

**Advocacy Center for
Crime Victims and Children
presents**



**Clues
&
Cocktails**

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.

Saturday, February 5, 2005

6:30 p.m.—Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres

7:15 p.m.—Seated dinner

**Broadway Musical Entertainment
Provided by the Baylor Theater Department**

Audible auction with Rusty Garrett

**Lee Lockwood Library
2801 West Waco Drive
Waco, Texas**

\$75 per person

Reservations limited

For questions or to purchase tickets, call 752-9330 Ext. 112.

MasterCard and VISA accepted.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Seeking Safe Permanent Homes for Children

Emily was abandoned by her mother. So were her three sisters. They now live in four different foster homes. Who can make a difference?



Going through the complicated foster care system to find a permanent, safe, and loving home is a daunting process. The CASA volunteer is able to help the court make informed decisions about the permanent placement of children.

CASA volunteers come from our local communities. One of the main requirements to volunteer is a commitment to improve the life of a child.

The CASA becomes a voice for the child within the court system, in schools, with

Child Protective Services as well as becoming a friend. The CASA volunteer may be the most consistent person in a child's life.



Less than half the children in McLennan and Hill counties eligible for CASAs have one appointed to their case. We need your help. Our next CASA volunteer training begins January 24, 2005. Consider making your new year's resolution to volunteer as a CASA and make a difference in the life of a child.

Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)

A Helping Hand to Hurting Children

The Children's Advocacy Center is committed to providing the best service possible to children and families dealing with abuse. It stands on the front line to offer a holistic, coordinated response to suspected sexual abuse and severe physical abuse of children.



Providing resources for families seeking wholeness and encouragement is one of the main objectives of the Children's Advocacy Center.

This program provides a child-friendly and supportive environment where a child can meet with all the professionals involved in his or her abuse investigation. The program works in collaboration with

Child Protective Services, law enforcement, the District Attorney, and the medical community to collect forensic evidence to be used in a court case.

We need your help as we provide a helping hand to hurting children. Volunteer opportunities are available and your financial support is always welcome.



The Victims Center

Help for Survivors of Assault, Burglary, Gang Violence, Sexual Assault, Child Abuse and other Crimes

Who can answer crisis calls, advocate for victims at midnight during medical exams and police reports, or just be present in a time of severe crisis?

**24-Hour Crisis
Hotline
752-SAFE
or Toll Free
1-888-867-SAFE**

Who can be available to listen and encourage a survivor of violence to take independent action and regain a sense of security? Crisis Hotline Volunteer Advocates do this and much more every day and night of the whole year.



The Victims Center depends on volunteers to provide emotional support and information for survivors of crime, their friends and families. If you can spare a couple of evenings or a week-end a month, we need you to be that caring voice on the other end of the line.

Another resource provided by the Victims Center is the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE). SANEs collect evidence from sexual assault survivors at the hospital for use in court to prosecute sexual predators. Volunteers must be registered nurses to apply. Call for more information.

Our next Crisis Hotline training is set for January 2005. Help us answer the phone when it rings. We will save a space for you.



Upcoming Training

CASA

January 24 – February 3, 2005
8 days of training

Monday through Thursday
5:30 PM- 9:00 PM



HOTLINE

January 27 - 30, 2005
4 days of training

Thursday & Friday, January 27 - 28
5:30 - 9:30 PM

Saturday, January 29
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 30
1:00 - 5:00 PM

An application package must be completed before you may attend any training. Background checks are part of the process and may take 4-8 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.



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Happy Holidays

