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This past year, The CAC has had so much for which to be thankful. Once again, our loyal donors and volunteers have made our work possible by generously giving of their time and resources. We are grateful for our incredible staff, our Partner Agencies, Commissioners Court, and our Foundation Board; but

most importantly for our children -- their courage in the journey to healing is our constant motivator. Thank you for believing in our mission and in our children. We look forward to 2011 and all that it brings. Wishing each of you a safe and happy holiday season.

Take Care

Elaine Stolte, Executive Director

4th Annual KBR Charity Golf Tournament

The Children's Assessment Center was excited and honored to be selected as one of the charity beneficiaries of KBR's Fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament. The tournament was held on September 15th at the Kingwood Country Club with over 400 participants. Through generous support of the event, KBR was once again able to build on the company mission of community service and donate all proceeds raised at the event to local charities. The charities selected reflect KBR's commitment to health, education and the environment. KBR generously

awarded The Children's Assessment Center with a check for \$20,000. Thank you KBR for allowing us to join you at the tournament events and for a wonderful donation to help provide hope and healing to the children we serve!





Thank You IKEA Trading Services Inc



For the second year in a row, IKEA Trading Services Inc. has generously provided The Children's Assessment Center with product donations to benefit the children in our on-site Playroom, Forensic Services Interview Rooms and Group Therapy Rooms. On August 26, 2010, IKEA Trading Services and CAC staff loaded 3 vans full of products to transform these three areas. IKEA donated such things as artwork, organizational supplies, toys, furniture, pillows and rugs. IKEA has fulfilled our wish lists to create warm and inviting environments to help make our clients as comfortable as possible during one of the most difficult times in their lives. Thank you IKEA!! [\(Click here for photos\)](#)

Local Grocers Help You Help The CAC

Kroger's "Neighbor to Neighbor" Program links our organization to your KrogerPlus Card. The Children's Assessment Center will earn a percentage based on purchases of the \$1 million donated by Kroger annually through this program. In order to link your KrogerPlus Card to The CAC, take this barcode to check out and ask the cashier to scan your KrogerPlus Card and then the barcode. It will remain active until April 30, 2011. **This linking process is necessary once each year.** If you do not yet have a card, you can sign up at any Kroger location and begin earning money for The CAC every time you shop at Kroger.



Clip out the card and take it with you to the store as your reminder of our organization's Good Neighbor Program account number to fill in on your Remarkable card application.



The Children's Assessment Center also participates in Randalls "Good Neighbor" Program. Link your Randalls card to The CAC's Good Neighbor number **3851** at the customer service booth so that 1% of all your purchases will benefit The CAC. You only have to link it one time and it will remain in effect unless you decide to change it.



Back to School

Back to School 2010 was a huge success! Despite the lean economic times, the generosity of our sponsors and community partners allowed us to provide more supplies to more kids than ever before! More than 600 kids registered to receive a uniform and a backpack full of all the supplies necessary to get the school year off to a fantastic start! The supplies and uniforms had to be organized and packed by someone--so we called on more than 75 volunteers to join us in this exhilarating undertaking.

We finished off a great season of support with the Back to School Bash on August 18th. Almost 200 kids and their families picked up school supplies and enjoyed food, crafts, cookies topped with mounds of candy and icing, and our friend Katie Maye the Clown. Thank you to the National Charity League, IKEA, KBR and Conoco Phillips for sending so many wonderful volunteers and for all of the individuals who came out to support us in overwhelming numbers!

Back to School at The CAC was truly a community effort. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsor, Conoco Phillips and community donations, The CAC was able to provide our clients with much more than a backpack. Because of you, almost 700 kids were able to go to school with confidence and were able to start a new year on par with their classmates.



ConocoPhillips

Children who are abused are more likely to be arrested as juveniles

Be a Part of The CAC Holiday Gift Giving Program

For most of us, the holidays are a time for family, fun and laughter. Unfortunately many of the children served by The Children's Assessment Center will not experience the delight of the holiday season without your support. Last December, as a result of generous monetary and material contributions, over 2,000 children received gifts from The CAC. Please join us as we work to provide gifts to even more abused children this year.

According to the CDC, one out of six boys and one out of four girls will be sexually abused before the age of 18. When child sexual abuse remains undiscovered or untreated, it causes a lifetime of damage that scars children and destroys families, leaving offenders free to continue the abuse, and crippling future generations of our children. Our primary goal is to provide services which meet the needs of our clients as it relates to their abuse, but we also hope to meet their childhood needs. Every holiday season we work to ensure that this special time of the year will be filled with joyful memories for the children we serve. Many of our clients would not receive presents during the holidays without the generosity of caring individuals and corporations.

On behalf of the children we serve, thank you for your consideration and support. Any donation will be greatly appreciated and will help make this holiday season especially bright for thousands of children. For ways that you can help [please click here](#) or contact Jaime Coffey at Jaime.Coffey@cac.hctx.net.




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The median age for reported abuse is 9 years old