



# 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



**Huntsville Community Chorus Christmas Concert:** Saturday, December 6 at 7:30pm at the Von Braun Concert Hall. The Huntsville Community Chorus will be presenting their Annual Christmas Concert: *ON HOLIDAY Choral Treasures of the Season*. To learn more about purchasing tickets please visit <http://www.thechorus.org>. The NCAC will be accepting donations at the door.

**Festival of Sacred Christmas Music:** Thursday, December 18 at the Von Braun Concert Hall. Show times are at 2 and 7pm. Featuring Christian comedian Mark Lowry, along with the group LordSong and many other Christian artists. Tickets range from \$15 to \$35. To find out more or to order tickets visit [www.KeepChristmasAlive.org](http://www.KeepChristmasAlive.org). A portion of the proceeds from the concert will benefit the National Children's Advocacy Center.

**Huntsville Havoc Wait Night:** Please join us on Monday, January 19 at Carrabba's Italian Grill for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Huntsville Havoc Wait Night, as the Huntsville Havoc hockey players team up with Carrabba's wait staff to serve you a great time. This fun event takes place from 5-9 pm. All tips collected by the team that night will benefit the local services provided by the National Children's Advocacy Center here in Huntsville. See you there!



**Oscar® Gala:** Join us at Monaco Pictures in fabulous Bridge Street on Sunday, February 22 when we will celebrate Hollywood's most glamorous evening and raise support for our local programs and services. Oscar Gala: You'll be the star as you attend the "Oscars®" in your finest Hollywood attire, walk the red carpet, and have your picture taken by the flash bulbs of the "paparazzi." Enjoy a night of glitz with your leading man or lady or have a good time with a group of fabulous friends. More details coming soon. Tickets will go on sale after the first of the year.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, donating items or have any questions, please contact the NCAC Development Office at 533-KIDS (5437).

## A Special Thank You to All of our 2008 Community Partners



### Become a 2009 Community Partners!

We are currently seeking businesses that will support the mission of the NCAC through our 2009 Community Partner Program.

For a donation of \$5,000 your company will receive numerous benefits such as recognition at NCAC events, marketing exposure on the NCAC website and publications, free consultations for your staff and clients on issues surrounding child abuse. Most importantly, you will make a difference in the lives of local children and their families.

Learn more at

<http://www.nationalcac.org/community/partners/>



The spouses, children and grandchildren of Alabama State Legislators visited the NCAC campus on Saturday, November 22 to learn more about the mission of the NCAC and to see what else can be done to protect children statewide.



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## 'Tis the Season....

As the holiday season approaches, you can make your gift giving easier and more meaningful with the National Children's Advocacy

Center's **Holiday Tribute Program**. With a donation to the NCAC, you can honor a friend, relative, colleague, client, teacher, or anyone on your gift list. These tribute cards may also be done in memory of someone special.

Holiday Tribute cards can be made for a minimum of \$15 per card. Simply send us the names and addresses of the people you wish to honor with your donation and we will send them a lovely, personalized card announcing your gift and wishing them a happy holiday season. All donations go directly to the local programs for the prevention, intervention and treatment of child abuse.

We hope you will choose to participate in this gift giving program this year, and in so doing help the children and families in our community. Every gift to the NCAC brings us one step closer to "*breaking the cycle of child abuse . . . one child at a time.*" Your participation in the Holiday Tribute Program will truly make a difference!

Mail your address list and donation to:

**NCAC**  
210 Pratt Avenue  
Huntsville, AL 35801  
Attn: Holiday Tribute Program

For questions about Holiday Tributes, please contact Catherine Hereford at 256-327-3780 or by email at [chereford@nationalcac.org](mailto:chereford@nationalcac.org).

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## September Celebration Success!

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual September Celebration for the Kids was held this fall at the Westin Huntsville at Bridge Street and proved to be an overwhelming success. On Friday September 19, nearly 500 guests in cocktail attire enjoyed an "Evening of Atmosphere and Elegance" with dinner, dancing, and exciting live and silent auctions. The highlight of the evening was the powerful and remarkable message delivered by 2008 US Olympic Swimming Medalist, Margaret Hoelzer.

Upon arrival, the guests were invited to visit the imported cheese table with fresh fruits and enjoy a complimentary drink from the bar. Masters of Ceremonies, Erin Dacy of Channel 31 and Mark Hunter of Star 99.1 welcomed everyone to the Celebration. For dinner, everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet of southern cuisine.

After dinner, NCAC executive director Chris Newlin, introduced Margaret Hoelzer,. Margaret briefly spoke about her own experience with childhood abuse, but then focused her speech around the importance of working as a team. She praised the NCAC for its innovative team approach to helping victims of child abuse and for the help that she received from the NCAC when she was a child. The crowd gave Margaret a standing ovation in appreciation of her courage and support of the NCAC.

Live auctioneers, Dr. Gary Huckaby and Dr. Mark Pullen, led a spirited auction and often bid against the audience! As part of the live auction, guests were given the opportunity to pay for therapeutic services for child abuse victims in Madison County. Together multiple bidders contributed an outstanding \$25,000 for the NCAC! Both the silent and live auctions were a smashing success. Guests also enjoyed dancing the night away to the musical styling of Pla'Station.

Continuing the Celebration on Monday, the Spike McRoy Kids Classic golf tournament proved to be another beautiful day at The Huntsville Country Club. More than 120 golfers enjoyed the two flight, four-man scramble and spending the day with PGA Golfer and NCAC supporter Spike McRoy.

Thanks to our generous sponsors and guests, the September Celebration raised more than \$125,000 after expenses! This financial support is crucial to helping provide services for local child abuse victims and continuing prevention and training opportunities across the nation.



For more information about NCAC programs and services please visit [www.nationalcac.org](http://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