



The National Children's Advocacy Center



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* to model, promote, and deliver excellence in child abuse response and prevention through service, education, and leadership*

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Mark Your Calendar



April 7: Dolce for Darlings. Come dine at the new restaurant Dolce in Bridge Street. On Monday, April 7th from 4:00 p.m. until closing, Dolce will be donating 20% of the net profit from the evenings sales to NCAC. See you there!

April 16: Proclamation Ceremony. Everyone is invited to the NCAC campus on April 16th from 11:15- noon at the NCAC Community Services building for the "April is Child Abuse Prevention Month" proclamation ceremony. City officials will read the proclamation and guest speakers will emphasize the importance of child abuse prevention.

April 19: Kidz 4 Kidz Concert. On April 19, 2008, Infinity Technology, Inc. and others will help sponsor the 2nd Annual "Kidz 4 Kidz: Making a Joyful Noise" benefit concert. Kidz 4 Kidz, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 organization whose mission is to join hands with other extraordinarily talented kids to help other kids who are faced with insurmountable challenges such as cancer or abuse. This year's beneficiary will be the National Children's Advocacy Center. The concert will be held at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 315 Winchester Road NE at 6:00 p.m. The admission price is \$25.00 for all general seating. Tickets can be purchased at any of the following ticket outlets: Infinity Technology (Wynn Drive ~ Huntsville), LifeWay Christian Store (Huntsville and Decatur), Oakwood University Bookstore, James Records and Tapes and Alabama A&M University Bookstore. VIP tickets can only be purchased at Infinity Technology by calling 256.430.1484.

24th National Symposium on Child Abuse, Huntsville, AL



Ernie Allen, president and CEO of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), served as the keynote speaker March 17-20 for the NCAC's 24th National Symposium on Child Abuse. Held at the Von Braun Center, the conference drew over 1,000 professionals working in multiple disciplines related to fighting child maltreatment.

Allen told those attending the plenary luncheon that tremendous strides have been made in fighting the more traditional types of abuse, but children remain highly vulnerable because of the wide availability of child pornography on the Internet.

J. Robert Flores, Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for the U.S. Department of Justice, gave additional remarks. Super Bowl star and New York Giants wide receiver David Tyree attended as a special guest.

Receiving the Inaugural NCAC Outstanding Service Award was Ron Laney, Associate Administrator for the Child Protection Division of OJJDP. Laney, a presenter at the Symposium, has devoted more than 30 years to juvenile justice resulting in the training of more than 500,000 professionals.

Participants had the opportunity to attend 120 workshops with nationally known speakers delivering many of the presentations. Among those workshops were *Community Notification: Protecting Alabamians from Sex Offenders*, *The Adam Walsh Act: A National Endeavor to Protect Children and Families*, and *The (federal) Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force: What It Is and How It Can Help Me*.

Planning is already under way for the 25th National Symposium in 2009. For updates, please check the NCAC website, www.nationalcac.org/symposium.

2008 Community Partners



Pictured from left to right: Giants Wide Receiver David Tyree, OJJDP Administrator J. Robert Flores, NCAC Executive Director Chris Newlin, OJJDP Administrator Ron Laney, CEO of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children Ernie Allen, and Symposium Coordinator Marilyn Grundy.



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Ways to Give in 2008

•**September Celebration Sponsors:** We are currently seeking event sponsors for our largest annual fundraiser. Held in September, the Celebration is a two day event starting on Friday, September 19th and continuing on Monday, September 22nd. Friday night is a night of "Atmosphere and Elegance" at the new Westin in Bridge Street. There will be dinner, dancing, and auctions. Monday is the Spike McRoy Kids Classic golf tournament held at the Huntsville Country Club. Sponsorships range from \$1,000 to \$7,500. Each sponsorship level also comes with marketing and event benefits. Contact Catherine Hereford at 256-327-3780 or chereford@nationalcac.org for more information.



•**"Cement Your Legacy" in the fight against child abuse!** The NCAC has almost completed construction on the new Pavilion in the backyard of our campus. This great new space will provide an outdoor setting for both service delivery to our clients, comfort for our out-of-town trainees, and an outstanding setting for future special events to be hosted on campus. The Pavilion, set to be completed in mid-April 2008, was built with generous funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. It was designed with significant input from the NCAC staff for our daily work, but will also be available on a limited basis for outside community activities which are consistent with the NCAC mission.



You can "Cement Your Legacy" by purchasing a brick paver that will be placed at the foot of the pavilion. The pavers will be engraved with special messages written by you! All of the proceeds from the sales will go to support NCAC programs and services. Bricks are on sale now and start at only \$50. To learn more about sizes and prices and to print an order form, please click [here](#).

•**Community Partner:** For a donation of \$5,000 your business or organization can be a 2008 Community Partner. With your donation you will receive marketing benefits, expert advise on child welfare issues for your employees or members, and a reception with Congressman Bud Cramer. The NCAC will benefit from the partnership by using your donation to provide funding for our programs and services that help those in our local community. For more details on how to get involved contact Catherine Hereford at 256-327-3780 or chereford@nationalcac.org



•**Oprah's Big Give:** WAAY TV Channel 31 surprised the NCAC with a \$2,500 check from Oprah's Big Give. Learn about the viewer matching challenge at <http://www.waaytv.com/>. You can also make a donation by clicking [here](#).

•**NCAC Membership:** You can make a difference in the lives of the children and families by becoming a member of the NCAC. Memberships start at \$25 a year, but have a HUGE impact on many lives. To make a donation please visit our website and click on the **Donate Now** button. You can also send checks by mail. Together we can make a difference....one child at a time!

Huntsville Havoc Waiter Night at Carrabba's Benefits the NCAC

On Monday, March 10th Huntsville Havoc hockey players helped to serve Carrabba's Italian Grill patrons wonderful meals and signed autographs for tips to benefit the NCAC. Thanks to all of the generous donations we were able to raise \$4,519.75! Special thanks to Carrabba's Italian Grill, the Huntsville Havoc and everyone who came out to support the NCAC!



For more information about NCAC programs and services please visit www.nationalcac.org

If you suspect child abuse, call the National Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-4ACHILD (800-422-4453)

To report child abuse in Huntsville or Madison County, AL call: 256-535-4500