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SUPPORT CENTER FOR CHILD ADVOCATES

Legal aid for children in cases of abuse, neglect

CHUCK PERSING, a certified public accountant with **Bederson**, in West Orange, is on the board of a Philadelphia nonprofit, The Support Center for Child Advocates, which provides pro bono legal work for



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children who are suffering from abuse or neglect.

Persing said he volunteers about a full week of his time each year to the cause, and he also has doubled his donations in response to tightening fundraising efforts for the group as a result of the economic slowdown.

"The recession drags on, and it's harder to get people to donate money," said Persing, who said he's inspired by the dedication of the attorneys who volunteer for child welfare cases.

"On your worst day, you couldn't imagine the things that happen to kids."

— Beth Fitzgerald