

JEANS FOR JUSTICE

In November **SAKS Fifth Avenue** partnered with the Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation to raise funds and awareness for victims of domestic violence.

Shedding the old and embracing the new was the centerpiece behind Jeans for Justice coupled with the symbolic gesture of turning in an old pair of jeans cloaked in trials and tribulations in exchange for a "new skin."

Supporters of the Family Justice Center collected old jeans in exchange for a 10% discount coupon from **SAKS Contemporary Department** for a pair of men or women's designer jeans. All jeans were donated to the Center and a portion of the proceeds will go to support services and programs at the Center for victims of domestic violence.



Board Members Mrs. Leanne Kelly and Mrs. Gloria Kemper

DREAMS INTO REALITY WITH THE HELP OF THE LINDA PACE FOUNDATION



Penelope Speier, "Looking for the Edge"

The Bexar County Family Justice Center serves victims of domestic violence by providing them with the wrap around services they need to not only survive but thrive. While the Center has always provided assistance with protective services, medical services, mental health counseling, childcare, basic needs and housing, a set space is now designated to build dreams.

With the help of the Family Justice Center administrative staff, **Jewish Family Services, Saint Mary's Law Clinic, Family Service Association, Dress for success** and a host of volunteers, women can visit our Resource Center to rebuild their lives violence free. Discussions always begin with ... what do you dream to do with your life? From there, we try, step by step to take them to that place through encouragement and connections to vital community resources. *Meera Ballal*, Executive Director of the Family Justice Center, says, "The Dream Center is about empowering women to be whatever they dream to be. Even if it takes years to get there we are here to hold your hand and help you make it through the obstacles that inevitably arise."

To celebrate the rebuilding of victims' lives through dreams, the **Linda Pace Foundation** has loaned nine works from their contemporary art collection to the Family Justice Center. "This partnership with the Bexar County Family Justice Center is one that Linda Pace would have whole-heartedly supported," said *Rick Moore*, president and CEO of the **Linda Pace Foundation**. "Linda was a world-class dreamer who believed in the work that the center does which addresses issues of domestic violence. In addition, she devoted much of her life to the belief that contemporary art is a creative practice that transforms individuals and communities."



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THE BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM FOR THEIR ANNUAL GALA

"An Evening At the Theater"

**January 28, 2009
5:30 pm
Charline McCombs
Empire Theater**

For Ticket Sales Call
Nancy at
208-6869





Julia Clark & Margie Garibay

THE PHOENIX AWARDS

Margie Garibay, Victim Advocate with the **Bexar County Criminal District Attorney's Office** and *Julia Clark*, Chaplain with **Crown Chaplaincy Ministries Inc.** both work at the **Bexar County Family Justice Center** helping victims of Domestic Violence.

On October 29th *Margie and Julia* were both awarded the Phoenix Award for Their Dedication and Outstanding Work with Victims of Domestic Violence.

TOY DRIVE IN PROGRESS

NOVEMBER 24TH - DECEMBER 17TH

DONATE ANY NEW GIFT ITEM TO THE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER FOR A CHILD WITNESS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



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GRANDPARENTS BANQUET

Catholic Charities, Inc. held their Foster Grandparent Recognition 43rd Anniversary Banquet on Friday, November 14, 2008 at the Radisson Hotel Downtown San Antonio. The Banquet is an annual event that celebrates and recognizes the volunteers of the Foster Grandparent Program.

Those in attendance included members of the Board of Directors, Faculty, Staff, Foster Grandparents, site supervisors, and guests. Foster grandparents who have completed one, five, ten, fifteen, twenty, and twenty-five years of service received recognition. A Family Justice Center grandma, *Ms. Silvia Garza*, was recognized for completion of one year of service. Although not recognized at the banquet, Family Justice Center "Grandmas" *Ms. Theresa De la Garza*, *Ms. Trine Lopez* and *Ms. Frances Araujo*, in addition to *Ms. Silvia Garza* were awarded Certificates of Appreciation by the Family Justice Center for their generous commitments of time, support and inspiration to the children they serve.



FJC staff w/ our Grandmas

DECEMBER TRAINING

Karen Williams with **United Way of San Antonio** will be training staff @ the Family Justice Center

Friday, December 12, 2008,
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,

On the resources available through **United Way and B.E.X.A.R.**

(Bexar E-Mail aX-ess to area Resources)

Necessities of
San Antonio

CALL NANCY 210-208-6869

FJC GETS A FACELIFT

Not only have we made improvements to our facility but we have launched our

New Website and a new Logo.

Please take a look

www.bcfjc.org

HEALTHY FAMILIES FAIR

The Bexar County Family Justice Center participated in the 1st Resource Fair held by the Exceptional Family Member Program of Fort Sam Houston. Members of the Family Justice Center staff and 40 other representatives from local organizations joined the **Exceptional Member Program (EFMP)** at its first Resource Fair on Saturday, October 24, 2008.



Rebecca, Rachel & Irene

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Pamela Taylor, Executive Director of **Dress for Success San Antonio** presented an informative training on the resources they provide to economically disadvantaged women as well as victims of domestic violence. In addition, to providing job interview clothes they also provide career development and professional networking.

Dress For Success has a volunteer that comes to the Family Justice Center every Wednesday.



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Christmas Gift Drive
November 24-December 17
sponsored by



BEXAR COUNTY FAMILY
JUSTICE CENTER

Help us bring a smile to a child witness of domestic violence by donating a Christmas gift to the Bexar County Family Justice Center.

WE NEED the following NEW items:

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| Board Games | Cars |
| Non-Violent Action Figures | Dolls |
| Stuffed Animals | Children Movies |
| Coloring Books | Children CD's |
| Books | Puzzles |
| Sports Balls | Female Child Accessories |
| Male Child Accessories | Baby Toys |

Monetary donations are accepted.

GIFT DROP OFF:

Bexar County Family Justice Center
University Health Center—Downtown, Second Floor, Building C.

Please contact Valerie Mendiola at (210) 208-6800, vmendiola@bexar.org or Nezy Tapia at (210) 208-6848, ntapia@bexar.org, if you have any questions.
Thank You for your Support.