We Invite...

CPAC offers an invitation to those individuals and agencies sincerely interested in dispelling stereotypes to join us in a dialogue about our culture and religious beliefs.

"Many cultures contribute to the richness of our world community. Just as every culture has time-honored traditions that make its heritage unique, each of us has individual qualities and characteristics that make us special.

Let us learn more of one another . . . In knowledge, there is understanding; in understanding, there is respect; and where there is respect, growth is possible."

—author unknown

"...if we yield to our impulse and single out one hated minority, the First Amendment becomes little more than hype and we become little more than hypocrites. ...For my part, I would rather have a neighbor with different spouses than a country with different standards for its citizens."

—Jonathan Turley, Shapiro Professor of Public Interest Law at George Washington Law School (Printed 10/03/04 USA Today)

CENTENNIAL PARK ACTION COMMITTEE

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Centennial Park Action Committee (CPAC)

Building bridges between communities and agencies

What affects *one* of us may ultimately affect *all* of us.
Preventing victims through Awareness, Access, Justice and Vision

Our Mission

CPAC's mission as a committee of volunteer citizens from the polygamous community of Centennial Park, Arizona, is to deliver to the public a correct view of the polygamous lifestyle as practiced in Centennial Park with the objectives of dispelling popular stereotypes commonly held by people at large, of defeating unjust laws which currently exist aimed at the polygamous minority, to overturn, eventually, the Supreme Court decision in *Reynolds vs. The United States*, and to promote more amicable relations with local agencies which have to deal with families. In doing this, the Committee seeks to achieve a political and social environment within which both polygamous and non-polygamous cultures may comfortably fit into an integrated society.

Preventing Victims

- **Awareness:** Building community awareness through education about appropriate parental and spousal relationships and by training citizens to see the signs of abuse and to know how and when to report.
- **Access:** Creating partnerships with agencies, fostering local support systems for families, playing the role of service sponsors and coordinators, and breaking down barriers among community members.
- **Justice:** Striving to right the laws that create unique barriers for our citizens, bringing law enforcement presence into our underserved community, and breaking down stereotypes.
- **Vision:** Believing that citizens have an inalienable right to peace, happiness, protection, security, and justice and that building healthy and able families through education and support is the key to reducing abuse.

Building Relationships

- September 2003—Presented to UT & AZ Attorney's General
- May 2004—Joined Safety Net Committee
- August 2004—Presented at The Utah Sunstone Symposium
- May 2006—Presented to UT Attorney General's Office
- Participated in several Diversity Days in St. George, UT
- Worked with local, national, and international media outlets in print, television, and radio e.g. ABC, Primetime, PBS, CNN, FOX, CMT, WE and Newsweek
- Sponsored many educational events in our community, i.e. invited social service agencies from UT & AZ to educate our community regarding available services
- Members trained in domestic violence awareness for clergy as well as two dozen individuals trained as child and family team facilitators