

2008 LIGHT OF HOPE



PLEASE JOIN US IN RECOGNIZING APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE AND
NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

The Light of Hope Planning Committee requests your participation in the 5th Annual Light of Hope Event scheduled on **April 6, 2008** at Wasilla High School.

Light of Hope is a community event to help awareness of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, and bring recognition to those working in the child abuse and neglect field. This event is coordinated by representatives of various social service agencies including: Valley CASA Program, CASAs for Children, Office of Children's Services, Alaska Center for Resource Families, The Children's Place, Alaska Family Services, LINKS, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Alaska Attachment and Bonding Associates, Raven Respite, Mat-Su Youth Facility, Boys and Girls Club and several other community members.

This event is scheduled for **April 6, 2008 from 2pm to 5pm** at Wasilla High School. It will include a Mint Green Ribbon Tying ceremony which represents each child who was abused or neglected in the Mat-Su Valley in 2007, a reading of the Governor's Proclamation on Child Abuse and Neglect, candle lighting and awards ceremony.

There will be food and door prizes for all ages, and various activity and education tables for the kids designed to promote healthy family fun.

*** COMPLIMENTARY FOOD & FUN ***

The 5th Annual Light of Hope needs your help to truly make this a community effort, to bring awareness and education about child abuse.

Thank you for helping make the Valley a safer place for our children. For questions please contact Denise Garrettson at 746-0571 or denise.garrettson@alaska.gov or Cecily Skoog-Moore at 746-0547 or Cecily.skoog-moore@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,



The Light of Hope Planning Committee