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HELPING TO CHANGE THE WORLD

ONE CHILD AT A TIME

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Local Budweiser-Busch Distributor - Long Time CAC Supporter



The local Budweiser Busch Distributing in Mobile is a long-term supporter and significant benefactor of the Child Advocacy Center of Mobile. Their generosity and commitment to the CAC has made it possible to provide services that range from discovery to recovery for victims of child abuse and their families. Through the efforts of Kyle Oliver, CAC Board Member and Marketing Director for Budweiser-Busch and all at Budweiser-Busch, the CAC continues to serve victims of the most under-reported crime in our nation through our unique collaboration of law enforcement and social service agencies.

Andy Wynne, CAC and Kyle Oliver, Budweiser Busch

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

During the past several years the Child Advocacy Center has been working with our partners to determine not only the needs of the young victims we serve but also the needs of those delivering services to young victims of severe abuse. Faculty and Doctoral students from the University of South Alabama conducted interviews and administered surveys to identify our most critical needs and the most logical services the CAC can provide to be most effective.

There were ten major items identified and work has begun on over half of them. The strategies can be divided into three main areas: training, additional programming, and facility. It quickly became evident that the size of our facility impacts all identified areas of need. One example is the initial forensic interview of children. Our partners, as well as best practice standards, indicate that not only adequately trained forensic interviewers are necessary, but they need to be dedicated interviewers and have their work video recorded. The recording needs to be conducted in a manner that meets the requirements of evidence that can be presented in a court hearing. Those recordings need to be securely stored. This one area of need requires equipment, staff, ongoing training, and additional office space. Another area is the exploding increase in internet crimes against children. Dealing with this area of child abuse also requires staff, space, equipment, and training.

As a result of these identified needs the Board of the CAC has determined that we need to complete an assessment of the requirements to fulfill our strategic plan. These changes and additions are not just a wish list, they are driven by the needs of the abused children we serve and the manner by which perpetrators have adapted to better prey on innocent children. We will need the help of many in making these additions, but we are confident that our community knows the value of protecting our most precious asset and we will be successful.



Thank You: by Andy Wynne Executive Director

Words are not adequate to thank you for all you do to help care for the young victims of severe abuse we care for. Your kindness is truly life changing, not only for the children, but also for their families, future generations, and even those who provide the care. Caring for children who have experienced the unimaginable is life changing. Innocence is truly lost. How relationships are viewed is fundamentally changed forever. You truly provide the hope these children long for. You are evidence of all that is good in the world.

I truly hope that you fully realize that through your generosity you are doing something great for someone you may never know. You are making a difference that ripples through our community. You have truly helped to save the lives of children. Let that sink in. You are truly a life saver! It just doesn't get any better than that. Thank you.

Thank everyone who helped provide Christmas 2023 for 174 children and 62 families in our community

Holiday Happenings at The CAC

Holiday Tribute & Holiday Giving Program

Thank you to all who contributed to our Holiday Tribute Program and Holiday Giving. This year's Holiday Tribute Program raised \$23,523.00 and the CAC Holiday Giving raised \$ 20,939.00

South Alabama Woodworkers Club Toy Donation

We appreciate the South Alabama Woodworkers Club for sharing their talent making wooden toys for children and teens at the CAC every year.



George Blanton, of the South Alabama Woodworkers Club is with Andy Wynne, CAC and Lifelines Counselors

Ruth's Chris Steak House Essentials Donation



Ruth's Chris Essentials Donations

We appreciate Ruth's Chris Steak House inviting their Patrons to make donations of necessities for children and teens for children at the CAC. Thank you for your kindness.

Arrow Exterminators Decorates The CAC for the Holidays

Austin Key, CAC Board Member and the Arrow team spent the day trimming the tree at the CAC and decorating the inside and decorating the outside with holiday lights to add a festive look. We appreciate their kindness which brought many smiles to everyone this holiday season.



Members of the Arrow Team



Harcros Chemical Donation

Thank you Harcros Chemical for your generous donation to help children and families at the Child Advocacy Center.

CHARLIE BROWN JAZZ CHRISTMAS CONCERT DONATION

Thank you, John Milham, founder, and organizer of the Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas Concert and Jamie and Hayes Tapia and Port City Industrial for sponsoring the event and Noell Broughton, VP of the CAC Board of Directors for the \$4,500 donation from proceeds of the 14th annual concert. Andy Wynne thanks them for their generous donation to help keep our children safe.



Noell Broughton, CAC Board Member, John Milham, Founder, Andy Wynne CAC, Jamie and Hayes Tapia

"Making Spirits Bright" Holiday Donation

Keith Parrett of Mullinax Ford came to the CAC to deliver many toys that they collected, along with their employees and the community for children at the CAC as part of the NBC Local 15 "Making Spirits Bright" Program. We thank Mullinax Ford for their generosity.



Santa and Mrs. Claus



Tommy Davis, Auto Dealers, Elaine Hendeson, CAC

Dealers Auto Auction of Mobile Donation

Thank you to the Dealers Auto auction of Mobile for a very generous donation to help fund free services at the CAC.

WKRG Magical Toy Drive



The Great Toy Brigade with Major Sheri Jones of the Salvation Army picking up toys for the CAC

CAC Children's Christmas Party

Children enjoyed the annual CAC Christmas Party. Santa and Mrs. Claus thrilled all the children. Thank you to all the volunteers from Adams and Reese LLP and Mobile County District Attorney's Office provided volunteers and candy filled bags and snacks. Briggs Equipment provided cookies and Tyndall Federal Credit Union provided candy bags and a volunteer. Thanks to all who helped make the party a big success. The party was held outside the CAC with many special games and surprises, along with parents or care givers, smiling as they enjoyed this magical time.

WKRG TV5 sponsored the MAGICAL TOY DRIVE in December. The event was a tremendous success. The Child Advocacy Center thanks the Salvation Army for including the CAC as one of charities who benefited from this great event. The CAC thanks everyone who donated toys and worked on this event to help our children have a wonderful Christmas.

TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE - CALL 450-7018



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Dr. Mike Rehm Family Donation



Exit Realty Lyon



Alabama Power Service Group toy Donation



Strikers Club Donation



I Love You More Donation



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Mobile Tennis Center Tennis Social Donation



Waring Oil Staff Donation



Springhill Medical Center and KC Rudolph,
CAC Board Member Toy Donation



Noell & Elizabeth Broughton
Christmas Donations



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92ZEW ALL STAR Christmas Jam
Toy Donation



Christmas Premier Medical West
Donation



Mike Lee, CAC Board Member
and Page & Jones Donation



Pilot Give Back Program Donation



Hall's Wholesale Florist Toy Donation



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Volunteers of America Toy Donation

Ways 2 HELP our CHILDREN

Al Fuchs Memorial Greater Mobile Junior Championship



The 2024 Al Fuchs Memorial Greater Mobile Junior Championship will be held Sunday afternoon, April 7 at the Mobile Tennis Center beginning at 2:00 p.m. Catranis Family Foundation, and Horizon Freight System are the Presenting Sponsors. Digestive Health Specialists, Nibroch, First Horizon, Rich's Car Wash and Springhill Medical Center are LOVE Sponsors. This junior tournament is open to girls and boys in age brackets 8U, 10U, 12-14-16-18. This event will be U.S.T.A. sanctioned. Each player will receive a signature T-shirt. Fresh Fruit will be furnished by Fresh Market, Taco Mama's will provide a taco and nacho bar for all players. The school with the most participants will receive a certificate for a free Blaze Pizza. If you would like to help with the tournament or become a sponsor, please contact Elaine Henderson ehenderson@cacmobile.org. Go to www.serveitupwithlove.com for details for online registration. Like us on Facebook! The website and Facebook are both hosted compliments of Dogwood Productions.



SERVE IT UP WITH LOVE

MEN & WOMEN'S Charity Tennis Tournament MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

The Catranis Family Foundation, Horizon Freight System Inc., and Michelob Ultra will be the Presenting Sponsors of Serve It Up With Love Men & Women's Charity Tennis Tournaments. LOVE Sponsors are: Digestive Health Specialists, First Horizon, Nibroch, Rich's Car Wash and Springhill Medical Center. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 9th for ladies & Men at the Mobile Tennis Center. This year Rich's Car Wash will sponsor the Magic Moments Photo Booth, so that ladies' daytime teams can have photos taken and take a copy with them. Ladies will play during the day and at night. Daytime play will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during which ladies will play in a team format of 3 courts of doubles. Wintzell's will provide food for ladies and men, Fresh Market will provide breakfast, coffee by Carpe Diem and cupcakes from Flour Girls Bakery. Ladies Nighttime plays at 6 p.m. and will play in a team format of 3 courts of doubles. Men will also play on Tuesday, April 9 at 6 p.m. in a 6-man straight level team format.

This year's MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT will be Sunday, April 7 at 5:00 p.m. You can find details for registration on the Serve It Up With Love web site. Registration includes a signature T-shirt, fruit by Fresh Market and Taco Mama's will provide a taco and nacho bar for lunch for all players. If you would like to participate or become a sponsor, please contact Elaine Henderson at 432-1101 or email at ehenderson@cacmobile.org. Like us on Facebook! Both our website and Facebook page are hosted by Dogwood Productions.



Horizon Freight System, Inc.



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Special Thanks & Appreciation

2023 Guidry Retirement Group Charity Golf Tournament Benefitting The Child Advocacy Center Charity

The Guidry Retirement Group Golf Tournament benefiting the Child Advocacy Center was held at Robert Trent Jones Magnolia Grove Golf Course on Friday, November 3, 2023. 36 teams with 144 players participated. Play began at 8:30 a.m. shot gun start. The Guidry Retirement Group from New Orleans Louisiana was the title sponsor. Palmer's Toyota Super Store was the Hole In One Sponsor. Other Sponsors are: Regions Bank, G.A.West, Hydraulic Crane, Jones Welding, Air Swift, AIS, Coles, Murphy and Glover, Costal/Brentag, Goram Air, Secorp Industries, Chevron, Moody Price, MIT International, Hilcorp, Hagan Fence, PSC, WJC Enterprises, and Industrial Valve. The format was a 4-person scramble. Team prizes include: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, closest-to-hole, longest drive.

There were top-quality prize giveaways and raffles. The Child Advocacy Center provides counseling and legal services for abused and neglected children from our community. The tournament chairman were: Kevin Moore (Chevron Retired), Tommy Ankerson (Regions Bank) both CAC Board Members, Scott Cunningham (Hilcorp), Mike Williams (Moody Price) and Marty McLaughlin (Chevron).

This year's event raised \$12,313.44 for the Child Advocacy Center.



Scott Guidry and staff of the Guidry Group,
Resenting Sponsor Group



Kevin Moore, Chairman and CAC Board
Member and Kevin Moore Jr.



Tommy Ankerson, CAC Board Member, of Regions
Bank a Silver Sponsor & Andy Wynne, CAC

Azalea City Quilters Guild Donation

Thank you to Diane Engels the Azalea City Quilter's Guild for making 25 beautiful handmade quilts for children who attend services at the CAC to help comfort them and brighten their day



THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Adams & Reese LLP Food Donations



Evonik Degussa Turkey Donations

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Pilot Catastrophe Give Back Program

Holiday Cheer at The 5

General Insulation was the Presenting Sponsor of HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE 5 and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Rich's Car Wash were major sponsors, which was hosted by the 5 Bar on December 4th to benefit the Child Advocacy Center. We appreciate the generosity of other sponsors: Chris George, Attorney At Law, Norton Lilly International, and Tyndall Federal Credit Union, for sponsoring this event, which featured samplings of The 5 Bar's signature dishes and wines to taste, along with a select live auction of holiday gifts. Live holiday music was provided by Jerry Squires. Mary Booth of MIX99.9 Radio was MC and Matt McCoy of 92ZEW was auctioneer of the event, as well as auctioneers. We thank everyone who attended and helped raise \$20,270. This event has been in this location for 15 years, raising \$204,950 net proceeds for the CAC.

Holiday CHEER GENERAL INSULATION



Mark Clark, of General Insulation
Presenting Sponsor and his staff



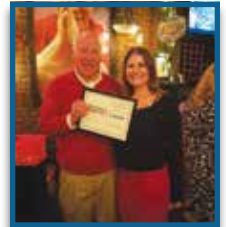
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Mary Booth, MIX 99.9
MC & Matt McCoy,
92ZEW Auctioneer



Andy Wynne, CAC thanks
Kendra Nelson, Tyndall
Credit Union

Cuisine for Kids

Cuisine for Kids event continues to grow to help fund services at the CAC! This year's event was a success, and we appreciate all those area restaurants who helped. Participating restaurants generously donated a portion of their proceeds from Tuesday, January 30th. The CAC thanks Mark Fillers of Renasant Bank, Title Sponsor of the event, and Shelby Mitchell and Missy Lynam of 95KSJ Radio for Co-Chairing the event. Other sponsors include Budweiser-Busch Distributing Company, 95KSJ Radio, and Al.com Press- Register who all helped make the event a great success. A special thanks to these generous restaurants: Bake My Day (Old Shell Rd. & McGregor Ave.), Big Bad Breakfast, Bone and Barrel (Fairhope), Briquettes (Montlimar, Schillinger Rd., Spanish Fort), Butch Cassidy's Café, Callaghan's Irish Social Club, Cammie's Old Dutch Ice Cream Shoppe, (Old Shell Rd. & Halls Mill Rd.), Debris, Fire House Subs (Airport Blvd., Grelot Rd., McGowin Park, Halls Mill Rd., Saraland), Grace, Hickory Pit Too, Jersey Mike's Subs (Airport, Dauphin St., Daphne, Saraland, Rangeline Rd.), Lost Pizza Co., Lucky's Irish Pub (Airport Blvd. & Saraland), LuLu's (Gulf Shores), Mo'Bay Beignet Co. (Dauphin St.), P.J.'s Coffee (Pinebrook, Tilman's Corner,

Spanish Fort) Regina's Kitchen. Saucy Q Bar B Que, The Noble South, The Simple Greek, Via Emilia.

The CAC thanks everyone who stepped up to the table to help the children who we serve.



Thank you Renasant Bank, Title Sponsor,
KSJ Radio, Al.com, and Budweiser
Busch Distributor



Big Bad Breakfast



Hickory Pit Too



Briquettes Eastern Shore



Saucy Q Bar B Que



Jersey Mike's Subs
Dauphin St





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Cajun Food and Music take over Cathedral Square this March

Cunningham Bounds will present the 8th Annual Downtown Cajun Cook-Off to benefit the Child Advocacy Center on Saturday, March 23, 2024. Area restaurants will feature samplings of their best Cajun cuisine during this event. In addition to **Cunningham Bounds**, other sponsors include Bud Light, the Stage Sponsor where live music will be provided, and Regions as our Bank Sponsor. Baumhower's Hot Sauce is the official hot sauce of this year's event. Arrow Exterminators, Bebo's Express Car Wash, and Bay Paper Company are also sponsors. The Hargrove Foundation is our Dessert Sponsor. Lagniappe, Thompson Engineering, and Waste Management are also sponsors. Heroes Sports Bar & Grille and the Royal Scam are the award sponsors. Conecuh Sausage will donate sausage to each cooking team and Coca Cola will be a beverage sponsor. WALA FOX10 is our Television Sponsor with Jason Smith, Chief Meteorologist, serving as Honorary Chairman. 92ZEW is our radio sponsor where you will hear lots about this event.

**Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate and \$18 to charge.
Open to the public 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Join the event page on Facebook "Downtown Cajun Cook-Off" to keep up to date on the latest announcements and to invite your friends to join us.

To purchase a ticket, fill out the form below and return with check or money order for the appropriate amount. Checks should be made payable to the Child Advocacy Center of Mobile. We will mail your tickets or you can call about picking up tickets.

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NAME _____ E-mail _____

Phone _____ Tickets _____ X \$15.00 _____

TO CHARGE WITH VISA OR MASTERCARD PLEASE CALL CAC 432-1101 OR MAKE A DONATION TO THE EVENT IN LIEU OF TICKETS

