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KIDSVOICE BRINGS BACK SIGNATURE EVENTS  
IN SUPPORT OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

PITTSBURGH -- KidsVoice is once again recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month with the return of its two signature events in Pittsburgh, one of which—Kites for Kids—features kite-flying demonstrations and two local musical voices in a show of song and support. Both events take place at the Carnegie Science Center, and returning as honorary chairs are Dan and Shelly Onorato.

The first event, KiteTails & Cocktails, is now in its fourth year and is a great opportunity to support the KidsVoice mission, which is to advocate in the courts and in the community to ensure a safe and permanent home for abused, neglected and at-risk children in Allegheny County. KiteTails & Cocktails—this year on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>--once again features fantastic food and beverages, entertainment, and an exciting, expansive silent auction featuring sports team tickets, concert tickets, autographed memorabilia and more! The event runs from 7:30pm until 11:00pm, and ticket information is available at [www.kidsvoice.org](http://www.kidsvoice.org).

The second event is Kites for Kids on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, a community event designed for the entire family. "Kites for Kids," explains KidsVoice Executive Director Scott Hollander, "is an opportunity for KidsVoice to communicate a message of hope and advocacy and to familiarize people with our role in protecting our most precious resource, our children."

Now in its third year, Kites for Kids is a day-long event featuring fun, live musical entertainment, kite flying demonstrations and kids' crafts. "This event is centered on kites as a theme," says Hollander, "and the kite symbolizes hope, a happy childhood, and a chance to soar—things that our clients do not always have the opportunity to experience. On May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the science center we are hoping to have 5,000 kites on display, which represents annually the number of children that KidsVoice works with in Allegheny County—and we hope that thousands of people in the community will turn out on that day as a show of support and a message of hope." Everyone coming to Kites for Kids is encouraged to draw a kite, or make a kite, and bring it along to the science center in order to help KidsVoice reach its goal of 5,000 kites on display.

Kites for Kids runs from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and this year in addition to kite-flying demonstrations, the event also features live musical performances

from artists including children's music favorite Frank Cappelli and Nashville-based, Pittsburgh-born teen singer/songwriter Sarah Marince.

KidsVoice is a non-profit agency that advocates in court and in the community for abused and neglected children. It is a voice of hope and advocacy for children who cannot always speak for themselves.

Both events are brought to you in part by KidsVoice's "Sky High Sponsors": Get Go, Fox Rothschild LLP, and Solutions 21.

For more information on KiteTails and Cocktails and Kites for Kids, visit [www.kidsvoice.org](http://www.kidsvoice.org) or call KidsVoice at 412-391-3100.

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