

SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION AWARD TO BCFJC



Lydia Rodriguez (SAAF) presents award check to Meera Ballal, Executive Director (BCFJC)

The SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION awarded the BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER for the expansion of civil legal services. The SAN ANTONIO AREA FOUNDATION aspires to significantly enhance the quality of life of our community by providing outstanding service to donors, producing significant asset growth, strengthening community collaboration and managing an exemplary grants program. For over 44 years, it has successfully administered funds from individuals, agencies, corporations and others who contribute or bequeath assets for the betterment of the community. More information is available on the Area Foundation's website, www.saafdn.org. The Center is thrilled to have this new partner.



UNITED WAY SUPPORTS THE BCFJC

For the first time, the BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER is receiving UNITED WAY funds. The Center has been invited to be part of the Federal, State and Local campaigns.



RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH COMMITTEE DONATES TO BCFJC



The RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH COMMITTEE designed and painted art murals to enhance the Child Therapy Center. The CTC is a place where child witnesses of domestic violence use therapeutic toys in their counseling sessions to assist them in improving their situation, thereby breaking the cycle of violence. The Committee also donated art supplies, a puppet theater, a doll house, chalkboards and new furniture. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the CTC is being planned for the near future. Watch your newsletter for details!



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NEW FACES AT THE BCFJC

AMERICORP

Valerie Mendiola
Assistant Victim Services Coordinator

FAMILY SERVICE ASSOCIATION

Celina Trevino
Counselor
Sabrina DeBerry
Intern
Sarah Martinez
Intern
Stephanie Richards
Intern

TEXAS RIO GRANDE LEGAL AID

Sean Moore
Legal Intern

BCFJC WELCOMES JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE AS A NEW PARTNER

The BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER is thrilled to have JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE as a new on-site partner. JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE strives to enhance the quality of life of individuals and families of all ages, faiths and backgrounds in San Antonio and the surrounding area, through social, psychological, health and educational programs guided by the Jewish values of "repairing the world" and "responsibility for one another".



This month, JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE sent Mindi Silver-Weiss to the Center to counsel clients in the *Dream Center*. She will be at the Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays, connecting clients to basic needs services. Her work will enable victims to escape family violence and, through multiple sessions, rebuild their lives. Mindi is a native of Michigan and earned her Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan in 1982. She has worked as a Medical Social Worker in various hospitals, a Clinical Social Worker at JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE, and a Director of Adult Care for individuals suffering from Alzheimer and related disorders. We welcome Mindi as part of our team.

MORE NEW FACES (CONTINUED)

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Thomas Mallory
Legal Intern

BEXAR COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Meagan Block
Protective Order Attorney

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.

Trine Lopez
Foster Grandparent

Upcoming Trainings

FRIDAY, JUNE 20
12:30-1:30



Ben Esquivel and Charlie Ricketts from San Antonio Police Department will be sharing about the Crisis Response Team (C R T).

A catered lunch is available from 11:30 to 12:30 for \$10. Please R.S.V.P. to Rebecca Perez if you will be attending lunch and/or the training. Rebecca can be reached via phone at 208-6867 or e-mail at rtrinidad@bexar.org.

FRIDAY, JULY 25
12:30-1:30

TEXAS RIO GRANDE LEGAL AID will present regarding its role at the BCFJC. Contact Rebecca Trinidad for more information. Rebecca can be reached via phone at 208-6867 or e-mail at rtrinidad@bexar.org.

UTHSC GRAND ROUNDS CHALLENGES ATTENDEES



Several BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER staff attended the UT HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER'S *South Texas Regional Family Medicine Grand Rounds* on June 20, 2008. The topic was *Understanding the Dynamics of Intimate Partner Violence From a Clinical Perspective*. The presenters were Sandra Burge, Ph.D., David Katerndahl,

MD, and Johanna Becho. The presentation was informative and enlightening.



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