

CRIME VICTIM ASSISTANCE CENTER ~ CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

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# **Come Fly With Us**

On September 23rd, we are hitting the skies with our third annual, Airplane Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast! Events kick off at 8:00 am with local Celebrity Chefs competing for the best pancake & a chance to win the Golden Spatula!

Throughout the day, participants can tour the aircrafts, take a ride in one of the airplanes, and even compete in a Paper Airplane Contest. All events are free to attend. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Crime Victim Assistance Center with all proceeds going to help victims of domestic & sexual violence.

Stay up to date online (eastlandcrisis.org), or join the event on Facebook (@eastlandcvac) to see the latest airplane, celebrity chef, and event news! Then come out to the Eastland Municipal Airport to show your support for your favorite chef and victims of domestic/ sexual violence! Facts about the ECCC: From September of 2015 to August of 2016, the Crime Victim Assistance provided over 4,000 domestic violence services.



# Stop by our booth at:

- Sept. 9– Gorman Peanut Festival
- Sept. 16– Roaring Ranger Days
- Oct. 7– Old Rip Festival
- Oct. 20– La Mancha BBQ Cook-off

Want to fly-in? Contact Bode Zietz at 254.488.1055/254.629.1588



# October DVAM 2017 Events:

This year the Crime Victim Assistance Center has expanded its Domestic Violence Awareness Month events to online campaigns, community events, and targeted partnership events including:

## **Online Campaigns: (Facebook/Twitter/Instagram-@eastlandcvac)**

- 2nd- Day of Unity- Share our social media posts on DVAM
- 31st- Pledge Day- Take the pledge to support victims of family violence

### **Community Events:**

- **7th– Paint One Purple/Polaroid Project (Old Rip Festival)-** Stop by our booth to paint one fingernail purple or snap a picture with our DVAM props
- 10th– Memorial Candlelight Vigil (6:30 pm– Eastland County Courthouse) Hold a Memorial Candle for a Texas victim murdered by a current/former intimate partner & take a stand against family violence
- **19th– Wear Purple Day–** Wear purple to show support for victims of family violence. (Pictures may be shared with CVAC online or through email)

### **Targeted Partnership Events:**

- **11th- We Care for Healthcare Professionals** Promotional and training materials to raise awareness on the long term health risks of family violence
- **22nd– Safe on Sunday for Communities of Faith–** An invitation to address family violence, healthy families/marriages, and/or available victim services.

## MDT Selects 2017 Member of the Year:

The Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center is proud to have Assistant District Attorney, Sarah Adams, as our 2017 MDT Member of the Year.

Chosen by the other Muli-Disciplinary Team members, this honor recognizes the individual who exemplifies and actively participates in MDT activities. The MDT functions to help resolve and improve the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. Thank you, Sarah, for being a vital part of this team!



Promotional materials, DVAM T-shirts, event signups, presenter/training requests, and more are available on our website (eastlandcrisis.org/ dvam.html) or by calling Gena at 254.629.3223.

# Have you taken the pledge?

Financial donations made to the Eastland County Crisis Center are used to assist and provide much needed items to victims of domestic, sexual, and child abuse.

Donations can be made online as a one-time or monthly donation through our website, or by check mailed to: PO Box 1010, Eastland, TX 76448.

Pledge to be a Change Maker and invest in the future of domestic, sexual, and child abuse victims!

Eastlandcrisis.org/ change-makers.html

## Other Ways to Give:

Hope Packages– The ECCC is always in need of unused toiletry items and/or cleaning supplies. Appointments for drop-off can be made by calling 254.629.3223.

#### Amazon Smile– Make

your online shopping brighter by picking us as your Amazon Smile charity! At no cost to you, Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases back to us to help victims of violence!



Kareen, (Left) pictured with ECCC Executive Director, Rhonda

# Meet the Team– Kareen Turns Ten

Victim advocacy can be a mentally and emotionally draining profession, but in a field with a potentially high "burn-out" rate, Kareen has not only beaten the odds, she has made it seem like she is just getting started.

For a decade Kareen has brought a passion, dedication, and complete commitment to her work for the Eastland County Crisis Center. She has served as an advocate, educator, and volunteer coordinator. In her position as Bilingual Advocate, she became the co-founder of the Las Comadres program. Designed to educate, support, and improve the lives of Hispanic women in Eastland County, the group has grown and developed to include adult, child, and teen programs, and has engaged in community outreach to spread awareness and strengthen the prevention efforts of domestic violence and sexual assault. In November, she will co-present the journey and successes of the program at the *Nuestra Voces*, National Bilingual Sexual Conference, hosted by Arte Sana.

This past summer, Kareen stepped into the role as Family Advocate for the Children's Advocacy Center where she continues to not only serve as a Las Comadres organizer, but also as the main advocate for caregivers, parents, and loved ones of child abuse victims.

The Eastland County Crisis Center is grateful for her ten years of service in advocacy and community outreach, and is looking forward to what she will accomplish in the years to come!

Want to wish her a Happy Anniversary? Email your regards, comments, and best wishes to: info@eastlandcrisis.org.



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