

CAC Benefit Round-Up Gets New Date

Due to inclement weather, the Eastland County Children’s Advocacy Center postponed the annual Benefit Round-Up Fundraiser to June 30th at the Leon River Cowboy Church Arena. Although the date may have changed, the day’s events remain full of family fun and rodeo events for all ages! Learn more at www.eastlandcrisis.org or by calling 254.629.8229.

Rodeo Arena Events: (All Books Open at 9:00 am)

- Mutton Bustin’: Saddle up the little ones for a chance to win a buckle & other prizes. Riders must be no more than 6 years old and under 45 lbs. (\$30 per entry)
- Steer Saddling: Teams of four compete in this roping and riding event for teenagers and adults with a 50% payout to the winning team! (\$10 per person)
- Barrel Racing: Multiple entries for all ages to compete for a buckle and cash prizes! (\$5 exhibition runs/ \$20 youth entries/ \$30 adult entries)

Kids’ Games & Activities (1:00-3:00 pm)

From a scavenger hunt to old fashioned sack races, kids and adults of all ages are welcome to play and compete for prizes throughout the afternoon!

Chuck Wagon Lunch at 12pm! \$12 adults/\$6 kids



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Lightning Man Arrives:

In March the Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center launched their "Create a Superhero Contest" for Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Creative and original entries came in from all over the county and after much deliberation, Lightning Man was chosen as the Grand Prize Winner.

Created by Delila, Lightning Man's message of shining a light on abuse will be featured on the educational and promotional materials for the CAC for the 2018-2019 year.

Other winners include:

- 2nd Place– Radio Man, created by Shelbi
- 3rd Place– Ms. See Through Walls, created by Hailey

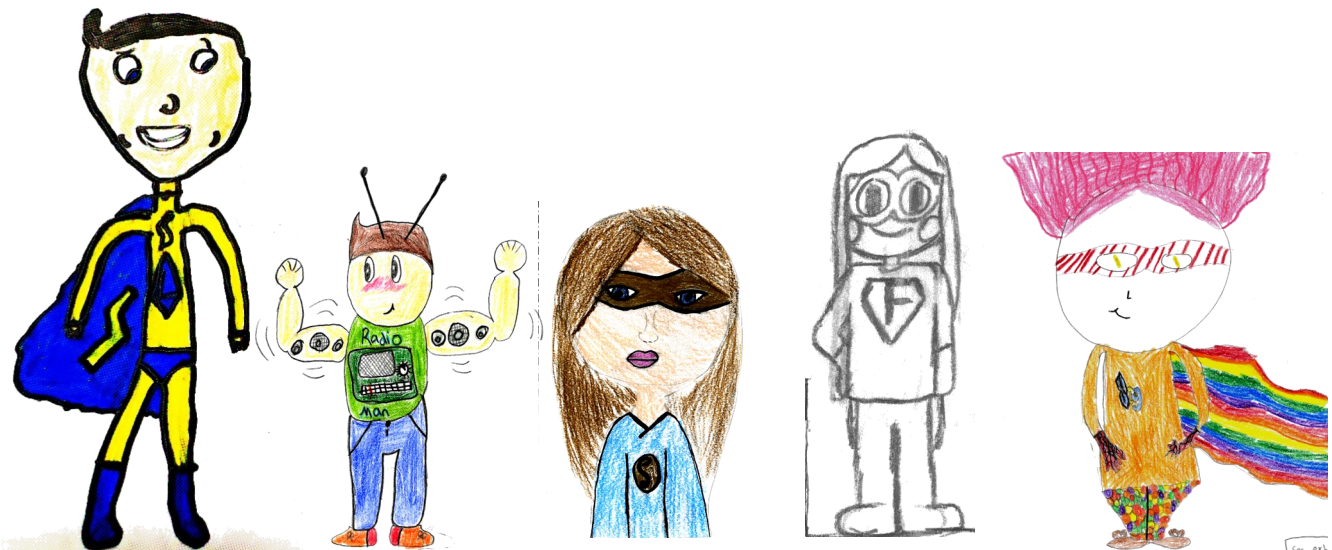
Honorable Mentions:

- Katy Alan, created by Vanessa
- Super Candy Girl, created by Lily

Eastland Goes Blue for CAAM:

Every April the Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center goes "blue" to raise awareness and community support for victims of child abuse. This year the agency not only participated in community awareness events but also recognized community, volunteer, and professional partners working to provide crucial and life changing services to victims of child abuse. Certificates of Appreciation and Child Abuse Awareness bracelets were given to county and courtesy law enforcement departments, the Child Welfare Board, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), city and county commissioners, and the Department of Family and Protective Services.

The Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center is thankful to all community partners for their commitment, professionalism, support, and genuine passion for helping the most vulnerable of abuse victims.



Education Recap:

As the 2018 school year ends, the Eastland County Crisis Center would like to thank our district, college, and community education partners. We were excited to be able to present in every school district this year!

As of June 2018 we have presented the following:

K-College Programs

- 89 Programs
- 2,555 Students

Professional Education:

- 8 Training Events
- 235 Attendees

Community Education:

- 16 Outreach Programs
- 197 Attendees

Information Tables

- 9 Community Events
- 2,345 Attendees (estimate)

Upcoming Summer Education Programs:

- Upward Bound Program at Ranger College
- Title IX Training & Compliance Meetings — Various locations
- Professional Educator Training— Various schools/ campuses



The Eastland County Crisis Center delivered gift snack baskets to all area law enforcement for National Police Week.

ECCC Staff Highlights:

Staff Attorney Dianne S. Kennedy has been appointed to the 2018 term of Standing Committee of the State Bar of Texas on Legal Services to the Poor in Civil Matters. This is Texas' oldest statewide organization devoted to increasing low-income Texans' access to civil justice. In her role as a committee member, she will assist the committee with creation and means of implementation of programs, such as legal aid or pro bono efforts, to assure delivery of legal services to persons who are unable to afford counsel to represent them in civil matters.

Community Investment Director, Gena Camacho and Prevention Educator, Desare Stiles presented at the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault state conference for victim advocates and other service providers on Title IX advocacy for K-12 students. This program focused on the rights of sexual harassment/violence victims and the accused on school campuses and is part of the ECCC's current efforts to educate, partner, and create cohesive and effective responses to sexual violence investigations. More presentations on this topic have been scheduled this summer at agencies and state coalitions across the state.

Children's Advocacy Center Program Director, Christie Funderburgh, has completed the first block of Children's Advocacy Centers of Texas Forensic Interviewing training. Comprised of four blocks, this training teaches best practices, child-centered non-leading interview skills, and equips individuals to be effective at responding and working with child victims of abuse. She will begin the second block in July.

Keep Hope Alive with \$25

We believe in investing in the lives of victims to be able to move forward and find a path to complete healing and recovery. Our services are designed to not only minimize the traumatic impact of these crimes, but also to empower and support survivors in the immediate, short-term, and long-term.

We believe in investing in relationships within our communities, schools, and other service providers to provide comprehensive and appropriate awareness and prevention training and educational opportunities. These free programs improve the response to current victims and help others avoid becoming victims in the future.

This year as we prepare for our 25th Anniversary in 2019, we are asking for you to join in our victim and community investment and "Keep Hope Alive with \$25".

Join us by donating \$25 today at www.eastlandcrisis.org or by mailing a check or money order to PO Box 1010, Eastland, TX 76448.

Text "Hope" to 254.870.1202 to join our Keep Hope Alive Campaign.

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