

## The Junior League of San Antonio awards the Family Justice Center \$2700

The Junior League of San Antonio, Inc. (JLSA) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The JLSA is an active supporter of the San Antonio community with countless hours of volunteer work, financial donations to groups in need, as well as grants to our community partners. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.



Through the JLSA, the Family Justice Center received \$2700 to support the Victims Empowerment Counseling Program with educational materials such as safety planning brochures and calendars.

## The 2010 International Family Justice Center Conference Brings 400 Advocates to San Antonio



FJC Directors met to discuss programming in a special session at the Bexar County FJC.

The 2010 International Family Justice Center Conference was an outstanding success. The conference, held April 27-29, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Riverwalk brought over 400 domestic violence professionals from around the country to learn more about promising practices and emerging issues in the evolving Family Justice Center movement.

Various advocates, judges, law enforcement officers and others were informed on a wide range of topics including, but not limited to, funding and sustainability for Family Justice Centers, strangulation, and child abuse.

Special guest, Lynn Rosenthal, President Barack Obama's White House Advisor on Violence Against Women, addressed the conference. She is the first person to serve in this newly created position and is one of the nation's foremost experts in domestic violence policy. In this new position, Ms. Rosenthal will serve as an advisor to the President and Vice President on domestic violence and sexual assault issues; be a liaison to the domestic violence and sexual assault advocacy community; coordinate with the Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women (OVW) on implementation of Violence Against Women Act programs; coordinate with the Department of Health and Human Services implementation of Family Violence Prevention Act services including the



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## June Training

**JUNE 24, 2010**

**SARAH EVERETTE**  
will present on Teen Challenge of Texas, a faith-based, tuition-free 12-month residential work/study program for men and women 18 years and older who seek to overcome life-controlling addictions.

**11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**  
**FJC BOARD ROOM**  
**527 N. LEONA, 2ND FL.**

## Convocation of Partners Meeting

**June 8, 2010**

**UHC-Downtown  
Foundation Room**  
**527 N. Leona,**  
**3rd Floor, Bldg B**  
**9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.**

**Michael Maul,**  
**IT Systems Programs Mgr**  
**Family Justice Center**  
**Presents**  
**Efforts to Outcomes**  
**(ETO)**

BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER

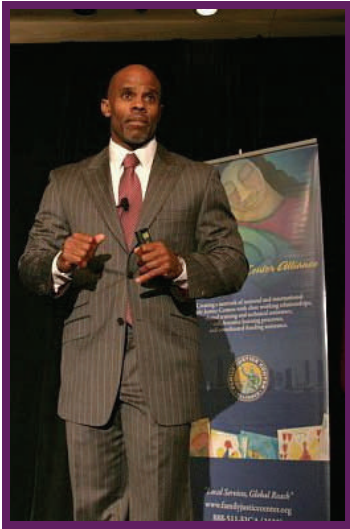


Above: Ms. Susan Pamerleau, retired two star Major General in the Air Force, tells a survivor's story.

Below: Ms. Sheryl Sculley, Chief McManus and Judge Susan D. Reed attend VIP breakfast and opening ceremonies.



Above: Sarah Buel, Law Professor at the University of Texas Austin and Advisory Board Member of the BCFJC Foundation speaks on the importance of accountability to survivors.



Above: Ted Bunch, Co-founder of National Association of Men and Women Committed to Ending Violence Against Women, challenges men to reconsider their long held beliefs about women in an effort to create a more just society.

National Domestic Violence Hotline; coordinate with the State Department and United States Agency of International Development (USAID) on global domestic violence initiatives; and drive the development of new initiatives and policies aimed at combating domestic violence and sexual assault with advocacy groups and members of Congress.

Local dignitaries and speakers in attendance at the conference included Judge Susan D. Reed, Criminal District Attorney; Ms. Sheryl Sculley, City Manager, City of San Antonio; William McManus, Chief of Police, San Antonio Police Department; Meera Ballal, Executive Director of the Bexar County Family Justice Center; and Tanji Patton, Good Taste with Tanji, former media personality. National dignitaries and speakers also included Susan Williams, Sue Else, Sarah Buel, Ted Bunch, and Casey Gwinn among others.

Staff and partners conducted site tours of the Bexar County Family Justice Center located in the University Health Center-Downtown. Over 200 conference attendees visited and were educated about the Center, its partners and the programs available to victims of domestic violence in San Antonio.

During the second day at the conference, the National Family Justice Center Alliance President, Casey Gwinn, and CEO, Gael Strack, presented their 2010 Lifetime Achievement Award to Sue Else, President of the National Network to End Domestic Violence. Sue Else is an internationally recognized leader in the domestic violence and sexual assault movement, and her leadership has changed the world for thousands of victims and their children over the course of her career.



Above: Meera Ballal presents "What is a FJC?" with partners to include: Jordana Barton, Capital One Bank; Linda Brandmiller, Catholic Charities; Debbie Ledoux, BCFJC Foundation; Lisa Sanchez, University Health System; and Maria Falcon, Family Service Association, on innovative programming at the Bexar County Family Justice Center.

Below: Susan Reed and Tanji Patton, Board Members on the BCFJC Foundation, led a panel discussion on techniques used to work with the media to support Family Justice Centers.



While not present at the conference, Ellen Pence presented via video to discuss the new Blueprint for Safety developed by Praxis International. The Blueprint for Safety is a prototype that can be used by any community hoping to link its criminal justice agencies together in a coherent, philosophically sound domestic violence intervention model. Ellen, using her 35 years of experience in the field of domestic violence, also poignantly shared her views on the future of Family Justice Centers. [Click here](#) to view Ellen's video.

The conference was not just presentations and workshops. Conference attendees had an opportunity to network with their peers while experiencing a taste of San Antonio at a world-famous landmark for authentic Mexican food, Mi Tierra Café and Panadería located at the Market Square-Downtown. Those who attended enjoyed drinks, appetizers, and dinner while listening to music from a 12 piece mariachi.

The Bexar County Family Justice Center would like to thank all those who supported and attended the conference. We would also like to thank the National Family Justice Center Alliance for choosing the Bexar County Family Justice Center as their featured Center and the City of San Antonio for the 2010 conference location.



Below: Susan Williams, Assoc. Director, Office of Violence Against Women, US Dept. of Justice and Gael Strack, CEO of National FJC Alliance, enjoy Mi Tierra.



Above: Debby Tucker, Executive Director of National Center on Domestic Violence and founder of Texas Council on Family Violence enjoys a story with Pat Castillo and others.

Below: Conference attendees enjoy authentic Mexican food, drinks and music from a local mariachi band.

Above: Sue Else, President of National Network to End Domestic Violence, who received the Lifetime Achievement Award, is seated with Casey Gwinn, President and CFO of the National FJC Alliance.



## Community & Health Fairs

**May 27, 2010**  
**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**John Glenn Elementary School**  
**Community Health Fair**  
**2385 Horal Drive**

## Victims Empowerment Group

**Weekly counseling sessions begin**  
**June 9, 2010**  
**Wednesdays 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. (Spanish)**  
**Thursdays 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (English)**

**For more information,**  
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