

THE PINWHEEL



Nov. 13: Coastal Bend Day of Giving 2018

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It's that special time of the year - the one day where any donation made to our organization will be matched and doubled. Your donation will go further to help in our mission to lessen the trauma to abused children and their families.

The CACCB is fortunate to be invited again to participate in the Coastal Bend Day of Giving on Tuesday, Nov. 13. We're one of 50 organizations taking part in this 24-hour online event, which begins on Nov. 13 at midnight to raise funds for non-profits. This year, 25 local funders have pledged \$900,000 in matching grants. Any amount over \$10 donated will be matched and doubled, allowing us to raise at least \$36,000. That means a \$50 donation becomes \$100 and so on!

"This is a major fundraiser for the CACCB and comes at a time when we need it most," said Executive Director Clarissa Mora. "In the last year, the number of children we have served has increased significantly, with that trend expected to continue. We have also moved to a new and larger location

PINWHEELS FAMILY FUN DAY 2018: THAT'S A WRAP!



Children, families, community partner agencies and youth performers joined us for a fun-filled morning on Sept. 22 at Cole Park Amphitheater for our Pinwheels Family Fun Day.

More than 300 attendees enjoyed entertainment, free food, community resources and giveaways. A total of 1,410 pinwheels were displayed, representing the number of children who were forensically-interviewed due to allegations of abuse in 2017.

A "special thanks" goes out to our sponsors: Wienerschnitzel, Kona Ice, H-E-B, Christi Properties, Sam's Club, the Maldonado Family, Prime Time Entertainment, Waller Law Office, PLLC, John DeMontel, the Ragsdale Family and Eduardo Gomez; our performers: Ballet Folklorico Viva Mexico de Corpus Christi, Cinderella School of Dance, Gildea School of Irish Dance, Moody High School Cheerleaders and the TJ Strutters Dance Team, V Fit's Kids Get Fit Program, and Kaymoni Guerrero; our Partner Agencies: Nueces County Community Action Agency, Circles of Care, The Purple Door, Corpus Christi Police Department Crime Prevention Unit and Victim Assistance Program, A World for Children -Corpus Christi Texas, La Costa Dental Corpus Christi, Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation, ESC2 Home Visiting Program, Superior HealthPlan, the Moody Key Club, Law Enforcement Explorer Post 133, Izzy Islander and the Islander Cheer Team and our many volunteers who donated their time to the cause!



WELLS FARGO MAKES DONATION FOR CACCB RAINBOW ROOM

Thank you Wells Fargo Bank for your generous donation for our new Rainbow Room.

Pictured L to R, back row: Jonathan Larson, Misty Jurecek, Terri Kelly and Ric Talavera.

Pictured L to R, front row: Melinda Serna, Clarissa Mora, Shelly Whitlock and Emma Sais.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Clarissa Mora

In 2017, the CACCB forensically-interviewed 1,410 children who were alleged victims of abuse and/or neglect. As of October 31, 2018, the CACCB Forensic Interview team has already conducted 1,459 forensic interviews; this is approximately a 25% increase from this time in 2017. Our Family Advocates have also been very busy this year, providing services to more than 785 families; about a 15% increase from 2017. The children and the families we serve, live right here in the Coastal Bend.

We are committed to providing a child-focused and child-friendly setting for kids to feel comfortable talking about the abuse they've endured, and we work tirelessly to ensure that every child receives the justice they deserve. While the Board of Directors and Staff are important in guaranteeing these services are delivered, our Coastal Bend Community certainly plays an integral role in sustaining and expanding our services and programs. Good deeds performed by the Community, such as volunteering, donating, and advocating for the CACCB, continue to be the backbone of this organization. With the support of our community, our efforts are limitless.

This year, we are fortunate to be one of the many non-profits selected to participate in the Coastal Bend Day of Giving. This is a very special day because every dollar donated to the CACCB through the Coastal Bend Day of Giving website is matched and doubled! Simply visit www.coastalbenddayofgiving.org/CACCB and make your donation. We are truly grateful for the wonderful community we are a part of and for the outpouring of support we consistently receive.

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that will allow us to serve more families in need. We hope our friends and partner agencies will consider giving back to this vital organization that helps to transform the lives and futures of abused children."



PRE-SCHEDULE YOUR DAY OF GIVING GIFTS AHEAD OF TIME!

November 4-12th

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ALL DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED AND DOUBLED BY THE COASTAL BEND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ON NOVEMBER 13.
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PRE-SCHEDULE DONATION:

Pre-schedule gifts between November 4-12. Set up your donations early to be charged to your credit or debit card or by electronic check on Nov. 13.

FUNDRAISER:

Join us for a fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Wal-Mart at 6101 Saratoga Blvd. Bring cash to purchase snacks!



PARTNER PROFILE: STEVE LINAM



For the last 15 years, Inv. Sgt. Steve Linam, Bee County Sheriff's Office, has worked with the CACCB in an effort to obtain more information to protect the child. He investigates many child sexual assaults and utilizes the CACCB to interview those victims, and juveniles who have acted on other children, to determine if they have been victims themselves.

"There have been ... family violence cases in which I've had children interviewed at the CACCB to get a fuller, clearer picture of what's

going on in the home, and the impact that it's having on the children," he said. "I believe in the CACCB because their expertise has enabled me to get information vital to my cases."

Linam often attends MDT meetings with other agencies to coordinate interviews and share thoughts and information on cases. He believes that children should always come first, and that the CACCB shares that priority.

"I'd be lost without their assistance on many cases," he said. "None of us knows it all. A second or third set of eyes on a case is always an asset. Other persons have different experiences and knowledge, and may see things that you have not, or be able to suggest paths you have not considered. We're all here to protect the children, so why not work together to further that goal?"



VALERO BENEFIT FOR CHILDREN PRESENTS CACCB WITH DONATION

CACCB Board of Directors and Staff attended the Valero Benefit for Children held on Oct. 25. A huge thank you goes out to the Valero Bill Greehey Refinery and the Valero Texas Open for their generous support. The CACCB received \$35,000 to fund our Girls' and Boys' Teen Support Groups. This marks the first time we receive funding for our new Boys' Teen Support Group!



STAFF NEWS

PARKER, FLORES ACCEPT NEW CACCB POSITIONS

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER: ARIANNE CHAPA



Parker
Cheryl Parker and Sasha Flores, who both worked in our MEP Program, have moved to new CACCB positions. Parker became a Family Advocate in September. Flores, who recently received her Master's Degree in Social Work, from the University of Texas at Arlington, was promoted to therapist in October.

Flores



Forensic Interviewer Arianne Chapa played a special part in getting our new CACCB building ready for visitors. No matter what needs to be done, Chapa is always ready to lend help with a smile. At a moment's notice, she is ready to go above and beyond for the Center. She helped decorate the interview rooms, fixed the front door and took the initiative to make updates around the office. Co-workers say she is a huge asset to the CACCB team!

UPCOMING DATES

Nov. 4-12 - Day of Giving donation pre-schedule

Nov. 10 - CACCB Fundraiser, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wal-Mart, 6101 Saratoga Blvd.

Nov. 13 - Coastal Bend Day of Giving online event

Nov. 22-23- Closed for Thanksgiving

Dec. 25-26- Closed for Christmas

Jan. 1, 2019 - Closed for New Year's Day

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