### Monthly Mission Moment

with The Children's Assessment Center



April 2024



# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.** Our top priority is to prevent child abuse from happening in the first place. Every day we have staff in the community raising awareness and providing prevention trainings in schools. At our annual Spirit of Spring Gala, we heard from Jenna Quinn, a child survivor of sexual abuse and advocate, who stressed the importance of prevention education for children. She reminded us of what an impact the healing services that we provide to thousands of child survivors each year can make.

We are constantly inspired by the courage that it takes for children to speak up, and we are reminded, too, of the courage that it takes for community members to join us in the fight to end child sexual abuse and child sex trafficking. This month, we filled our front yard with 239 pinwheels – each representing a child survivor who received free mental health services at The CAC in April.\*

Together, we are working to create a world where every child thrives.





\*In January, our Mental Health Team served 239 children.





This month, our organization was recognized both by Harris County and the City of Houston. Alongside other partner agencies, The CAC was recognized by Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo for our commitment to protecting and advocating for children within Harris County. We were proud to be recognized by Houston City Council alongside several victim support organizations during Crime Victims' Rights Week - special thanks to Councilman Julian Ramirez for recognizing our organization.







Our 2024 <u>Spirit of Spring Gala</u> inspired hope in all who attended and raised critical funds to support our mission. We would like to thank EOG Resources for underwriting this year's gala and our other sponsors who made this event a success. The funds raised at this event allow The CAC to continue its mission of protecting children, healing families, and preventing abuse.

We want to thank our incredible gala chairs, Buckley Morlot and Kim Pinyopusarerk, for their hard work and dedication in making the gala a success. We are grateful to our Guest Speaker Jenna Quinn for her bravery in sharing her story, continuing to raise awareness regarding child sexual abuse, and working diligently to make a positive change for our children.

#### **Event Photo Gallery**



## **Upcoming Trainings Hosted by The CAC**

May 1st

Protecting Children in Schools: Title IX and Creating Safe Spaces for Children

May 9th

Darkness to Light:
Commercial Sexual Exploitation
of Children

May 14th

Darkness to Light:
Talking with Children about Safety
from Sexual Abuse

May 16th

Darkness to Light
Bystanders Protecting Children
from Boundary Violations

May 30th

Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children

At The CAC, we believe that prevention happens through education.

Visit our Events Calendar to sign up for a training and to learn more about the virtual trainings we offer at The CAC. Check out all of our trainings here.



### Style with a Purpose

We are so grateful to be a beneficiary of Armenta's Style with a Purpose Fundraiser.

Use the code "CAC" during April, and 10% of Armenta proceeds will go to The CAC to empower child survivors of sexual abuse along their healing journey.

Armenta is a female artisan collective blending traditional craftmanship with sustainable practices, empowering women, and fostering positive change.

**Shop Armenta's Collection here.** 

### Kendra Scott Give Back Event

Make a purchase with our Giveback Code May 11th - 12th and The CAC receives 20% of your purchase!

May 11th & 12th

Code: GIVEBACK-GNQLA

May 11th | 10-12

**Kendra Scott Highland Village** 2701 - A Drexel Dr, | Houston, TX



KENDRA SCOTT Shine Bright, Do Good



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Staff

Highlight

#### Mystic



Training Specialist 4 years at The CAC

What is your motivation for the work that you do at The CAC?

I am motivated by the impactful work I do on the Training Team. When I go into schools to talk with kids about child safety, we teach kids how to keep themselves safe and recognize red flags. Knowing that one more child is educated and aware of how to be safe makes me feel like that is one less child we will potentially see. Our organization shouldn't have to exist, but I will keep working to protect children, heal families, and prevent abuse along with everyone involved at The CAC.

The mission of The CAC is to provide a professional, compassionate and coordinated approach to the treatment of sexually abused children and their families and to serve as an advocate for all children in our community.







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