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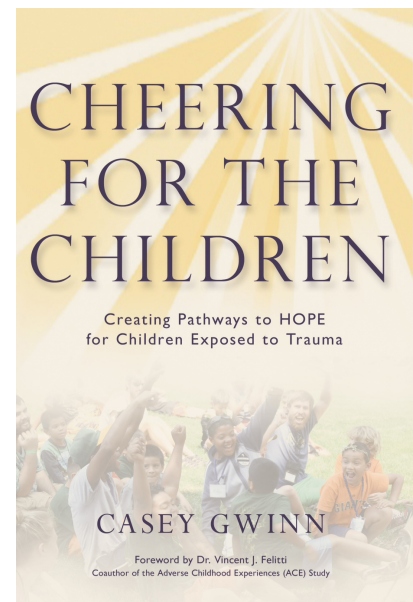
## **San Diego Author Publishes New Book Focused on Children Exposed to Trauma**

**San Diego, CA April 20, 2015**– Every child needs a cheerleader and a pathway to hope. A new book published by Wheatmark and available now at <http://familyjusticecenter.com/index.php/fjc-alliance-store.html> and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) focuses on the diverse needs of children exposed to child abuse and domestic violence. **Cheering for the Children: Creating Pathways to HOPE for Children Exposed to Trauma** is a call to all caring people to become cheerleaders for children exposed to trauma and abuse. In the book, author Casey Gwinn, former elected San Diego city attorney and a leading domestic violence professional, explains why childhood trauma should be the preeminent public health issue in America today and how we can all help change the lives of children for the better.

In this compelling and well-documented book, Gwinn maps out the massive costs and lifelong consequences of unaddressed childhood trauma through the internationally recognized Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study and other critical research. Then, using his own personal journey through trauma, lessons learned from leading experts across the country, and poignant real-life anecdotes from survivors, he provides the big strategies and small, practical steps that every parent, grandparent, mentor, caring community member, and policymaker can take to make a difference in the lives of their own children and the hurting children of America.

In the book's forward, Vincent J. Felitti, MD, co-Principal Investigator of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study, said, "Cheering for the Children is one of the first books focused on education the general public about the ACE study."

Casey Gwinn has invested his career in helping victims of domestic violence and their children. He is a passionate advocate for children that are growing up with physical and sexual child abuse and children witnessing domestic violence. He began his career as a prosecutor and now runs a national domestic violence prevention organization called Alliance for HOPE International ([www.allianceforhope.com](http://www.allianceforhope.com)). He is the visionary behind the rapidly developing Family Justice Center movement ([www.familyjusticecenter.com](http://www.familyjusticecenter.com)) that seeks to put all the services for victims of violence and abuse under one roof, in one place, in local communities across the country and around the world. Casey is the founder of the first camp in America focused on children exposed to domestic violence -- Camp HOPE America ([www.camphopeamerica.com](http://www.camphopeamerica.com)).



His own journey through abuse and the impact of childhood trauma helps Casey connect with audiences, his authentic sharing of his faith draws others to his vision, and his passion for changing the endings for trauma exposed children will inspire you to become a cheerleader for children in your life and children in your community.

NYC Filmmaker Hannelore Williams called *Cheering for the Children* "transformational". Child trauma therapist Dr. Linda Chamberlain said this about *Cheering for the Children*, "This is book is a must read for every parent, grandparent, caregiver, youth-serving professional and anyone who cares about the future of our children. Casey Gwinn blends insightful stories, his decades of experience advocating for children and the latest science to help us understand the predictable effects of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and pathways to healing trauma. *Cheering for the Children* is a user-friendly resource that is full of promising practices and simple strategies that we can start doing today to help traumatized kids and families overcome adversity and build resilience."

All proceeds from the book will benefit Camp HOPE America, the first comprehensive camping program in the country for children exposed to domestic violence.

Casey Gwinn is available for interviews, appearances, book signings and more by contacting the Alliance for HOPE at (888) 511-3522. For a high-resolution image of the book cover and photo of Casey Gwinn, please contact Michael Burke: [michael@allianceforhope.com](mailto:michael@allianceforhope.com).

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