



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 Havoc Waiter Night: Please join us on Monday, January 19 at Carrabba's Italian Grill for the 2nd Annual Huntsville Havoc Waiter 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. 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 soon.

If you are interested in being an event sponsor, donating items for Oscar game prizes, or have any questions, please contact the NCAC Development Office at 533-KIDS (5437)

2009 Community Partners



Santa Visits the NCAC!

On December 16, 2008, the children who receive therapy services from the NCAC celebrated the holidays with presents, a visit from Santa, food and fun. The Mortgage Bankers Association have been taking care of these special children for more than 6 years. Each year they go above and beyond by taking time to decorate the Children's Building and throw a grand party for the children who have been victims of abuse.

The dedicated therapists at the NCAC worked with each child to make a "Wish List" of items they would like to receive from Santa. The Mortgage Bankers Association then purchased and wrapped the gifts to give to the children at the party. Many of the children have few resources to celebrate the holiday season and the delight in their eyes upon opening the gifts was heart-warming to say the least. Food was plentiful and the lobby of the Children's Building was loud with laughter and chatting. It was truly a moment in time when everyone present could forget about their current problems, past traumas and hurt, and enjoy the experience of giving, receiving and being loved.

A very special thank you to The Mortgage Bankers Association for providing the food, decorations, and gifts. Their sacrifice of time and kindness of heart made this season a little bit brighter for many children and their families.

**Clinical services are designed to help child abuse victims and their families heal. Highly trained mental health professionals provide forensic evaluations, individual and group therapy, as well as, medical exams when necessary in a child friendly setting. All services are provided to the families in need free of charge.*

Become a 2009 Community Partner!

We are currently seeking businesses that will support the mission of the NCAC through our 2009 Community Partner Program. Learn more [here](#).

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Healthy Families, Great Holiday Season!

This holiday season has been a fun and generous one in Healthy Families (HF). The festivities began in early December with the annual Holiday Party. The parents and children who participate in the HF program came to the party and enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Kurt Lineback's "Catering by Kurt" and shared their wish lists with Santa, who posed with the children for pictures. The fun continued with a craft room and a very active music room for the kids to enjoy. Local photographer, Kay Fuller Moore took family portraits of all of the families. A special thanks to the Party sponsors including Compass Bank and Mark and Kelly Jackson.



In addition to the Holiday Party, the annual Healthy Families Holiday Tree project continued again this year. This project matched individuals and community groups with families in need. The parents of babies and toddlers who are placed on the tree for "adoption" during the holidays are participants in the Healthy Families and Just For Dads parenting programs. These families struggle with poverty throughout the year and were in need of assistance for the holidays. Most of their requests were for basic needs items including food and clothing. Thirty seven of our families were adopted this season. A special thank you to all who adopted one or more of our families!

*The NCAC **Healthy Families** program is a voluntary home visitation program that supports overburdened, low income, first-time parents. Trained family support workers provide education, emotional support, guidance, and other resources to parents facing major challenges in raising a child.



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss



Great Books for Children...

Two Months:

It Looked Like Spilt Milk by C. G. Shaw

Six Months:

Red, Blue, Yellow, Shoe by T. Hoban

Twelve Months:

Play Rhymes by M. Tolon Brown

Eighteen Months:

Hide-And-Seek Picnic by T. Speer

Twenty-four months:

It's Great to be Two by F. Pragoff

Thirty-six Months:

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter

Book List Provided by Parents as Teachers(PAT)

For more book suggestions visit

http://www.nationalcac.org/families/early_learning/books/

NCAC Membership: You can make a difference in the lives of the children and families by becoming a member of the NCAC. Your generous donations have a HUGE impact on many lives. Thanks to tremendous community support, the NCAC continues to improve local services for families and children.

Every dollar you give directly benefits the programs and services offered in this community. For example, a donation of \$100 could provide one hour of therapy to a local victim of child sexual abuse. A donation of \$250 could provide a specialized medical exam for a child victim. Your annual membership gift to the NCAC will help us in our continuing efforts to stop child abuse and neglect.

To make a donation please click on the [Donate Now](#) button on our website. You can also send checks by mail to 210 Pratt Avenue Huntsville, AL 35801. Together we can make a difference....one child at a time!

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