

“AN EVENING AT THE THEATER”

Please join the Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation on January 28, 2009 for their annual fundraiser, **An Evening at the Theater**. The event will be held at the historic Charline McCombs Empire Theatre and stars three of Bexar County’s finest legal minds – *Catherine Babbitt*, *Catherine Hayes*, and the *Honorable Philip Kazen*, as well as *Greg Hinojosa*, Our Lady of the Lake University Theatre and Events Coordinator.

Sylvia, the two-act live theater play, is a Tony award winning production written by A.R. Gurney produced first in 1995 at the Manhattan Theatre Club starring Sarah Jessica Parker. The play is about a stray dog, the couple who adopts her and the drama that results. The evening begins at 5:30pm with live music, a cocktail reception and a silent auction followed by an exquisite dinner and play. Tables are available for purchase as well as individual seating.

For ticket information or questions, please contact Nancy at 210-208-6869



BCFJC RECEIVES GRANT AWARD FROM ALICE KLEBERG REYNOLDS FOUNDATION

The Alice Kleberg Reynolds Foundation awarded the Bexar County Family Justice Center \$12,000 for Domestic Violence Programming. The Alice Kleberg Reynolds Foundation is a private foundation serving South and Central Texas. The Foundation awards grants to qualified non-profit organizations for Arts and Culture, Charitable, Educational, Literacy, Medical or Scientific purposes.

The Foundation is guided by three Advisory Directors, Chula Reynolds, Mike M. Reynolds and CoYoTe PhoENix. The funds will be allocated to best benefit the lives of girls, women and lesbians who present at the Family Justice Center and are victims of domestic violence. The Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation greatly appreciates the support of this local foundation and with their help improving the lives of the residents of Bexar County.

TREE OF ANGELS CEREMONY



Victims Advocacy Council photographed in front of the decorated Tree of Angels.

The **Victims Advocacy Council of San Antonio** continued the tradition of decorating a Tree of Angels in honor of victims of crime at the Madison Square Presbyterian Church.

Survivors of crime and their families hung angels on a special Christmas tree in the church alter as they remembered friends and loved ones touched by violent crimes.

The beautiful Tree of Angels will be displayed at the Bexar County Courthouse throughout the month of December.



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PAUL MITCHELL THE SCHOOL SAN ANTONIO HELPS LIFT SPIRITS OF VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



After touring the Family Justice Center, *Andrea Edwards* of **Paul Mitchell the School San Antonio** wanted to help victims of domestic violence. Paul Mitchell the School San Antonio is a Cosmetology School that trains hair dressers, skincare therapists and nail artists.

Beginning this month, every Monday and Tuesday, the School will provide a free shampoo, haircut and style to twenty-five clients of the Family Justice Center. These weekly services will continue through 2009 and prepare clients of the Center to look and feel their best when going to Court, presenting for a job interview or for simply lifting their spirits. Many thanks to the students at Paul Mitchell the School San Antonio for this generous contribution to victims of domestic violence and for placing them one step closer to rebuilding a violence free life.



SAN ANTONIO



Lowe's Donates Christmas Trees

The Human Resources Department from **Lowe's** at The Rim made Christmas complete for victims of domestic violence in need this holiday season. When asked to assist a single needy family by providing a Christmas tree donation, Lowe's instead donated five live Christmas trees to the Family Justice Center! A needy family of six who have been victims of family violence for fifteen years received the first tree. The family will be free of violence and a beautiful Christmas tree will bring the joy of the holidays to their residence. A great big thank you to Lowe's at The Rim from all of us at the Family Justice Center.



Randolph AFB Tour and Donation



On December 10, 2008, the Alamo Federal Executive Board held a Human Services Day and toured several human services providers throughout San Antonio. Deborah Parrott, Operations Manager, gave the attendees a tour of the center and shared with them the many challenges faced by victims of domestic violence. The Executive Board asked many questions about the Family Justice Center and the Center's mission. The Executive Board brought numerous donations for victims of domestic violence, specifically toys and stuffed animals for child witnesses to domestic violence who are in need this holiday season. We are very thankful to their continued support of the Center's mission to help victims in their journey from survivor to thriver.



New Faces at FJC

Irene Longoria and *Melody Vallejo* are the new **Crime Victim Liaisons** at the Family Justice Center. Irene brings fourteen years of experience of working with victims of domestic violence. Melody is a recent graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio and holds a bachelor's degree in psychology. Both are looking forward to assisting victims and assessing their needs as well as providing ongoing services at the Family Justice Center. Also, *Armando Trevino*, newly hired is our new **IT Manager**. He comes to us with fifteen years of experience in Information Technology.



Irene & Melody



Armando

United Way Training

Karen Williams of United Way San Antonio presented an informational training on Friday, December 12, 2008 to staff and partners at the Family Justice Center. Ms. Williams registered and informed staff of the resources available through United Way and B.E.X.A.R. Necessities of San Antonio.



BCFJC Christmas Gift Drive

The Bexar County Family Justice Center sponsored a Christmas Gift drive for child witnesses of domestic violence who receive services at the Family Justice Center.

Staff at the center will distribute gifts on the days leading up to Christmas, with hopes of touching the hearts of as many families as possible. Partners housed at the Family Justice Center selected the neediest of families to receive Christmas gifts.



We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to this community effort.

Valerie

FJC Christmas Luncheon

On December 15, 2008, the Family Justice Center held its annual Christmas luncheon for staff and partners. A good time was had by all as we remembered how we have been blessed and how we are thankful for the support of one another as we serve victims of domestic violence and their families.



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