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*The Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children is an umbrella nonprofit organization for programs that serve to bring about healing to children and adults who are victims of crime and to facilitate change to end violence through advocacy, collaboration and community service.*

## Thanks For Making a Difference

*Dr. Mae Jackson*

*We were honored by her presence at Clues and Cocktails.  
We deeply appreciate her strong support over the years for the  
Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children.  
We will miss her.*



*Dawn and John Segrest with Mae Jackson at Clues and Cocktails*

## April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month

### Recognizing Child Abuse and Neglect

The 1<sup>st</sup> step in helping abused or neglected children is to recognize signs of child abuse and neglect. The following signs may signal abuse or neglect.

#### Child:

- Shows sudden changes in behavior
- Has not received help for physical or medical problems brought to the parents' attention
- Has learning problems/difficulty concentrating
- Is always watchful
- Lacks adult supervision
- Is overly compliant, passive, or withdrawn
- Comes to school early, stays late, and does not want to go home

#### Parent:

- Shows little concern for the child
- Denies the existence of, or blames the child for the child's problems in school or at home
- Asks caretakers to use harsh physical discipline
- Sees the child as bad, worthless, or burdensome
- Demands an unachievable level of performance
- Depends on the child for care and satisfaction of emotional needs *(Provided by the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect at <http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov>)*

**April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, a nationally recognized time to focus our efforts on sexual assault education, prevention, and awareness. The term "sexual assault" includes rape, incest, child sexual assault, acquaintance/date rape, marital rape, sexual harassment, exposure, and voyeurism. Sexual assaults are acts of violence that use sex as a weapon. Sexual assault is the most under-reported crime. It impacts all people, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, or economic status.

A recent national study by the Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center found that 683,000 women are forcibly raped each year in the United States. Averaged over time, that is equivalent to 1.3 rapes each minute, 78 each hour, or 1,871 each day. This number does not include children and men who are raped. Statistics show 1 in 4 girls & 1 in 6 boys will be sexually assaulted by age 18.

## National Crime Victims' Rights Week

April 10-16, 2005 ★ Silver Anniversary

### Candlelight Vigil For All Victims of Crime



Tuesday, April 12, 2005  
6:00 p.m.  
Grove of Hope  
Crestview Park  
Waco, TX  
(Corner of New Road and Sanger)

**Justice Isn't Served Until  
Crime Victims Are**

For more information call: 254-752-9330 Ext. 141

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Texas Christian Academy Auditorium, directly across Sanger from the park.

## Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Receives National Accreditation



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The Children's Advocacy Center received its first accreditation through the National Children's Alliance.

Accreditation means the Children's Advocacy Center is nationally recognized as meeting the highest standards in providing quality services to the children it serves.

Congratulations to the Children's Advocacy Center and its partners: Child Protective Services, McLennan County District Attorney's Office, and every McLennan County law enforcement agency on a job well done!

## CASA Events

Learn how to *be the difference* in the life of an abused or neglected child.

Sunday, April 17, 2005  
6:00 p.m.

Vara Martin Daniels Performing Arts Center  
Hill College, Hillsboro, TX

Pastor Aaron Blake, Guest Speaker

Co-sponsored by Hill County Child Protective Services Board

For more information call 254-580-0191

### Give the Light of Hope to a Child

Noon, Friday, April 8, 2005

On the steps of the McLennan County Courthouse (5<sup>th</sup> Street side)  
501 Washington Avenue  
Waco, TX

Judge Alan Mayfield, Guest Speaker

For more information call  
254-752-9330 Ext. 117

## Urgent Need for Volunteers

Once again we are recruiting volunteers for the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children. We have two training sessions coming up in April/May. The first is for our 24-Hour Crisis Hotline. Volunteers carry a cell phone to answer calls to the hotline and accompany sexual assault victims at area hospitals (Hillcrest and Providence). Training begins April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The second training is for people to work with children in foster care as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). Every year in Hill and McLennan Counties, children are severely abused and neglected and end up without a home to call their own. At any given time last year, over 450 children in the two counties were in foster care; less than 200 were served by CASA.

The CASA program is helping to make a difference. It trains volunteers to speak for the best interests of these children in court in order to help find them safe, permanent homes. Volunteers are desperately needed.

You can be the difference in the life of a child. Please help us work toward making sure every child in our area has a safe home and a chance for a positive future. Training begins April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Training Schedule

### HOTLINE

April 7-10, 2005  
4 days of training

Thursday & Friday, April 7- 8  
5:30 - 9:30 PM

Saturday, April 9  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 10  
1:00 - 5:00 PM

1 hour follow-up TBA  
6 additional hours of observation TBA



### CASA

April 25 - 28, 2005  
and May 2 - 5, 2005  
8 days of training

Monday through Thursday for 2 weeks  
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM



*An application package must be completed before you may attend any training. Background checks are part of the process and may take several weeks to complete, so submit your application as soon as possible.*

*Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 254-752-9330 Ext. 141 to request the package or ask questions.*



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Fifth Annual  
**Jawbones vs. Sawbones**

(Lawyers vs. Doctors)  
Softball Game

benefiting the  
**Advocacy Center For Crime Victims and Children**

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
3:30 p.m.

Gettman Field  
Baylor University

Home Run Derby starts at 3:00 p.m.

John Morris, Announcer

Admission Adults \$5.00, children \$3.00