

Welcome to CARE 2005! From the Organizers

Why are we doing this?? We've asked ourselves that question more than a few times lately!

When we started BizParentz about a year ago, we had no idea that we would be here today, "puttin' on a show". We only knew that some of the things that were being done 'for' our children were not what families wanted and that this business needed to be about FAMILY choice and family education. How could parents do the right things if they don't even know the options?

We shook our heads as we flew to Sacramento to discuss SB210, as we realized that legislators simply listened to whoever was talking loudest whether it made sense or not. We saw then that the negative "stage parent" stereotype had to go - because it was hurting our kids in very real ways. We KNEW there were lots of great, smart, supportive parents. Paula and I didn't have all the answers (and still don't) but we DO know who to ask now - and often it is other parents! We also realized that we can talk pretty loudly ourselves (no surprise to our children)!

BizParentz has come a long way in a very short time, thanks to the help from hundreds of concerned families. I hope you will spend some time surfing around our website. If you have information to share with other parents, we'd love to have it. If you'd be interested in doing more for BizParentz (donation, volunteerism, etc) please shoot us an email.

So why ARE we doing this? Because we are moms; and we care more about our children than anyone in this industry. We want our kids, and your kids, to get what they deserve - a big pat on the back. Thank you so much for supporting our children with your presence today and thank you for supporting BizParentz.

-- **Anne Henry**

Wow - what an exciting and busy past few months this has been! I hope that you enjoy the day we have planned. More importantly, I hope this event becomes a small turning point, not only for the industry and their perception of child actors - but also for the families. We need to stop fearing each other and viewing each other as the competition - and realize that we are a "group" and we need to work together to support what is said and done to our "group". As individuals, we have let the 'Child Star Gone Bad' perception flourish - but we can as a group spread the message that the overwhelming majority of child actors deserve respect for the lives they balance, not ridicule. BizParentz isn't about Anne of I - it is about every family in the industry.

To the awardees today, I would like to say that we are so happy to have you here...and so proud of what each of you stand for. We didn't know what to expect from you and you surpassed our every dream! The essays, bumper stickers, and little notes have touched our hearts and inspired us even more to want something better for you. But I want you to know, you don't need our recognition or this trophy to tell you that you are special. You don't need a casting director to hire you to give your talent and your efforts value. Listen carefully to the messages today and know that within yourself is everything you need to have a successful and love-filled life. That is what I wish for you.

-- **Paula Dorn**