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CHILD ADVOCACY CENTERS HONOR THEIR 2015 EVERYDAY HEROES

Meredith, NH — November 4, 2016 — This holiday season the Granite State Children's Alliance is especially grateful for each Child Advocacy Center in NH and their team of agency partners. The 2016 Everyday Heroes were honored at the Annual Hands of Hope Recognition Celebration at Church Landing in Meredith, New Hampshire on November 4th. Everyday Heroes are members of the multi-disciplinary team in each county who best exemplify the dedication necessary to properly investigate cases of suspected child abuse, while working as part of the collaborative team.

The Granite State Children's Alliance, the chapter organization for all CACs in NH, presented the 2016 Statewide Hero award to Attorney General Joseph Foster. His commitment to ensuring justice and healing for New Hampshire's most vulnerable was demonstrated by his unwavering support for Child Advocacy Centers and the multidisciplinary model response to crimes against children. Through his leadership several CACs across the state were able to increase staff capacity thereby meeting the increased demand for CACs across New Hampshire.

Based on a nationally recognized victim centered model, child advocacy centers are community partnerships dedicated to pursuing the truth in child abuse cases and providing social services to child victims. By bringing together New Hampshire's law enforcement, county attorneys, state protective services, victim advocates and health professionals, child advocacy centers provide safe, child friendly locations for interviewing child victims, coordinating the investigative team and providing ongoing help for the victim's recovery. Child advocacy centers help break the cycle of child abuse by improving prosecution rates of abusers and putting their victims on a path to healing.

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