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OUTSTANDING ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES HONORED

The Celebrating Families Committee, a collaborative group of professionals from human service organizations in Butler County, will present six awards to *Outstanding Advocates for Children and Families* during the Celebrating Families Community Breakfast on Friday, April 25, 2008. In recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the fourteenth annual event takes place from 8:30a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Receptions Banquet and Conference Center, 5957 Boymel Drive in Fairfield, Ohio.

The *Outstanding Advocates for Children and Families* award recognizes the exemplary efforts of individuals and groups, in a volunteer or professional capacity, who help improve the lives of children and families in Butler County. This year's outstanding advocates are:

Kristy Collins: Hamilton Police Dept.
Tasha Frame: Epilepsy Support Group
Kathy Helm & Beth McQueen: Kinship Program
Eric Pohlman: Butler County Challenger Baseball
Jean Wesseler: Fairfield Police Dept.
4-H Food & Fashion Board

The Celebrating Families Committee is comprised of professionals from human services organizations who share in a mission to strengthen families and protect children. Participating organizations include: Alcohol & Chemical Abuse Council of Southwestern Ohio, Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Butler County Children Services, BCESC Head Start Program, Butler County Family & Children First Council, Help Me Grow, Catholic Social Services, Lifespan, MALACHI, Ohio State University Extension Butler County, SELF, The Family Resource Center in Oxford, Butler County Department of Job & Family Services