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St. Augustine Youth Services is Observing April National Child Abuse Prevention Month with Three Events

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and since 1989, people nationwide wear the blue ribbon (and now carry blue pinwheels) in April to create awareness of the need to keep kids safe and families strong.

St. Augustine Youth Services (SAYS) is hosting three events in April to bring this message to our community by encouraging parents to have the knowledge, skills and resources they need to care for their children.

The first event is the **“Pinwheel Parade” March against Child Abuse** on April 5th at the SAYS campus from 10:00-11:30am. There will be a ceremonial “parade” around the campus, free children’s activities including a bounce-house and face painting plus tables set up with parenting information and people on hand to answer questions about the resources available in St. Johns County. SAYS is located on US1 South, next to the SE Branch Library, near SR206.

Next on April 12, SAYS is dropping 1,000 numbered golf balls from a helicopter onto the replica 17th green at World Golf Village. The owner of the ball that goes in first, or is closest to the pin will win a \$1,500 cash prize. Find out how to participate in the **SAYS Helicopter Golf Ball Drop and Putting tournament** at www.sayskids.org/putt.

And finally, on April 27th is the **“Ride Against Child Abuse” Poker Run, BBQ, Auction and concert** from 11:00am-6:00pm at Arnold’s Lounge on N. Ponce de Leon Blvd.

St. Augustine Youth Services is celebrating 25 years of serving children and one year in a new campus facility. SAYS is a group home which provides therapeutic services for boys who have experienced severe emotional trauma, such as child abuse and neglect. For more information, please call 904-829-1770 or visit www.sayskids.org.