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Children's Cove Holds 8th Annual Hot Wing Relay *Child Advocacy Center thanks partners in local law enforcement*

Yarmouth, MA – Children's Cove, The Cape & Islands Child Advocacy Center, held their 8th Annual Hot Wing Relay on October 25th for local police departments across the Cape & Islands. Children's Cove works collaboratively with law enforcement in response to cases involving child sexual abuse to provide the healthiest outcome for victims and best practices in interviewing child victims.

The free public event gathered eleven teams formed by the Cape and Island law enforcement agencies in a friendly and spirited competition against one another in a relay "wing off" where each member of a four-person team eats a portion of hot wings before it can go to the next team member from their department. Whichever team finishes first wins the round. After several elimination rounds there is a head to head against the final departments before one is named the winner. Last year Provincetown Police Department narrowly edged out Dennis Police Department in a debated final round.

"It's an event we look forward to every year to give back to and thank our law enforcement partners, to come together in an enjoyable way when we work together so often on some pretty difficult cases." Stacy Gallagher, Director of Children's Cove, stated. "We all work together to ensure the healthiest outcome for the children and families we support, so it's important we take care of ourselves as well as our partner agencies."

The Hot Wing Relay took place on October 25th at the Cape Cod Irish Village in South Yarmouth, MA, with the food and location graciously donated by management and staff. Members of Cape Cod law enforcement and their families present watched three exciting rounds before the finals which pitted Provincetown Police Department, Yarmouth Police Department and Dennis Police Department against each other. Every department had a strong crowd of support; however, Dennis Police Department came back with a vengeance from last year's loss and won the competition.

Chief Ronald L. Fisette, Wellfleet Police Department stated "We appreciate the close relationship that we have amongst the many different law enforcement agencies and Children Cove to keep our communities safe. It is always a pleasure to come together for a fun social gathering event to help build our friendship." Echoing the statement of collaboration, Chief Heath Eldredge of Brewster Police Department commented about the relay "our officers look forward to this event... Add in an excuse for us to eat chicken wings and compete against our brother and sister officers, and it's a pretty perfect night."

Children's Cove, a department of Barnstable County, has been the Cape and the Island's Children's Advocacy Center since 1997. Children's Cove provides coordinated and comprehensive multidisciplinary services to child victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, witness to domestic violence and child sexual exploitation and trafficking. To learn more visit www.ChildrensCove.org

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