

Eastland County Crisis Center Advocate Celebrates 10 Years of Service

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!

To learn more about services provided by the Eastland County Crisis Center and/or the Las Comadres program, log onto eastlandcrisis.org or call 254.629.3223.