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**THE NATIONAL CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER
HONORS LOCAL ATTORNEY**

Marietta, (FEBRUARY 10, 2011)- SafePath Children’s Advocacy Center is pleased to announce that the National Children’s Advocacy Center has selected attorney Andrew Agatston as its 2011 Outstanding Service award recipient in the category of Victim Advocacy. The outstanding service award is given to a professional who has demonstrated excellence in the collaborative approach to protecting children from the devastating impact of child sexual abuse and exploitation.

SafePath nominated Mr. Agatston for this award because of his relentless compassion to providing the most up to date legal information and training to professionals involved in child abuse cases throughout the United States. The National Children’s Advocacy Center is a non-profit organization that provides training, prevention, intervention and treatment services to fight child abuse and neglect. To learn more about SafePath visit www.supportsafepath.com.

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Top Chefs Join Efforts to Support SafePath

Marietta, Ga., May 13, 2011—The Chef's Culinary Tour will be held on Thursday, June 9th, 2011 at the Pavillion in East Cobb. The event will benefit SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, a Cobb County organization which provides services to victims of child abuse. Joining the effort are top chefs from several of Atlanta's and Marietta's acclaimed restaurants to include-Two Urban Licks, ONE. midtown kitchen, Parish, ROOM, Paper Mill Grill, Ritter's, Gabriel's, Henry's Louisiana Grill and Sam's BBQ1.

"We are so excited to have the support of some of the best chefs in the state to include Food Network Star finalist, Justin Balmes," said Jinger Robins, Executive Director of SafePath. "The economy has suffered terribly in the last two years, yet the children and families who benefit from SafePath's critical services are still in need. In fact, during tough economic times, instances of abuse increase. The Chef's Culinary Tour will help us raise funds to continue assisting abused children and reduce their trauma."

At the event, the renowned chefs will feature their culinary signatures. For only \$75 per individual, guests will be able to interact with the executive chefs out of the kitchen and sample different tastes. The Chef's Culinary Tour will include dancing featuring the music of PRIME.

"The Chef's Culinary Tour is sure to be the ultimate food social of the year," said Chef Alex Reethof, event chair. "People may not realize that SafePath is the organization that is there helping those victims of child abuse that we hear about on the news. The services they provide are vital to those families and our community. If you have a passion for food and fun, my hope is that you will join us in supporting SafePath and the work that they do."

About SafePath

SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. is a private 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children who have been abused. SafePath's mission is to reduce the trauma to children and their families by offering a comprehensive, professional and child-friendly approach to allegations of child abuse. SafePath ensures a less traumatic, child-focused approach to child abuse cases by bringing together professionals from law enforcement, the district attorney's office, therapists, healthcare professions, DFACS, and other agencies, to all work together as a collaborative team. For more information about SafePath or to purchase tickets, please call 770-801-3465.

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SAFEPath HOSTS 14th ANNUAL TEEING OFF FOR KIDS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Marietta, GA – July 6, 2011—SafePath Children's Advocacy Center's 14th Annual *Teeing Off For Kids* golf tournament will be held on September 19, 2011 at Brookstone Country Club in Acworth, GA. All golfers who participate will experience at least one win at the golf tournament- the satisfaction of helping create a community free of child abuse! All proceeds from the four-person best ball scramble will go towards the center.

Registration and catered breakfast is at 9 a.m., with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Immediately following the tournament there will be a catered awards reception with food, drinks and prizes.

ProCore Solutions has signed up as a gold sponsor and Eagle Vending will be providing beverages and snacks, but many additional sponsorship opportunities are still available.

The cost for an individual player is \$150. Foursomes are \$600 and sponsorship pricing varies.

For more information and to register today, contact Amanda Sparks at (770) 514-6554 or AmandaSparks.safepath@cobbcounty.org.

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COOKING UP A COMMUNITY FREE OF CHILD ABUSE FOOD NETWORK STAR JUSTIN BALMES SUPPORTS SAFEPATH

ROSWELL, (August 15, 2011)- Chef Justin Balmes, from Food Network Star Season 7, partnered with Harry's Farmers Market to cook up a fun-filled evening centered around supporting the local community. The dinner was held at Salud! Cooking School inside the Harry's Farmers Market's Alpharetta store. Participants enjoyed a three course meal with a portion of the proceeds benefitting SafePath Children's Advocacy Center, which provides a comprehensive approach to allegations of child abuse.

A native to Marietta, Balmes' menu featured selections from local and regional products including Thompson Farm pork, White Oak Pastures grass-fed beef and Sweetwater Growers herbs and micro greens. "The evening was a great opportunity for everyone to help create a community free of child abuse while watching a great chef, Justin Balmes, create a three course meal," said Jinger Robins, Executive Director of SafePath.

One of the evening's attendees, Kristin Hanson, thanked Chef Balmes for a wonderful meal and for introducing her to SafePath stating, "I've been looking for a new organization to volunteer with and their mission really inspires me." Chef Balmes shared, "SafePath is a great organization to support and we had an amazing time with great people including several attendees from Reality Bikes!" Justin continued, "Thanks and much love to all in attendance."

Julie Kretzmer, Demo Specialist for Harry's Farmers Market, enjoyed the evening and said, "the local dinner with Justin Balmes was a great way for Harry's Farmers Market Alpharetta to celebrate our community, by bringing together an amazing local chef, fresh local ingredients and a valuable local non-profit organization...Overall, the store is proud that we were able to raise \$900.00 for SafePath."

For more information on how you can get involved with SafePath and their next culinary event in 2012, please call 770-801-3469.

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**COMMUNITY HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
SAFEPath AWARDS PRESENTED**

Marietta, (DECEMBER 2, 2011)- SafePath Children's Advocacy Center jump started the holiday season with its annual Holiday Community Open House where the non-profit recognized individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions toward preventing and decreasing child abuse in Cobb County. Joining in the festivities was Linda Stouffer from WSB-TV who served as guest speaker at the event.

Keller Williams Realty Signature Partners were presented the **Crystal Gavel** in honor of their commitment to making child abuse prevention a priority. The organization donated countless hours of their time and money to further SafePath's mission. Recognizing that being informed is a key component to protecting children, the group chose to participate in the Darkness to Light child sexual abuse prevention training program to further their knowledge regarding child safety.

Detective Carol Largent of the Cobb County Police Department was selected as this year's **VIP recipient**. The award is presented to an individual who has made a significant impact in the prevention child abuse and neglect and is determined by their peers to have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Detective Largent is currently assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit and was recognized for her diligence in investigating child sexual exploitation and child trafficking cases.

The **Prevention Award** was presented to the **Cobb County Friendship Club**, which is an organization of county government employees who give back to the community by donating a portion of each paycheck to assist local charities. The organization was selected due to their their deep commitment to Cobb's citizens and because of the message of giving back they continue to spread throughout the community.

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