

EASTLAND COUNTY CRISIS CENTER

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Summer 2017



Thank You From the CAC!

The Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the sponsors, volunteers, staff, board members, donors, families, friends, and participants who came out and made our fourth annual Benefit Round-Up such a success. Their hard work, investment, and genuine enthusiasm made the day a great and fun time for all!

The event was made possible through sponsorships and donations from Eastland County businesses:

Commodore Sponsors: Blake Fulenwider Dodge, Jeff and Vicki Bradley, Frank Saylor;

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Donations and Event Support: Chicken Express, Leon River Cowboy Church, Bryan's Signs, 97.7 KATX Radio, and Stoney Johnson

We would also like to recognize the members of the Leon River Cowboy Church for their assistance in planning of and working the event; Sheriff's Deputy Ray Russell, Eastland Police Officer Jason Weger, and Bill Moore from Eastland Memorial Hospital for judging the chuck wagon cook-off.



The big winners of the day were: Carley Kennedy in Barrel Racing; Weston Barter in Mutton Busting; Kalie Ellison in Steer Daubing, Chad Kanady in Breakaway Roping, and Jessica Gilbert and Ted Williams in Ranch Sorting. Leon River Cowboy Church won Best Overall in the chuck wagon cook-off after a tiebreaker with Brushy Creek Cowboy Church.

All profits from the CAC Benefit Round-Up event go to provide services to abused and neglected children in Eastland County. We appreciate everyone who donated their time and money, as well as those who came out and enjoyed the day with us.

We hope to see all of you again next year!



Leah (Fall Class) pictured with Julia, Lanetta, & Wendi (Spring Class)

Join the Team as an ECCC Volunteer:

The Eastland County Crisis Center is proud to welcome three new individuals to our volunteer program as victim advocates. Becoming a victim advocate can be the most challenging role a volunteer can have, but the services provided make the Eastland County Crisis Center's work possible.

Unlike our Special Events and Office Volunteers who attend only one Orientation Class, Advocate Volunteers complete a nearly forty-hour training course covering various components of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and victim advocacy including victimology, offender profiles, special populations, legal rights, medical procedures, and civil options for protection. Classes also cover the crucial role of advocacy, confidentiality, crisis intervention, trauma informed care, and active listening techniques. Volunteers who complete the training continue to learn as they shadow other volunteers and staff on crisis intake calls.

We are grateful for all of our volunteers involved in special events, office assistance, and victim advocacy as we work together to support victims and end domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse within our communities.

Orientation Class for Special Events, Office, & Advocate Volunteers Thursday, June 1st at 5:30 pm.

Those interested should register online no later than the day before the Orientation Class. If unable to attend the Orientation Class, please contact Eastland County Crisis Center Volunteer Coordinator, Gena Camacho, at 254.629.3223 to make other arrangements. All volunteers must successfully pass a criminal background check. Online registration and more information regarding the Volunteer Program including specific job descriptions and requirements are available under the "Get Involved" tab online at www.eastlandcrisis.org.

First Mate Felipa Arrives at the CAC:

Congratulations to Shanti from Cisco Elementary, on her winning design in our art contest with her entry, First Mate Felipa!

Pictured below holding a blue pinwheel for Child Abuse Awareness Month!



The CAC 2017-2018 Theme Logo

2017 Education Highlights:

It's been a busy & fun year including the following:

Ranger Elementary:

Throughout the year 4th & 5th grade girls participated in a prevention curriculum learning about respect, empathy, & friendship.

Ranger College: From interactive games to professional training, students and staff members learned about sexual assault awareness & prevention for college campuses.

Eastland Middle School:

As part of their leadership class, students learned about dating violence & healthy relationships.

County Head Start Programs:

Yellow Dyno toured the county to share with Pre-K students the importance of body safety & stranger awareness!

Cisco College: The "Cut It Out" domestic violence awareness program was presented to the Cosmetology Department.

TIX CON 2017: Local, state & federal presenters taught about appropriate K-12 Title IX requirements & how to help victims of abuse.

Eastland Memorial Hospital:

Staff from nearly every department learned how to recognize & respond to victims of violence.

Thank you to all the schools & groups who partnered with us this year! See you next year!



Have you signed up to create change?

For as little as \$10 a month, our Change Makers provide victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse with new hope and new lives.

Become part of the change at www.eastlandcrisis.org!



Online donations can be made as a one-time payment or as monthly installments.

Summer Safety Tip: Ask First

As summer break approaches, parents may wonder what they can do to help kids stay safe during the daytime hours. One of the most important rules a family can set for children of all ages is also one of the simplest: **Ask First**.

- ⇒ Before you go with an adult who approaches you for assistance, you **Ask First**.
- ⇒ Before you open the door to someone you don't know, you **Ask First**.
- ⇒ Before you run down to the park with older kids, you **Ask First**.
- ⇒ **Before you go anywhere with anyone, you Ask First.**

Younger children can struggle to easily identify who or what a "stranger" is, believing an older child, a person in uniform, or even a person who introduces themselves to a child is no longer a stranger. Older children may forget to "check in" before leaving with friends. The Ask First rule is effective because it doesn't require a younger child to determine who is safe and who isn't and reinforces to older children that it is important to always let the parent, guardian, or babysitter know before leaving.

To learn more about how you can talk with your child about stranger awareness, abuse prevention, or other safety tips for teens and children, contact the Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center at 254.629.8229.

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