



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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It takes more than good luck to prevent child abuse! Thank you for your support of the NCAC!

Parenting Classes Offered to the Community

This year, the NCAC has had the opportunity to offer free parenting classes to the local community. The classes are based around the nurturing philosophy of parenting and focus on specific areas of parenthood such as communication, child development, and stress management.

"So far we have been very happy with the number of attendees coming to each session," said Michelle Marty, Healthy Families Program Manager. "It is wonderful to be a part of helping parents develop stronger relationships with their children."

The classes are free and childcare is provided. Each parenting session is six weeks long and meets once a week for one hour. A new six week session is beginning at the end of March. For more information contact Tara Hunter at 256-533-KIDS (5437).

2009 Community Partners



Congressman Cramer Tribute Dinner



The Robert "Bud" Cramer Tribute Dinner was held on Friday, February 27, 2009, recognizing the former Congressman for his 28 years of outstanding service to the citizens of this community. The event was held at the Westin in Bridge Street and was presented by Charles Anderson, Woody Anderson Ford, Sharon and Tim Morgan, and Maximum Technology Corporation along with numerous table sponsors. While honoring his outstanding accomplishments for the 5th District, much of the evening was focused on his leadership in developing the Child Advocacy Center model and its dramatic impact in this community and around the world.

The evening began with a private reception for the 2007 and 2008 National Children's Advocacy Center Community Partners, and these supporters received plaques from the NCAC for each year they have been a Community Partner. The reception was held prior to the dinner and gave each person present an opportunity to speak with and thank the Congressman for his work on behalf of our community.

After the reception, all of the attendees gathered in the main dining room to enjoy a wonderful meal and pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of the former Congressman. A slide show highlighting his successful career was shown, followed by speeches from Congressman Parker Griffith, Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle, NCAC Executive Director Chris Newlin, and Chamber of Commerce CEO Brian Hilson.

One major focus of the evening was the legacy Congressman Cramer started in 1985, when he, along with others, saw the need to create an efficient system for handling child abuse cases in Madison County. The National Children's Advocacy Center was then created to address the many issues involving the investigation, prosecution and therapeutic care surrounding child abuse cases. The model was extremely successful, and today, the NCAC is a model for over 900 other Children's Advocacy Centers across the United States which served more than 240,000 children in 2008.

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Proceeds from the event were donated to the NCAC to assist in providing local services for children and families in Madison County. The NCAC would like to thank Congressman Cramer for all of his work on behalf of children here in Madison County and throughout the country. Chris Newlin said it best, "Congressman Cramer's legacy will live in the hearts and minds of our nation whenever we hear of the battle to end child sexual abuse. Thank you Congressman for your outstanding leadership and service to our country, especially to our nations' children."



Community Partners receiving their plaques. From right to left Mickey Crutcher with Maximum Technology Corporation, Scott Dublin with Radiance

You can help prevent child abuse by supporting these simple efforts:

1. Purchasing a Specialty Car Tag in support of the Children's Trust Fund of Alabama.

When you buy a Children's Trust Fund specialty license plate, approximately 92% of the purchase price goes directly to fund community-based prevention programs in Alabama. These tags are available at every County Probate office and are tax-deductible.

2. Giving made less taxing - Alabama Income Tax Check Office

With over 80% of Children's Trust Fund dollars going directly into programming designed to protect our children from abuse and neglect, your refund can become an investment in the children of this state. This year consider donating all or part of your State of Alabama tax refund to the Child Abuse Trust Fund. This tax deductible donation can be done by simply attaching Schedule DC to your state return and indicating the "Child Abuse Trust Fund" (1d) as your preference.

For more information, visit www.ctf.alabama.gov. Be part of the solution! Help prevent child abuse TODAY!

From the NCAC Website



Internet Safety Tips for Parents

1. Place the computer in a family area of the household and do not permit private usage.
2. Openly discuss potential dangers of the Internet with your child.
3. Know what other access your child has to computers and devices like cell phones and PDAs.
4. Know each of your child's passwords.
5. Monitor what your child's friends are posting regarding your child's identity.

For more safety tips visit our [website](#).



The NCAC now has a Facebook page! If you have an account, please become a fan. Just type "National Children's Advocacy Center" into the Facebook search tool. All fans receive updates about our special events, are able to view event photos, access information on child abuse prevention and intervention, and stay involved with our mission. See you on Facebook!

NCAC Membership: Every dollar you give directly benefit the local programs and services offered in this community. For example, \$100 could provide one hour of therapy to a local victim of child abuse. \$250 could provide a specialized medical exam. **Donate Now** or mail a check by 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