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"Giving Parker County Children a Voice!"

## Purchases for a **Purpose**

Get ready for our annual Purchases for a Purpose event! Ticket sales will start March I<sup>st</sup> and go until the last week in April. The drawing for all the items will be held the last week of April. We will draw one item a day every day during the week at 2:00 via Facebook live.

As usual we will have a Louis Vuitton purse along with 4 other items! Tickets are 6 for \$100 or 1 for \$20. Tickets can be purchased by calling the CAC at 682-615-1992 or by catching us at events around town!



### A letter from the Director

First, I would like to start by saying WOW! 2021 has been full of surprises. This year we faced a lot of ups and downs and felt some growing pains. The outpour of support we have from the community has forced us to get creative with our storage techniques (We've gotten very good at Tetris). That being said, there hasn't been a single item we have needed and haven't had!

We continued to battle COVID and navigate our way through sanitizing, social distancing and "what to do if" scenarios. While we all appear to be immune to the smell of Lysol we still rely on it. I would like to point out that all of our staff made it to 2021 before anyone got sick! While we like to think we are invincible we in fact are not.

To round it all off we finished the year with 194 Forensic Interviews. The breakdown of interviews goes as so; 163 for sexual abuse, 9 for physical abuse, 6 for witness to a child death, 3 for witness of domestic violence, 11 for witnesses of other events, 2 for drug endangered children.

We also breakdown our forensic interviews by jurisdiction. 48 interviews were for Weatherford Police Department, 99 for the Parker County Sheriff's Office, 7 for Willow Park Police Department, 35 courtesy cases, and 5 cases for Child Protective Services that did not involve law enforcement.

This year has kept us on our toes as we continue to grow, change, and adapt to the world around us. As always we could not do our jobs with out the support of the community, board members, volunteers, staff and partnering agencies. We look forward to 2022!

Thank you,

Alex Vazquez

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## CACPC Spotlight

#### Leslie Goeldner

We would like to recognize Leslie as our CAC Spotlight. Leslie has been a volunteer with the CAC for over a year and continues to go above and beyond. We are always able to rely on her and know she will be there when we need her. Leslie volunteers at events as well as every Tuesday. Thank you, Leslie, for all you do and for staying with us!

Services Provided to Date 2022:

90 People Served

30 New Clients

117 Units of Service/Advocacy

21 Forensic Interviews

162 individuals receiving counseling services

972 Hours of Counseling

#### Child Abuse Awareness Month

April is fast approaching and for those of you who don't know, April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. During the month of April us along with other agencies in Parker County do our best to raise awareness to and share the issue of child abuse. Be on the lookout for us in the community and follow us on social media!



#### Ways to Help:

To Donate directly to the CACPC – Visit <u>cacparkercounty.org</u> and use the donate button

Shop at <u>smile.amazon.com</u> to donate to the CACPC through your Amazon purchases.

#### GIFT CARDS NEEDED!!!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Purchases for a Purpose – March 1 Child Abuse Awareness Month - April

#### **Christmas Party Success!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to our client Christmas Party. It was an extremely successful event, resulting in us providing Christmas presents for 40 families. Thank you for helping us spread Christmas Cheer to those that needed it the most.

PLEASE HELP US GROW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING. GO LIKE AND FOLLOW THE CAC ON FACEBOOK AT CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF PARKER COUNTY!