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CACCB to Receive Nearly \$45,000 from 2019 Coastal Bend Day of Giving Online Match!

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From all of us at the Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend, thank you for your generosity during the 2019 Day of Giving held on Nov. 12. The CACCB will be presented with a check for approximately \$45,000 later this week from the Coastal Bend Community Foundation. Much of the reason for our success can be attributed to many new and returning donors who gave when it really counts.

"We are so blessed to have set a new CACCB record in Day of Giving donations for a second year in a row," said Executive Director Clarissa Mora. "These funds will help in our plans to expand certain departments of the Center to serve even more children-in-need. We are thankful for the help and continued

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

By Clarissa Mora

The end of the year is often a time of reflection and celebration, and here at the Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend, we're doing just that.

Each December, we dedicate time to review the cases we have seen throughout the year and all the children and families who have come through our doors to receive services.

Although the work we do can be challenging, we are tremendously grateful to the communities we serve, local foundations and businesses, and county, state, and federal entities that so generously contribute to our cause which allows us further our mission - to lessen trauma to abused children and their families, and to protect, restore and transform the lives and futures of abused children. Every one of the programs here at the CACCB - from victim services to outreach and education - is fueled by donations, big and small, and without these, the Center would not be able to provide the ongoing support to children and families affected by child abuse. We'd like to extend a sincere "thank you" to everyone who made 2019 a special year for the CACCB. We will forever have a #GratefulHeart!

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support of the Coastal Bend Community Foundation, KIII, the matching donors and all our friends and partner agencies."

In all, approximately \$2.6 million was raised during the online matching event and distributed among 50 non-profits in the Coastal Bend. Twenty-five local funders stepped up to pledge \$950,000 in matching grants.

A special thanks goes out to District Attorneys offices in the following counties: Kenedy and Kleberg; Bee, Live Oak and McMullen; Aransas; and Nueces. We'd also like to recognize John Vaughn with the Kiwanis Club of Padre Island and the Kiwanis Club of CC Bay!



PARTNER PROFILE: DOUGLAS HARRY PETTIT



Douglas Harry Pettit, Assistant District Attorney in San Patricio County, Texas, has been on a mission to “seek justice for those who have been abused and provide a voice for those who can no longer speak.”

For the last three years, Pettit has served as a prosecutor working with the CACCB.

"Drawing the truth from a victim is a delicate process, and I have seen the results firsthand

of the CACCB's professionalism, care and compassion,” Pettit said.

In addition to the forensic interviews provided by the CACCB, he is also thankful for the many free services offered by the Center, including mental health services provided to ensure the best possible future outcomes for the children on their road toward healing.

He said, "The CACCB has been tremendously valuable to me and the San Patricio District Attorney’s office in the successful prosecution of child victim cases through their forensic and therapeutic care for children.”

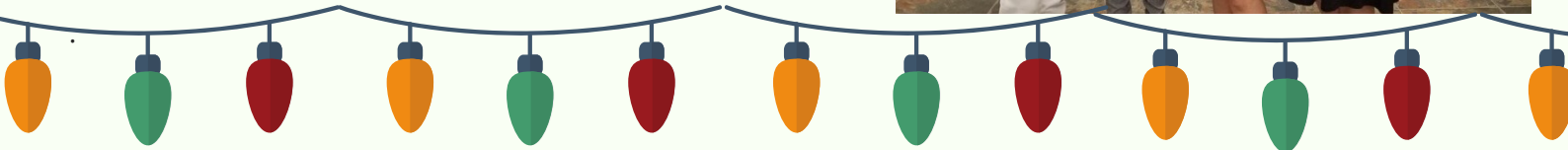


VALERO AWARDS \$35,000 CHECK TO CACCB

On Oct. 3, the CACCB was awarded a check for \$35,000 from Valero Energy and the Valero Benefit for Children. The CACCB feels blessed to be among the 35 non-profit recipients who were awarded \$800,000 in total funds. Thank you Valero for your continued support and generosity! #fueledbygiving



Pictured from L to R: Executive Director Clarissa Mora, Cassandra Surginer Cochran of Valero Energy, Board Vice President Terry Mendez and Program Director Emma Sais



SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOLDS CHARITY GAME FOR CACCB



We are so grateful to the Nueces County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) for choosing the CACCB as recipients for this year's Charity Basketball Game held on Dec. 13 at the London High School Gymnasium. The NCSO challenged the London students and staff in a friendly, fun and competitive game of basketball. London School claimed the victory, 27 to 17. After the game, the CACCB was presented with \$1,400 in student donations, as well as blankets, toys and art supplies.

UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 24-26: Closed for Christmas holiday

Dec. 31: Closes at noon

Jan. 1, 2020: Closed for New Year's Day

Jan. 20, 2020: Closed for Martin Luther King Day

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ALANIZ NAMED NEW THERAPIST

More than a decade ago, Laura Alaniz began her journey working in the field of child abuse. Alaniz, who has been in the CACCB MEP Program for four years, began her new role as therapist on Dec. 2.

Alaniz graduated in Dec. 2018 with her Masters in Social Work from Our Lady of the Lake University, and received her license, LMSW, in Oct. 2019. Prior to working for the CACCB, she worked for CPS and at a children's shelter.

"The clinical field is where I feel I belong," she said. "My goal is to help children heal and have a positive and fulfilling future."

