

AVON FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN GRANTS BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER AWARD

AVON
Foundation for Women



The Avon Foundation for Women awarded the Bexar County Family Justice Center \$49,275.00 as part of their *Speak Out Against Domestic Violence Initiative*. By funding 32 self-sufficiency programs across the country, Avon is making an immediate, tangible difference for domestic violence survivors. Since 2004 the Avon Foundation has contributed more than \$23 million for domestic violence awareness, education, and direct service and prevention programs.

Avon created the Avon Empowerment Self-Sufficiency Program because they understand that domestic violence victims are less likely to leave or stay away from abusers if they have limited hope of achieving economic stability on their own. They also know this lack of economic stability increases the likelihood of a return to the abuser or homelessness. Under the Avon Empowerment Self-Sufficiency Program, the FJC hired **Lupe Decker** to serve as the Coordinator.



Lupe Decker, Self Sufficiency Coordinator at the Bexar County Family Justice Center

Lupe has worked in the Criminal Justice system for twenty years and has been involved in crime victims' rights for the last thirteen years. With a BS in Criminal Justice and a MA in Counseling, she began her work as a Victim Advocate for the Colorado Springs Police Department Major Crimes Unit and was also a Probation Officer for the Fourth Judicial District. Lupe remains an Adjunct Professor at Colorado Technical University where she teaches Victimology and Criminal Justice courses. Under the Avon grant, while directing a powerful financial literacy program and connecting clients to the FJC Dream Center, Lupe provides guidance and assistance to survivors to create independent, violence-free lives.

Carol Kurzig, President of Avon Foundation for Women, stated that, *"the Bexar County Family Justice Center is delivering critical services to survivors and their families. We are proud to support their efforts to help end the cycle of violence."* The Bexar County Family Justice Center was one of 32 grantees to receive the award out of a competitive pool of over 150 applicants nationwide.

TOOTH TIME VISITS THE FJC



Tooth Time Community Outreach visited and set up shop at the FJC. The FJC Boardroom was transformed into a full service children's on-site dental treatment facility run by licensed professionals! If you would like to contact Tooth Time, please call Robert San Miguel, Program Director at (210) 566-8668.



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Upcoming Training

The Bexar County Family Justice Center presents
ETO - FJC Dream Center Upgrades

APRIL 19, 2011
2:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Michael Maul, BCFJC Systems Program Manager will facilitate a training session to include new features that have been implemented in ETO (Efforts to Outcomes) to improve workflow and record keeping for the FJC's Dream Center.

This training is for all staff and partners that utilize ETO and work with the Dream Center.

**UHC-DOWNTOWN
BCFJC BOARD ROOM
527 N. LEONA**

BEXAR COUNTY CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE NEW FACES



Pictured from left to right: Rachel Calderon, Priscilla Rodriguez, Ursula Ramirez, Robyn Katz, and Ben Rosenbach

The Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office has always been an invaluable part of the FJC. Over the last year the District Attorney's office has added five new faces we would like to welcome and introduce. **Rachel Calderon** is a protective order advocate who came to San Antonio from El Paso, Texas, to play tennis for St. Mary's University. After graduating in 2010, she began an internship for the Family Justice Center Protective Order Division. Rachel then took a full time position with the office as a protective order advocate. **Priscilla Rodriguez** was born and raised in San Antonio and graduated from UTSA with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, and now works as a protective order advocate. Priscilla's proudest accomplishment is being a mother of two! **Ursula Ramirez** moved to San Antonio from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She received her B.A. in Political Science from University of North Texas and a Graduate certificate in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from Nova Southeastern University in 2007. Ursula volunteered here at the Center as an

SAPD FACT volunteer before joining the team as a protective order advocate. **Robyn Katz** is our newest Assistant District Attorney working at the FJC. Born and raised in New Jersey, Robyn drifted to the University of Michigan for college. Robyn left for Texas as fast as she could and completed her Master's Degree at the University of Texas and law school at Texas Tech. Robyn enjoys working with local animal rescues and assisted in national campaigns that show the link between animal cruelty and domestic violence. **Ben Rosenbach** went to work as an Assistant District Attorney with the Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office right out of St. Mary's Law School. Ben likes to play guitar, loves Notre Dame Football and the San Antonio Spurs. Please join us in welcoming our newest assets here at the FJC!

SAVE THE DATE!
 11th Annual
 International
 Family Justice Center
 Conference
 April 5-7, 2011
 San Diego, CA

Conference Registration
 And View the Exciting Topics and Speakers
 (click here)

Community & Health Fairs

APRIL 2, 2011 10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
SOUTHSIDE ISD WELLNESS EXTRAVAGANZA
SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS AREA
1460 MARTINEZ-LOSOYA RD.

APRIL 2, 2011 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 A.M.
UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM
4TH ANNUAL SPRING FEST
2121 S.W. 36TH STREET

APRIL 25-30, 2011
NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK

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