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**WICHITA, KAN.** – The Sedgwick County Child Advocacy Center (CAC) received a check for \$50,000 today from Westar Energy. The donation will be used to help renovate the former Lincoln Elementary School at Lincoln and Emporia in Wichita and make it the new home for the CAC. A total of \$6.5 million is needed to move all of the center’s investigators, counselors, medical providers and other professionals under one roof.

Diana Schunn, the Executive Director of the CAC said, “Obviously we’re extremely excited for the partnership with Westar and being able to have community groups support us as we continue to work to improve the services we provide to children who have experienced abuse and their families.”

Don Sherman, Vice President of Community Relations and Strategic Partnerships for Westar Energy, said, “As with any organization that comes before us, we look at their leadership and see if they have a plan. The CAC has both and we’re very excited to partner with them on their mission to transform this location. It’s going to be a life-changing event for our kids.”

District Attorney and CAC Board Member Marc Bennett said, “Without the support of our corporate citizens and their commitment to the children of this community, a project like this could not be complete.”

Westar’s donation will help the Child Advocacy Center obtain a \$500,000 challenge grant by the deadline of December 15 of this year. A total of \$380,000 is left to raise before the deadline.

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