8** in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- The RSA buildings in Montgomery and Mobile will be recognizing the importance of families and communities by turning their lights blue on **Friday, April 8**.
- The front of the State Capitol will be illuminated blue on **Friday, April 8** to raise awareness.

Visit our website www.ctf.alabama.gov to see other April activities planned across the state to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month.

A special thank you to the City of Montgomery, the Retirement Systems of Alabama and the Governor's Office.