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Boonsboro Town Council  
21 N Main St  
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Dear Members of the Council,

April is "**Child Abuse Awareness/Prevention Month**". In an attempt to educate our community about this problem, San Mar has joined with Safe Place of Washington County and committed, with the rest of our nation, to reach out to our communities. San Mar is observing our 134<sup>th</sup> year of continuous service to the children of Washington County.

Next month, with the help of Boonsboro High School's service group "Cool 2 be Kind", we plan to "Make Boonsboro Blue" on **April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2:45pm to 3:30pm**. **With your permission, we would like to hang blue ribbons downtown**, on light posts and fence posts, and place small blue pinwheels outside some of the businesses. The ribbons and pinwheels will be removed on May 1.

Secondly, on our campus, San Mar will have an **Open house** and "Cool 2 be Kind" group from Boonsboro High School will be sponsoring a bonfire on the evening of **April 28<sup>th</sup>**. The purpose of this event is to inform the public, present solutions, provide a venue for the public to take a stand against child abuse, and to strategize how we can interface with the community to eliminate child abuse.

San Mar has made some significant changes and we want to tell you about them. Come hear about our community initiative, now known as The Bester Community of Hope. This innovative program was created in collaboration with Casey Family Program. It focuses on education and health of a community. San Mar continues to operate a Treatment Foster Care and an Adoption program, which serves both boys and girls of all ages who are in need of a safe home. San Mar also operates an outpatient mental health center, The Jack E. Barr Center for Well-Being, which currently serves all Medicaid eligible and private pay individuals and families.

We would like to invite you to our Open House. Please let me know if members of the council are able to attend, and the City is willing to join us in the fight against child abuse.

Sincerely,

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