



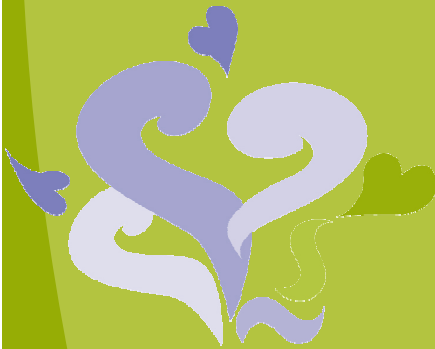
## VITA Clinic Hours

### Cope Family Center

- Appointments available Mon, Weds & Thurs through April 15
- Drop-in "Super Saturdays" every Saturday in February – no appointment necessary!

### Napa Valley College

- Drop-in tax preparation every Tues & Weds through April 15
- "Super Saturday" February 23 only, 9am-5pm, Rooms 1430 & 1431



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## Cope Family Center's eNewsletter

### Free Tax Preparation for Working Families!

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) tax preparation clinics are in full swing, providing FREE tax preparation and electronic return filing now through April 15! In partnership with the United Way and other Family Resource Centers in Napa County, Cope Family Center's VITA clinics help working families with incomes under \$42,000 claim all applicable federal and state tax credits.

Staffed by volunteers from financial institutions throughout Napa County, VITA



Free tax preparation for Napa County families!

clinics educate taxpayers and help them to get the full refund to which they're entitled. Countywide last year, VITA clinic tax refunds

totalled \$384,000!

Last week, the IRS made a surprise site inspection of Cope's VITA Clinic. The IRS representative's report stated our site was well organized, and that our staff and volunteers were "cheerful and ready to assist."

See sidebar for clinic hours; to make an appointment or to find out what documents to bring to a drop-in clinic, please phone Maria Ruiz at 252-1123.

### Women's Support Group Begins

One of our most successful programs is Home Visitation, where Cope Home Visitors meet one-on-one with families in need of intensive guidance. However, the waiting list for the Home Visitation program is currently 6-8 weeks, which makes our new collaboration

with Family Service of Napa especially welcome. Through the Bridges program we've begun a weekly Women's Support Group. The groups are available only through referral by our Home Visitation Program, and provide interim support to women whose

families are on the Home Visitation waiting list. Both English and Spanish-speaking groups are offered, and each runs for 8-10 weeks. Please contact Program Manager Julie Murphy at [jmurphy@copefamilycenter.org](mailto:jmurphy@copefamilycenter.org) for more information.

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## Family Friendly Workplace

Cope Family Center is honored to have been nominated for the Family Friendly Workplace Award, given each year by the Child Care Planning Council. This is the third year Cope Family Center has been a nominee for the award, which acknowledges Napa Val-

ley businesses that support the needs of their employees with policies and practices that promote a work-life balance.

Cope Family Center has created family-centric employment policies, with flexible working hours and a work environment that acknowl-

edges the importance of our roles as parents and grandparents. We all feel fortunate to work in offices and a family resource center that are enlivened by visits from children -- both our clients' and our own!

## Smiles for Life Campaign



Once again, Adrian Fenderson, DDS, will be participating in the "Smiles for Life" Campaign, benefiting children's charities. Now through June, you can get your teeth professionally whitened by Dr. Fenderson for a great price, and 100% of the proceeds will go to Garth

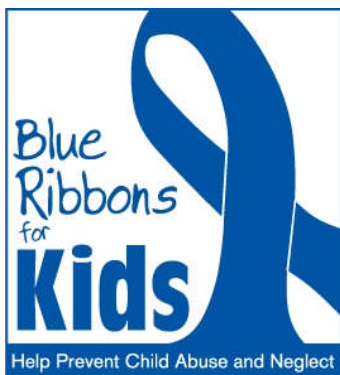
Brooks' Teammates for Kids Foundation AND Cope Family Center.

Our "Smiles for Life" check last year was \$4,516.13, with more to come – thanks to Dr. F. and everyone who polished up their pearly whites! You needn't be a regular patient to partici-

pate; to make an appointment or find out more, contact Dr. Fenderson's office at 258-8700 or [www.napadentist.com](http://www.napadentist.com).

This year, Dr. Robert Martin is also joining the Smiles for Life Campaign. Please contact Dr. Martin's office at 255-6300 for details.

## April is Blue Ribbon Month!



Child Abuse:  
Stopping it  
Starts with Us

Join the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) of Napa County and other CAPCs statewide in the annual April campaign to prevent child abuse & neglect.

### Blue Ribbon Days

Throughout the month of April, local merchants & restaurateurs have joined the campaign by dedicating one day's worth of sales to

Cope. For dates & participating businesses, contact Liz Marks at 707.252.1123.

### Blue Ribbon Kickoff Luncheon & Awards

Help kick off Blue Ribbon Month at this luncheon at St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, Thursday, April 3, from 12:00-1:00pm. The keynote speaker is Susan Fisher, Governor Schwarzenegger's Crime Victim

Advocate. We'll also honor Blue Ribbon Award recipients Rebecca Feiner from Child Welfare Services, Bill Francis from the District Attorney's Office, and Todd Shulman from the Napa Police Department.

This is a free, community-sponsored event. To RSVP, call CAPC Director Sarah Pritchard at 252-1123.

## Benefit Wine Tasting at Back Room Wines

Daniel Dawson hosts a benefit wine tasting for Cope Family Center on Friday, March 7 at Back Room Wines! Stop by Back Room Wines between 5:00 & 9:00pm, meet Rudy Zuidema of Ehlers Estate & Calix and Rachel Miller of Robert Craig Winery, enjoy 5 great wines poured by Rudy and Rachel, and help raise money for Cope Family Center! Your \$15 tasting fee and 20% of your purchase of Ehlers Estate, Calix and Robert Craig wines poured at the tasting will be donated to Cope Family Center.

### FEATURED WINES:

**Robert Craig Wine Cellars**  
Chardonnay "Durell Vineyard" 2006  
"Affinity" Napa Valley 2005

**Ehler's Estate**  
Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2007  
Cabernet Napa Valley 2005

**Calix**  
Syrah "Masked Man Vineyard" 2004



### Back Room Wines

974 Franklin Street,  
downtown Napa  
(707) 226-1378

[www.backroomwines.com](http://www.backroomwines.com)

## Girls Night Out

Enjoy a night on the town with your friends on Wednesday, March 19. Napa Downtown retailers The Mustard Seed and Spinnelle Jewelers are staying open 5:30-8:30pm, and Caffe Cicero is offering a special \$20 prix-fixe dinner to Girls Night Out shoppers.

There'll be complimentary wine to sip while you shop, and drawings for great prizes at each location! All three businesses are donating 20% of

their proceeds that night to Cope Family Center. Shopping, wine, dinner and prizes – all for a good cause -- what more could a girl want?

For more information, please contact  
Susan Hafleigh at 255-8066 or  
Cheryl Imrie at 226-7928

***Thank you to Cope's Family Circle  
Committee for planning this event!***

### The Mustard Seed

1301 Napa Town  
Center

### Spinnelle Fine Jewelers

1232 First Street

### Caffe Cicero

1245 First Street

## Bee Safe! Bee Healthy! Bee There!

### Kids' Day at Cope

Kids' Day is a FREE community event designed to bring families together in a fun and positive environment. It's part street fair, part carnival, part information fair, and ALL good, clean fun. Over 40 social service agencies and businesses will be in attendance to highlight their services and host fun educational booths. In addition, we will feature musical entertainment and



activities like a bounce house, rock wall, clowns, and much, much more!

Kids' Day at Cope is on Saturday, April 26, from 10:00am-2:00pm, on Fourth Street between Franklin & Randolph.

To volunteer, sponsor a table, or support Kids' Day, contact Laurie Cole at 252-1123 or

[lcole@copefamilycenter.org](mailto:lcole@copefamilycenter.org)





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**Cope Family Center**

promotes family strength, health, safety & well-being through parent education, economic progress & child abuse prevention programs.

For more information, to volunteer, sponsorship opportunities, and more ways to help, please contact Michele Grupe at 707-252-1123 x115 or [mgrupe@copefamilycenter.org](mailto:mgrupe@copefamilycenter.org)

**Thank you for your support!**



**The Blue Plate Special**

The Fourth Annual Blue Plate Special, presented by Beringer Napa Valley, takes place on Thursday, April 24, at Meadowood. This fundraiser serves up lots of food and fun, and benefits child abuse prevention efforts. Last year's event raised over \$250,000 for child abuse prevention programs in Napa County.

Our wine & martini reception will feature

imaginative tip-garnering schemes by our wildly creative Celebrity Waiters, local luminaries all, along with delicious hors d'oeuvres and the first-ever Blue Plate Silent Auction.

We'll follow this with the "Diner Chic" dinner created by Meadowood Executive Chef Vincent Nattress, a high-energy Live Auction, and an exclusive Cigar & Port

after-party for the night's highest bidders, all topped off with the presentation of the Napa Valley Head Celebrity Waiter Award.

Entree to this high-falutin' fun and fundraising event is **by invitation only**. How do you get on the guest list? Give Michele Grupe a call at 252-1123 to find out!