

## DREAM CENTER ADVOCATES INCREASE SKILLS

The mission of the Bexar County Family Justice Center, "Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence in their Journey from Survivor to Thriver" can potentially cover the provision of free services for victims over a series of years. While staff and partners first address "Survivors" by focusing on personal safety, emergency medical services and mental well being, we then turn to the victim and begin to build a plan that will transform them into a "Thriver." The Dream Center and its crime victim advocates begin the process of connecting victims with basic needs, housing, financial literacy, education, job skills and other services that lay the foundation for long term self sufficiency. This month, Crime Victims Liaisons, Melody Vallejo and Irene Longoria along with staff from Project QUEST, Department of Community Initiatives, Capital One and Jewish Family Services updated 32 new and seasoned volunteer advocates on the many free resources available in the community and how to quickly access those services. As a result, at the Family Justice Center, victims have a plethora of options to choose from as they rebuild a violence-free life.



Photos (L to R): Potential advocates taking notes during training; Mr. Gil Centeno, Project Quest; Ms. Jane Shafer, educating attendees of FACT training opportunities.



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### THE BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER TURNS FOUR!

Please join all Partners and Staff for a potluck lunch in the FJC Board Room on August 7, 2009 at 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. For questions or sign up please call Rebecca at (210) 208-6882.



*Special Thanks and Appreciation to All Our Bexar County Family Justice Center Staff and Partners that have made this collaboration successful.*



## FJC 3RD ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Once again, it is almost that time of year...Back to School. For the third year, the Bexar County Family Justice Center will sponsor a School Supply Drive for clients of the Center that are encountering difficulties with purchasing school supplies. The drive will take place from July 6 to August 7. The main drop off location is the Center located at University Health Center-Downtown, 527 North Leona, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Building C; however, we need your help. Attached please find a Flyer with a compiled list of school supplies from surrounding school districts. Please print it out and post it at your company. Help us help victims of domestic violence and their families by supplying the families with all the crayons, markers and colored pencils they need. For additional information contact Melody Vallejo at 208-6801 or [mvallejo@bexar.org](mailto:mvallejo@bexar.org).

## SAN ANTONIO HOTEL & LODGING ASSOCIATION 5TH ANNUAL ANGEL SHOPPING SPREE

All proceeds benefit the Bexar County Family Justice Center. Log on to the website, [www.sanantonio-lodging.org](http://www.sanantonio-lodging.org), for huge discounts on local hotels, museums, resorts, bed and breakfasts, theme parks, tours, movies, and other music and entertainment venues in the San Antonio area.



**The Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation would like you to participate in our First Annual Monster Mash Golf Bash.**

**For registration information, please call Christy Prescott at (210) 344-6444 or go online at: [www.ctptravelservices.com/monster\\_mash\\_golf\\_bash/MONSTERMASH\\_GOLFBASH.htm](http://www.ctptravelservices.com/monster_mash_golf_bash/MONSTERMASH_GOLFBASH.htm)**

## JOIN SAMANVAYA ARTS ON AUGUST 9

Suchitra Sairam will join Samanvaya Arts Academy to support the Bexar County Family Justice Center, offer thanks to the community, and honor her teachers as she presents "Dakshina," – meaning An Offering. This offering is a collection of signature choreographies by some of the greatest Bharatanatyam masters. She will be supported by a talented live musical ensemble from India on vocal, nattu-vangam (vocal percussion and had cymbals), flute, mridangam (drum), and rhythm pads.

In 2003, Suchitra founded Kala Vandanam, an education, outreach and presenting organization, in St. Paul, MN. She has performed in various venues in the US as a soloist, lead artist and guest artist. Suchitra staged her first full-length work, *Love Lyrics*, in 2004, which included the debut of several original choreographies.

This event hopes to raise domestic violence awareness in the Asian community. Please join us at the Carver Community Cultural Center on August 9<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m. To purchase tickets contact [samanvaya.arts@gmail.com](mailto:samanvaya.arts@gmail.com) or online at <http://sanantonio.eknazar.com/>. All proceeds will benefit the Bexar County Family Justice Center.



Photo: Ms. Sapna Prasad, Coordinator of "Dakshina" on behalf of Samanvaya Arts Academy

**"Dakshina"**  
**Sunday, August 9, 2009**  
**3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**  
**Jo Long Theatre**  
**Carver Community Cultural Center**  
**Tickets are \$10.00 in advance,**  
**\$12.00 at the door**

## AUGUST TRAINING



Richard Loza, Attorney with Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid (TRLA), will conduct a legal training in the Bexar County Family Justice Center Board Room. This training is scheduled for Friday, August 7, 2009 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All Partners and Staff are welcome to attend. If you would have any questions, please call Nancy at (210) 208-6867.

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# School Supply Drive

## July 6-August 7

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# BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

**Help us help families in our community. Bring your school supply donation to the Family Justice Center, located in the University Health Center—Downtown, Second Floor, Building C.**

**Following is a compilation list from the surrounding school districts (SAISD, Harlandale, South San) for grades K-5.**

#2 Pencils (pkg. of 12)	12" Rulers (metric)	3 x 5 Index Cards (100 ct./pkg.)
3-Ring Binders	Antibacterial Sanitizer (4 oz.)	Baby Wipes
Blue Ballpoint Pens (pkg. of 12)	Colored Map Pencils	Colored Markers
Colored (Non-Toxic Markers (8 ct. box)	Construction Paper	Crayola Markers (classic/washable; 8 ct. box)
Jumbo Crayons ( 8 ct. box)	Crayons (16 ct. box)	Crayons (24 ct. box)
Erasers (soft pink or pencil tip)	Elmer's Glue Sticks	Elmer's Glue (4 oz; 8 oz; and 16 oz)
Highlighters	Manila Paper (11 x 13)	Loose Leaf Notebook Paper
Paper Towels	Pocket Folders (without brads; various colors)	Pocket Folders (with brads; various colors)
Primary Writing Tablet (Manuscript Paper)	Red Lead Pencils	Red Ballpoint Pens (pkg. of 12)
School Box	Scissors (Plastic Handle; Rounded Blunt End)	Scissors (Pointed End)
Spiral Notebooks (70 sheets; wide rule)	Watercolors	Ziploc Bags (snack, quart and gallon sizes)
	Zipper Pencil Pouch	