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February 2, 2012

The Honorable Tina Skeldon-Wozniak
Lucas County Commissioners
One Government Center, 8th Fl
Toledo, OH 43604

Dear Commissioner Skeldon-Wozniak:

Did you know that in 2010, 743 Lucas County children were confirmed to have been victims of abuse or neglect? Or that in an average month, Lucas County Children Services (LCCS) receives about 750 calls from people concerned that a child they know might be maltreated?

Child abuse happens in all kinds of families, in all parts of the community. The only way we can fight it is by working together.

LCCS is teaming up with the Toledo Free Press and sponsoring "Wear Blue to Work Day," Wednesday, April 11, 2012. Our hope is that by if everyone wears blue on this one day, the entire community can be unified in its commitment to keep even one more child from being abused or neglected. We'll be asking people to post pictures of themselves, their groups or co-workers wearing blue on a Facebook page that we're setting up especially for this event.

How can you help?

The Free Press is planning a **special cover photo** for its April 8 issue to help raise awareness of "Wear Blue to Work Day." Our hope is to bring community leaders like you together, regardless of political affiliation, business competition or other factors, and have your picture taken together, as a group, to stand together against child abuse.

Will you join me and other community leaders and participate in this photo shoot?

The shoot is scheduled for **Friday, March 30 at 2 p.m.** at the Wintergarden in the Main Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, 325 Michigan St., Toledo.

Please let us know whether or not you are able to join us for the photo by calling Julie Malkin, LCCS Public Information Officer, at 419-213-3253, or contacting her by email at julie.malkin@co.lucas.oh.us. We'd appreciate hearing from you by March 15 so that we can prepare accordingly. When you call, please let us know what size T-shirt you wear; The Free Press is having custom shirts made for the photo.

Remember, child abuse is preventable. We look forward to your participation in this worthy cause.

Sincerely,

Dean Sparks
Executive Director

