

Subject: Child Abuse Prevention Month Party in the Park 2018

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Dear Community Leader,

Each spring a group of professionals from community organizations that work with child abuse prevention and intervention: *City, County, and University Law Enforcement, Department of Human Services, Family Crisis Services, 4-H, Communicare, and Oxford and Lafayette Schools, just to name a few,* join together to raise awareness about Child Abuse in our community through promoting various events that provide a safe, family-oriented arena for activities and to distribute the message regarding child abuse prevention & safety and promoting healthy families, and healthy lifestyles.

From the successful history that we have had by including other community organizations, we are again inviting other community organizations to participate in providing a fun-filled activity for the children and families in the Lafayette/Oxford/University Community. On average, more than 500 individuals participate each year.

Party in the Park will be held on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Avent Park, here in Oxford. The event is free to anyone that comes. Family Crisis Services will be providing lunch (donated by our generous sponsors) and information to all in attendance.

We invite you to join us, by having your group or organization to sponsor a game or activity (i.e. face painting, cupcake walk; sack-race, egg/spoon race; 3 legged-race, etc. – just ideas – use your own imagination, as long as the activities are safe and child focused) at ***Party in the Park***. By sponsoring a game or activity, your group will be responsible for organizing your own volunteers; providing all of the needed materials for your game or activity (including table and chairs and any prizes you might want to give out); and actually implementing the game or activity the day of the event. Keep in mind that all activities should be child friendly and free. No solicitations of any kind should be a part of this event – you will be asked to leave if you are soliciting donations of any kind or selling any merchandise.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the attached form and fax it to 234-9305 or email it to marymargaret_rayburn@yahoo.com , no later than Thursday, March 29.

If you are interested in supporting the event through a sponsorship, please contact me - sponsorship opportunities are available (monetary and tangible items).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at or at the above email address.

We hope you decide to join this great event for our community.

Feel free to pass this information along to other group or organizations that you think would be interested in celebrating the kids and families of the LOU Community.

Sincerely,

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