Dear Friends and Supporters,

As the years go by, we continue to see incidents of child sexual abuse increase in ways previously not imagined.

• With new technology, our Forensic Interviewers and Family Advocates hear stories of innocent children being lured in chat rooms or by social networking apps by calculating predators who groom our children into false friendships using extreme manipulative tactics.

• We now see young children viewing pornography online and our therapists and psychologists wonder if this is affecting the brain development of our young children.

• Our Multidisciplinary Team members continue to see an increase in youth with sexual behavior problems.

• And lastly, we see young boys and girls being trafficked for money on our city streets, many of them running away from abusive homes just to be lured into the commercial sex trade industry. Our goal to expand our facility is even more needed than we originally imagined. We look forward to providing critical services for our children as well as educating all first responders and our community on the signs and symptoms of child sexual abuse. Please consider supporting our Restoring Hope, Rebuilding Lives Capital Campaign for a better tomorrow and future for all children.

Thank you,

Elaine Stolte, Executive Director
The Children’s Assessment Center

The Advocates for The Children’s Assessment Center hosted the Fourth Annual Advocate Through Art Party benefiting The Children’s Assessment Center on November 16th at Winter Street Studios. The event was a record-breaking success raising more than $330,000 for The CAC. The nearly 400 guests in attendance enjoyed a live and silent art auction, cuisine donated by Clark Cooper Concepts, cocktails, music by DJ Athenz, and a Live Painting by Taft McWhorter. There were over 70 art pieces donated. (continued on page 2)
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(continued from front cover) Participating artists included: Kelley Devine, Ashley Henry, Jawda and Jawda, Ashley Longshore and many more.

The Live Auction artwork included BIKER BRANDO, a piece by Peter Tunney; Prediction by Emilie Duval; Cat Tie donated by the George Rodrigue Foundation and an American Flag painting, by Taft McWhorter. Also, included in the Live Auction was a ring by Valobra, which had been specifically designed for the event.

Event Chairs were Heather Bulk and Jordan Seff. Creative Chairs were Saba and Sarah Jawda. Guests included: CAC Foundation Board of Directors members Ericka Bagwell, Allison Flikerski, Ursaline Hamilton, Lauren Maloy and Yvette Webb. Others present were Becca Cason Thrash, Javier and Lucinda Loya, Meredith and Ben Marshall and Franco Valobra.

The event raised over $330,000 for the expansion of training and education programs at The CAC which are critical to the prevention of child sexual abuse and the healing of young victims.
On October 4, The Children’s Assessment Center hosted its second National Night Out event to support national efforts to build strong community partnerships that promote safe neighborhoods. This was a free event for the whole family. Activities included demonstrations from emergency response vehicles such as the Southside Place Fire Department’s fire engine, Elite Care’s ambulance and more. Other activities included face painting, a bounce house, music, food and a guest appearance by Mrs. Texas United States 2016, Raquel Fatiuk.

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch. This year was the 33rd anniversary of National Night Out with over 38 million people across the country participating.
The Heart of Texas Chapter of the National Charity League set the stage for a spooky month of Halloween tricks & treats by decorating the playroom for children receiving services at The CAC. We are so appreciative of Unified Sales Associates sponsoring and volunteering at our Annual Halloween Party again! They collected and donated a record 220+ costumes, 274 lbs. of candy, Halloween bags, masks and accessories. Because of so many generous donors, we were able to host a second Halloween Party with volunteers from Gunda Corporation. During both parties, children were able to trick-or-treat in costume throughout The CAC, play spooky games, enjoy frightening food and creepy crafts! A monster thank you to all the Ghouls and Goblins who chipped in to make this a spooktacularly good time for everyone!!

A Spooktacular Halloween at The CAC!

On October 6, United States Congressman Ted Poe, United States Department of Homeland Security and The CAC hosted a forum at The Children’s Assessment Center in the new conference center to update and inform the community about federal and local responses to human trafficking. Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) Special Agent Mark Dawson spoke about the DHS Blue Campaign. Houston Interim Chief of Police Martha Montalvo discussed the Houston Police Department’s efforts to combat human trafficking in Houston. Minal Davis, Special Advisor to Houston’s Mayor Sylvester Turner, discussed the city’s efforts to combat trafficking in Houston and pre-Super Bowl efforts. A human trafficking survivor shared her story of trafficking and abuse. Congressman Poe concluded with updates on the Victims’ Right Caucus (VRC), the Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act (JVTA) and the Jobs for Veterans Act (JVA).
The Children’s Assessment Center hosted the 9th Annual Holiday Tea on Tuesday, December 13. Rhonda and Mike Graff, generous hosts, welcomed supporters and friends into their gorgeous home for this festive occasion to gather supporters and friends of The CAC. It was another successful Holiday Tea event and guests opened their hearts showing incredible generosity bringing gifts and gift cards to brighten up the holidays for the children served by The CAC.

Elaine Stolte, Executive Director, welcomed guests and thanked them for their support. She also introduced the Spirit of Spring Event Chairs - Ericka Bagwell, Diane Caplan and Ursaline Hamilton. The Event Chairs were excited to tell guests about the 18th Annual Spirit of Spring to be held on April 20, 2017.

Board members in attendance included: Ericka Bagwell, Rhonda Graff, Ursaline Hamilton, Bill Henderson and Lauren Maloy.
A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who played a role in making our Annual Holiday Party an enormous success! This year an astounding number of people from the community and numerous organizations, both big and small, stepped up to make a colossal difference with tons of donations, sponsorships and volunteers!

At this year’s party, children and families enjoyed crafts, food and pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus. They were also able to visit “Santa’s Workshop” filled with an amazing amount of bikes and toys for all ages! Southside Place Fire Department made a special appearance at our Annual Holiday Party in their big red fire truck! Volunteers from ConocoPhillips, Houston Police Department, Elite Care Emergency Center, Gensler, Newhouse+Noblin, Platinum Title Partners, Houston Parks & Recreation and so many more helped make this event a hit.
21ST ANNUAL HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE TOY DELIVERY

It has been more than two decades since the Harris County Sheriff’s Office started helping Santa during the holiday season by buying and delivering toys for children receiving services at the CAC! CAC staff, volunteers and community friends lined the street to watch as the Harris County Sheriff’s Office proudly paraded down the street with mounted patrol, motorcycle police, Mr. Claus and of course their 18-wheeler full of so many wonderful toys! As the ribbon was cut, CAC staff and volunteers from HCSO, Shell Oil, Orgin Bank, Waterman Steele and numerous others worked diligently to unload and sort gifts for easy delivery. In order to celebrate this incredible event and honor the HCSO as well as all those who came out to help, The CAC wrapped up the morning with a big THANK YOU breakfast!

Thank you HCSO for your continued commitment!

KENDRA SCOTT SHOPPING PARTY

Kendra Scott chose The Children’s Assessment Center to be the beneficiary of a Kendra Gives Back Party at their Rice Village store location on July 21st. Guests enjoyed sips and bites while browsing fun jewelry. Kendra Scott generously donated 20% of proceeds to The CAC. We thank Kendra Scott for supporting The CAC and our mission!

Ways You Can Help

Love working with kids?
Help out daily in our children’s playroom
or sign up to assist with special events

Can’t make it in?
There are many ways to help on your own time.
Host a drive, organize a corporate service project,
or use your skills to create your own project

Still in school
Our internships provide the perfect opportunity
to gain field experience across disciplines

For more information or to apply please visit cachouston.org/volunteer-opportunities to learn about the many ways you or your group can help The CAC.
THE CHILDREN’S ASSESSMENT CENTER’S 18TH ANNUAL SPIRIT OF SPRING LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017
11:30 AM – RECEPTION
12 PM – LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW
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