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ONE CHILD AT A TIME

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Local Budweiser-Busch Distributor Long Time CAC Partner



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

RUTH'S CHRIS JAZZY LUNCH



CAC Board Member Margaret Newton and her husband Andy

Ruth's Chris Steak House hosted Ruth's Chris Jazzy Lunch for the CAC on Sunday, October 20 raising over \$69,535 to help child abuse victims. This brings the total of the past 22 years to over \$1,450,910. CAC Board Members, Margaret Newton, and

Kristen Delaney, served as Co-Chairs of this unique event and Board Member Kimi Oaks and CAC Board President Jay Watkins, served on the committee. A crowd of 175 people enjoyed the wonderful afternoon. The Excelsior Band provided jazz music during the social hour before guests dined on culinary delicacies created by Cooper Restaurant's chef and served by their talented staff. We appreciate everyone who contributed to making this event a great success, Patron Sponsor, David Cooper Sr., Cooper Restaurants, and Platinum Sponsors: Adams and Reese LLP, Alabama Power Company, Mrs. Arlene Mitchell, Page & Jones, Inc., Pilot Catastrophe Services, Inc., and Regions Bank. Gold Sponsors: Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ankerson, Beard Equipment Company, The Cole Family Foundation, C-Spire, Hargrove Engineers & Constructors, Maynard Nexsen, Andy and Margaret Newton, and thanks to the many other generous sponsors. We also thank the hard-working staff of Ruth's Chris Steak House for their commitment and dedication. We appreciate the generosity of the Cooper Family, the Cooper Restaurants management, and the staff and management of Ruth's Chris Steak House who donated their beautiful restaurant for this event.

*Ruth's Chris
Jazzy Lunch
For
The Child Advocacy Center*



Over the past several years we have been examining what we do at the Child Advocacy Center to see how well we are fulfilling our mission. With the assistance of faculty from the University of South Alabama, we examined everything from our processes to our facility. Our mission of caring for young victims of severe abuse remained at the center of our focus. The needs of the child and best practices standards led us to the needs of our partner agencies. Our partner agencies provide most of the direct services to the children and their families. While each partner agency has a specific role, they each rely on the collective services of all at the CAC to provide hope and healing to the victims we care for.

One of the major findings of our assessment was the need for additional space. Partnering agencies need more office space to be able to assign more staff. We have more requests for placing interns than we have space to house them. Additional meeting rooms that can accommodate our multi-disciplinary team meetings, adequate space for training, and increased space to better engage volunteers. Interviewing rooms that age appropriate and incorporate technology. Our Center must be readily accessible to not only those we serve, but also to courts, hospital, precincts, and other agency headquarters.

In the coming months we hope to be able to share more concrete plans on how we will meet the needs outlined above. A friend once told me he gets tired of being asked to help so much and I am acutely aware of all the kindness and generosity that have been provided to the CAC. At the same time, I see and hear of the needs of abused children, and I know there may never be enough, but I also know we can always do better. There are many children waiting to be given a helping hand. My mother always said that "many hands make light work". Thanks for giving us a hand.

Andy Wyne, CAC Executive Director



Noell Broughton,
CAC Board VP and
his wife Elizabeth



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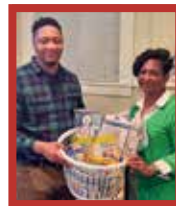
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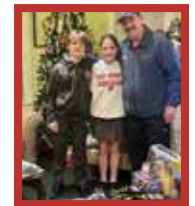
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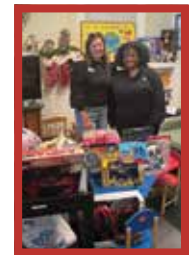
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Thank everyone who helped provide Christmas 2024 for 169 children and 61 families in our community



Harcros Chemical Donation

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

WKRG Magical Toy Drive

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.

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



Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas Concert Donation

Thank you, John Milham, Founder, and organizer of the Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas Concert, Jamie Tapia and Port City Industrial for sponsoring the event and Noell Broughton, VP of the CAC Board of Directors for the \$3,000 donation from proceeds of the 15th annual concert. We thank them for their generous donation to help keep our children safe.

Noell Broughton, CAC Board Member, John Milham, Event Founder, Jamie Tapia, of Port City Industrial, Title Sponsor of the event



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 \$10,777.00 and the CAC Holiday Giving raised \$ 26,821.00

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Santa and Mrs. Claus

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 Mobile County District Attorney's Office provided volunteers and candy filled bags and snacks. Briggs Equipment provided cookies. 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.



Adams and Reese LLP Food Donations



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Pilot Catastrophe Give Back Program



Crow Shields Bailey Food Donations



Turner Supply Toy Donation

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 decorating inside and 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

South Alabama Woodworkers Club Toy Donation

We appreciate the South Alabama Woodworkers Club for sharing their talent in 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

"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.



Ways 2 HELP our CHILDREN

Al Fuchs Memorial Greater Mobile Junior Championship



The 2025 Al Fuchs Memorial Greater Mobile Junior Championship will be held Sunday afternoon, April 6 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

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 Bank Nibroch, Rich's Car Wash and Springhill Medical Center. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 8th 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 8 at 6 p.m. in a 6-man straight level team format.

This year's MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT will be Sunday, April 6 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.



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Special Thanks & Appreciation

USA girls softball team volunteers

Ms. Becky Clark, Head Coach of the University of South Alabama Ladies Softball team has begun a partnership with the Child Advocacy Center and Lifelines Counseling Services. This partnership allows for volunteer opportunities, mentorship and support to the victims and families we serve. We are very excited to have this amazing opportunity to connect with these young ladies to help impact our youths and create memories that last a lifetime.



2024 Child Advocacy Center Golf Tournament



The Child Advocacy center Charity Golf Tournament was held at Heron Lakes Golf Course on Friday, November 15, 2024. Twenty-eight teams (112 players) participated. Play began with a 8:30 AM shot gun start. Palmer's Airport Hyundai was the Hole In One Sponsor, Michelob Ultra was our Beverage Sponsor, and Other Sponsors were: 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, Tactical Demolition, Skeltons Fire, and Industrial Valve. The format was a 4-person scramble. Team prizes included 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, closest-to-hole, longest drive.

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

This year's event raised \$8201.00 for the Child Advocacy Center. The tournament committee wants to thank the staff and employees of Heron Lakes for going above and beyond to ensure all our needs were addressed.

Scott Cunningham (Hilcorp), Andy Wynne, CAC, Kevin Moore, Chairman and CAC Board Member

Holiday Cheer by the River

General Insulation was the Presenting Sponsor of HOLIDAY CHEER BY THE RIVER and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians was a major sponsor along with Rich's Car Wash. The event was hosted by the National Maritime Museum of the Gulf Of Mexico Gulf Quest on December 9th the to benefit the Child Advocacy Center. We appreciate the generosity of other sponsors: Norton Lilly International, Southeast Toyota Finance and Tyndall Federal Credit Union, for sponsoring this event, which featured samplings of MaMa's On Dauphin's signature dishes and wines to taste donated by UJB Wine, along with a select live auction of holiday gifts. Live holiday music was provided by Jerry Squires. Mary Booth of MIX 99.9 Radio was MC and Matt McCoy of 92ZEW was an auctioneer of the event. We thank everyone who attended and helped raise \$21,077. This event has been in this location for 17 years, raising \$226, 027 net proceeds for the CAC.



Tom and Marion Stille,
(Center) Alexis Atkins



Matt McCoy, 92ZEW,
Jerry Squires, Musician,
Mary Booth Mix 99.9 Radio



Mike Lee, CAC Board Member,
Chairman of the event and
his guests



Sue Eways, CAC Board
Member and her husband
Eric and their guests



Our Best Volunteers
"The Queens"

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 28th. The CAC thanks Mark Fillers of Renasant Bank, Title Sponsor of the event, 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: 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), P.J.'s Coffee (Pinebrook, Tilman's Corner & Spanish Fort) Maghee's Grill On The Hill, Regina's Kitchen, The Noble South, The Simple Greek and Via Emilia.

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



Zaxby's Springhill Ave.



Briquettes
Montlimar Drive



Via Emilia



Maghee's Grill On The Hill



Big Bad Breakfast



Shelby Mitchell, KSJ Radio &
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Cunningham Bounds will present the 9th Annual Downtown Cajun Cook-Off to benefit the Child Advocacy Center on Saturday, March 22, 2025. 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, Coca Cola is our Soft Drink Sponsor and Regions will be our Bank Sponsor. Baumhower's Hot Sauce is the official Hot Sauce of this year's event. Arrow Exterminators, Lagniappe, Thompson Engineering, and Waste Management are also sponsors. The Hargrove Foundation is our Dessert Sponsor. 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 from 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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