



# ChildSafe

*Expert Care for Abused Children*  
*Especializando en el Tratamiento de Niños Abusados*

**Annual Newsletter / January 2014**



*As the only Child Advocacy Center in Bexar County, we restore hope and healing through expert treatment to children and their families who have been traumatized by abuse.*

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## Messages from the CEO & Board Chair

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### CHILDSAFE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

As I look back on this last year, I am amazed at what the ChildSafe team accomplished. Our team provided exceptional, cutting-edge services to more children and their non-offending family members than ever before. We touched over 3,200 clients, helping them recover and heal from the devastating trauma of child abuse. We are also providing more training and education than ever before to school employees, teachers, law enforcement, human service and mental health professionals, and parents. We are partnering with the YMCA of Greater San Antonio to provide child sexual abuse preventive education to their staff and their 46,000 members. Our first year pilot for this partnership will get underway January 2014 in the YMCA's five early learning centers.

ChildSafe had two therapists complete their training to become the first nationally certified Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapists in our community. We were honored, in conjunction with Texas State University, to be awarded a Hogg Foundation grant for one of our programs that is the only one of its kind in the nation being done at a Children's Advocacy Center. And our entire clinical department was selected to participate in specialized training at Yale University.

With funds received from the Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation and The Greehey Family Foundation we were able to do renovations to create a forensic interview wing. We now have three forensic interview suites and adjacent office space for our forensic interviewers. Also, with funding from The Charity Ball Association we were able to give our waiting areas a fresh look and provide more privacy for families and their children as they wait to meet with their Family Support Specialist, Therapist, or Forensic Interviewer.

We are also growing our numbers of individual supporters. We began the *Legacy Circle* this year and celebrated our first membership event at the home of and generously underwritten by Deborah and Morris Miller.

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*Ray Battaglia, newly elected Board Chair, shares his vision and passion for ChildSafe.*



We are taking ChildSafe to a new level. If you are a donor, you will be pleased to read about how your dollars are being spent to accomplish our mission. If you are not a donor, I hope you will be inspired to become a donor by reading about the good work going on at ChildSafe. We need your help to ensure children who have been traumatized by abuse have the chance to heal and thrive, and, to help us expand our prevention work in order to one day meet our extraordinary goal of eradicating child abuse in San Antonio and Bexar County.

**Kim Abernethy**  
*President & CEO*

### SPREAD THE WORD

This year at ChildSafe, we've expanded services, formed new partnerships and enhanced our practices to make certain the children of Bexar County receive the best care possible as they tackle abuse and neglect with our highly-trained staff and partners. Unfortunately, the number of children and families we serve continues to increase—a disturbing indicator that our most vulnerable citizens, our children, are under significant stress due to exploitation.

In February, we announced that ChildSafe expanded its mission to treat children traumatized by all abuse. Now the organization provides comprehensive services to children that have been physically abused and neglected, as well as continuing our mission of providing treatment to children who have been sexually abused.

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While we continue to make forward progress, the ChildSafe administration and board have set an ambitious agenda for taking the agency and its services to the next level for 2014. We are focusing on building our donor base, expanding our prevention and education programs, finding a permanent location that is more convenient for our partners and clients and building our brand recognition so that families in our community know who we are, what we do and that we are there for them in times of crisis.

Child abuse and neglect are issues that must be fought at the local level and that need the attention of the community at large to initiate change. How can you get involved and help stop child abuse in Bexar County?

Share information about ChildSafe and our education programs at your place of employment, with teachers, administrators, PTAs, coaches, Boy and Girl Scout troops, daycare centers, church youth groups—settings where kids spend time with adults! The more people who are trained about the signs of child abuse, the more child advocates we have in our community.

Spread the word about ChildSafe with friends and family and share via social media—join our Facebook page. And, if possible, donate money, time and in-kind to ChildSafe. Your involvement can help stop the cycle of abuse.

By supporting ChildSafe's efforts to deliver comprehensive, expert treatment to child survivors of abuse and neglect, you offer real hope that working together we can reduce maltreatment of children in our community. In addition, your contribution will help fund our outreach and education programs to prevent abuse, empowering San Antonio children and their families.

**Ray Battaglia**  
*Board Chair*

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*Cindy Rosen and Carrie Douglas share Ray Battaglia's passion for the mission of ChildSafe.*

*David Oppenheimer and John Tate learn of ChildSafe's impact on the children of Bexar County.*

*Sheriff Susan Pamerleau, Kim Abernethy and Paul Greer join in honoring new Board Chair, Ray Battaglia.*





# ANNUAL REPORT 2013

## SERVICES STATISTICS

### ChildSafe served 3227 children and their non-offending family members

- 1043 forensic interviews were conducted
- 2361 primary and secondary victims served for the first time
- An average of 415 clients served each month

### Education & Prevention

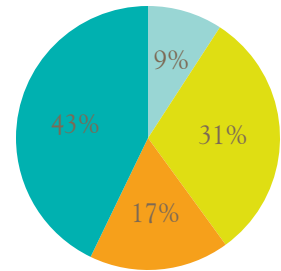
- 4668 individuals trained
  - School employees for 13 San Antonio School Districts
  - AVANCE Staff
  - Head Start Staff
  - San Antonio Police Department Cadets and Detectives
  - Bexar County Sheriff's Officers and Detectives
  - New Child Protective Services Caseworkers
  - Other Non-Profit Mental Health Workers
  - Bexar County Juvenile Probation

### Children's Summit – Conference

253 Attendees

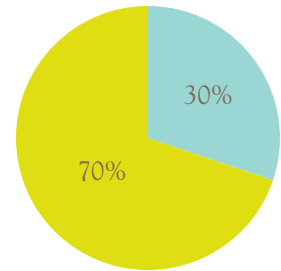
Age of Children

- 0-5
- 6-12
- 13-17
- 18+



Gender

- Male
- Female



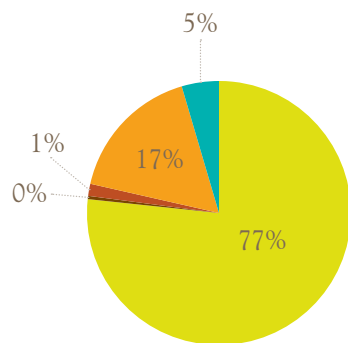
*ChildSafe provided valuable services to 3,227 children and their non-offending family members this year alone.*



## Services Statistics for the period of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

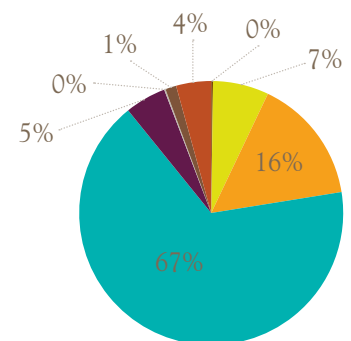
### Primary Allegations of Abuse

- Sexual Abuse
- Drug Endangered
- Neglect
- Physical
- Witness



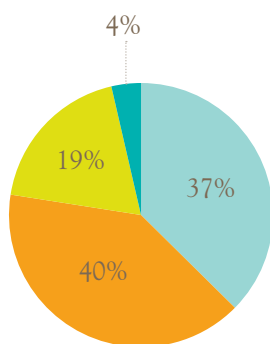
### Ethnicity

- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black
- Caucasian
- Hispanic
- Multi-Racial
- Native American
- Other
- Unknown



### Perpetrator's Relationship to the Child

- Parents/Caregivers
- Other Relation
- Know to the child not related
- Unidentified





## Financials for the period of July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

#### Support and Revenue

United Way	\$139,715
University Health Systems	174,074
Government contracts – federal	133,381
Government contracts – state	327,325
TDFPS Medical, Counseling, and Consulting	3,002
Contributions and grants:	
Foundations	616,388
Corporations and business	34,977
Individuals	35,462
Other	7,280
Special Events, net expenses	30,401
Program revenue	46,661
Investment earnings, net	1,285
Other revenues	10,785
<b>Total support and revenues</b>	<b>\$1,560,736</b>

#### Expenses

Program services	\$1,325,915
Supporting services	145,748
Fundraising	118,750
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,590,413</b>

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### Assets

Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents, unrestricted	\$119,095
Cash and cash equivalents, Board designated	731,640
Accounts receivable, net	114,892
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	2,581
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$969,018</b>
Noncurrent Assets	
Property and equipment, net	1,126,088
Other noncurrent assets	30,200
<b>Total noncurrent assets</b>	<b>\$1,156,288</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2,125,306</b>

#### Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$56,034
Accrued expenses	32,323
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$88,357</b>
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted:	
Available for operations	\$158,453
Board designated	731,640
Invested in property and equipment	1,126,088
Temporarily restricted	20,768
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>\$2,036,949</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,125,306</b>

## ChildSafe counselors honored by invitation to participate in training for new therapy at Yale University



### A LEADING AGENCY FOR CARE

ChildSafe is extremely excited about the opportunity to continue to grow as a leading agency in treating traumatic stress in children in the San Antonio community. ChildSafe is one of two CACs in the nation selected by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN), the National Children's Alliance (NCA), and Yale University to participate in training for a new up and coming trauma specific treatment modality: Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI). ChildSafe will be the first CAC in Texas to implement the model and only one of a handful in the nation.

CFTSI is brief intervention treatment developed at the YALE Child Study Center and University of Pennsylvania for children recently exposed to a potentially traumatic event. CFTSI is centered on the concept that caregiver support is one of the most significant factors in supporting a child in recovery after experiencing a traumatic event. It is a family systems treatment model which last 4-6 sessions. CFTSI aims to increase family support for the affected child by increasing the family's understanding of the child's reaction to trauma, increasing family communication, and teaching the caregiver child behavioral interventions to reduce acute post-traumatic symptoms and reactions prior to the development of post-traumatic stress disorder. The model is designed for children ages seven and above. CFTSI has shown success in children who have experienced a wide range of traumatic events including physical and sexual abuse, assault, witnessing domestic and community violence, motor vehicle accidents, animal attacks, and other injuries. CFTSI can be implemented shortly after the event or in the wake of later disclosure of a traumatic event that occurred earlier in a child's life, such as sexual abuse. All full-time counselors at ChildSafe participated in the training held at YALE University November 21-23. ChildSafe expects to implement the model in early December.

In addition to CFTSI, ChildSafe employs two full-time counselors who will complete their national certification in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TFCBT). Our two counselors have participated in a year-long learning collaborative that consisted of online training, an intensive 2-day face-to-face training with one of only 12 nationally certified trainers in TFCBT, and year-long monthly supervision with the trainer. TFCBT and CFTSI fit ChildSafe's belief that early intervention is key to healthy long-term development in traumatized children.

**Randy McGibeny, MA, LPC, Director of Programs**



# Studying the Effects of Adventure Therapy

## A FEAT NOT TO BE UNDERSTATED

Camping, kayaking, rock climbing, archery and other outdoor adventures—all unique therapies offered to children and families affected by abuse and neglect treated at ChildSafe—are now the subject of a new study by a local researcher.

ChildSafe's CARE & Adventure Therapy Manager, Federico A. Borroel, LPC-S, founded the Family Enrichment Adventure Therapy (FEAT) program in 2009 with a grant awarded from Texas Parks & Wildlife. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor who has designed FEAT to help ChildSafe clients connect with one another, the outdoors, and other families healing from the effects of child abuse and neglect. Families often report value in participating in outdoor activities together for the first time as a way of strengthening their relationships, recognizing interpersonal strengths, and witnessing courage in one another.

“The stories I hear from children and families participating in FEAT amaze me. I've learned about the powerful resiliency of people overcoming the trauma of child abuse and this has proven to be one of the most rewarding aspects of the work I do at ChildSafe,” said Borroel.

Now, the program will be examined by noted researcher Dr. Christine Norton, assistant professor in the School of Social Work at Texas State University. She is embarking on a study that examines how FEAT, offered to child clients and their supportive family members, might reduce the effects of Post-

*Prestigious grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health underwrites FEAT study led by noted researcher, Dr. Christine Norton, in partnership with ChildSafe*

Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other mental health issues for children who have been sexually or physically abused and/or neglected.

Norton's study is made possible by a \$19,250 grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health received this past June.

“By studying the efficacy of family-based adventure therapy interventions on trauma and family functioning, this research will contribute clinically relevant and evidence-based information to mental health providers and the general public regarding the range of treatment options available to children and families affected by abuse and neglect,” said Norton.

Norton will study 30-50 family clients of ChildSafe to determine if adventure therapy is an effective mental health intervention for child survivors of physical and sexual abuse and their families. Her study, which will take 6 months, will measure reductions in child trauma symptoms and improved family functioning.





“The implications of Dr. Norton’s study should not be understated, as we believe adventure therapy will demonstrate strong benefits for children and families affected by abuse and has the potential to be a therapeutic model for other Children’s Advocacy Centers in our state and country,” said Kim Abernethy, ChildSafe CEO.

Families referred for traditional services at ChildSafe can elect to participate in FEAT, as well as “talk therapy” in individual, group and family settings. While outdoor adventure activities vary, the intent of each outing is solution-oriented as participants work together toward goals identified with one another either at the beginning of the activity or previously with their family’s counselor or family advocate at ChildSafe.

Norton has numerous peer-reviewed journal articles in this area, and is the author of *Innovative Interventions in Child and Adolescent Mental Health*. She is an appointed Research Scientist with the Outdoor Behavioral Healthcare Research Cooperative.

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*For more information on the FEAT program, please contact Fred Borroel, CARE & Adventure Therapy Manager, at [FredB@ChildSafe-sa.org](mailto:FredB@ChildSafe-sa.org).*



## **BIRDIES FOR CHARITY®**

Birdies for Charity® is a fundraising program to generate contributions to nonprofits through the Valero Texas Open Benefit for Children. 100% of proceeds go to participating nonprofits.

**Pledges can be made online until NOON, APRIL 9, at**

**[www.valerotexasopen.org](http://www.valerotexasopen.org).** Please specify ChildSafe as your gift recipient.

For more information visit our website, [www.childsafe-sa.org](http://www.childsafe-sa.org), or contact ChildSafe to request a pledge form: 210-208-5769 or [cathys@childsafe-sa.org](mailto:cathys@childsafe-sa.org).



## **SAVE the DATE!**

**WHEN?**

# **MAY 8, 2014**

**WHAT?**

## **Celebration for Children**

Annual Benefit for ChildSafe featuring live music, food trucks, art booths, and signature cocktails

**WHERE?**

**Bexar County Mission Park**  
on the Mission Reach of the San Antonio River

## Volunteer Opportunities

*We often need helping hands to assist our staff, stock pantries with needed supplies, or spend time with our young clients. When you donate your time you are sharing a wonderful gift. Please consider these opportunities to invest in the hope and healing of the children at ChildSafe.*

### RECURRING ACTIVITIES

Recurring activities allow you to set a day, date, and time to volunteer on a regular schedule.

#### Greeters and Friendly Faces

Help in the agency waiting room working directly with clients, spending time with children, reading, playing board games, etc.  
**Half days or full days**

#### Design and Decor

Update a display case in the ChildSafe lobby. Work with a ChildSafe staff person and be creative!

**Two hours twice a month**

#### Spread the Word

Help keep local hospitals stocked with ChildSafe brochures (ex: Methodist Specialty and Transplant Hospital, Children's Hospital of San Antonio).

**Pickup and delivery of supplies once a month**

#### Donation Inventory

Help inventory and restock donations of stuffed toys, clothing and food for our clients.

**Two hours twice a month**

### OCCASIONAL ACTIVITIES

*These opportunities vary as activities are scheduled by staff.*

#### FEAT (Family Enrichment Adventure Therapy)

Counseling services are offered to families through camping trips, kayaking, rock climbing, and other adventure-based activities designed to promote empowerment, open lines of communication, and build trust in families. Work directly with clients by assisting trained staff in activities, serving lunch, etc.

#### Speakers Bureau

Advocate for ChildSafe and increase awareness in the community. (Additional training required.)



### SPECIAL EVENTS

*Help with pre-event set-up and at the event. More details will be announced as they become available.*

#### San Antonio Cocktail Conference

This four day event in Downtown San Antonio focusing on the crafted cocktail includes classes and special events to benefit ChildSafe. **January 16 – 19, 2014**

#### Child Abuse Awareness Month

Varied projects raise community awareness and prevent child abuse. **April, 2014**

#### Celebration for Children

This evening event on the San Antonio River will feature art booths, live music, food trucks and signature cocktails to benefit ChildSafe. **May 8, 2014**

*For more information on volunteering or to sign up, please contact Carrie Prewitt, Development Associate, at 210.208.5795 or [CarrieP@ChildSafe-sa.org](mailto:CarrieP@ChildSafe-sa.org).*

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*Destination Imagination's Duct Tape Elves complete their 3rd annual project for ChildSafe — new front flower beds with pathways and benches.*

## Sustained Giving: A Message from the Development Director

**Sustain:** (suh-steyn) verb (used with object)

1. to support, hold, or bear up
2. to keep up or keep going as an action or a process

Each year, ChildSafe establishes a budget estimating what funds will be needed to provide the expert treatment, family support and education to fulfill our mission of restoring hope and healing to children and their families who have been traumatized by abuse. These funds are raised through grants, special events, family foundations and individual donors.

We send letters, use new and recurring campaigns, write appeals and submit applications. And we rely on the voices of our friends — our donors who not only give a gift to us, but help us spread the message to friends and colleagues. Each year we ask and our donors respond, and for that we are tremendously grateful. So imagine what a difference it would make to have your sustaining gift — a gift that would ‘keep going’, and keep us going! Establishing a sustaining gift can make a lasting impact on ChildSafe and on the children of Bexar County, year after year. The gift that you’ve been renewing each year when we ask can be a commitment that you make now to recur each year.

Sustaining gifts will come to us from our friends in the Bexar County community who don’t need an appeal letter or an event to understand the importance of the work that’s done here. You don’t have to be reminded that the number of children being abused or neglected each year is going up. You don’t require more disappointing statistics about the rate of abuse in San Antonio. You already ‘get it’. You understand that the need doesn’t stop after one year. You don’t need to be asked because you know what we need and you know that we’re going to keep needing it.

Please consider making a sustaining gift commitment this year. You can donate online via our website, [www.childsafe-sa.org](http://www.childsafe-sa.org), or with the enclosed gift envelope. Help us to have the security of a steady, reliable stream of support, and feel good knowing that you’re continuing to support ChildSafe’s vital service to these young victims. Our donors are crucial to the ongoing service provided at ChildSafe. Thank you for your sustained friendship and partnership in helping our most precious community members — our children.

**Cathy Siegel**  
Director of Development



## POURING OUR HEARTS OUT

**SUPPORT CHILDSAFE**  
*and other children’s charities*



**Join us. Top bartenders come together for four days of seminars, tastings and parties in San Antonio. Proceeds benefit ChildSafe and other children’s charities.**

[WWW.SACOCKTAILCONFERENCE.COM](http://WWW.SACOCKTAILCONFERENCE.COM)

JANUARY 16 – 19, 2014

{ DOWNTOWN SAN ANTONIO }

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*ChildSafe makes it easy for generous donors like yourselves to support our efforts in a variety of ways. Whether it's time or money, large or small, it takes a village! Here's how.*

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## WHAT IS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE?

Child abuse is a traumatic experience for the whole family. Frequently the abuse results in displaced families in addition to the significant stress of the abuse itself. Emergency assistance is provided to our clients to help them access essential items and services when the family is in crisis. From clothing, shoes or hygiene products to mortgage assistance, bus fare, or help with utility bills, ChildSafe Family Support Specialists are there to help a family in need.

The items and support provided through Emergency Assistance are often basic items that most families take for granted. Sometimes the difference between whether a child can go to school is a simple pair of shoes. Feeling good about yourself can start with just a new hairbrush or your own hygiene products.

58% of the 1261 families served at ChildSafe who reported their income last year have a household income less than \$25,000.

Only 44 ChildSafe client families received Emergency Assistance through ChildSafe in 2013; lack of emergency resources and physical storage space hindered us from the ability to serve more families with this kind of help.

## PART OF YOUR ROUTINE

- Make us an item on your grocery list! Each time you go to the grocery store, add a gift card to your list. Donate HEB or Walmart gift cards to ChildSafe and enable us to help a family buy essentials or purchase gas to ease travel expenses for trips to ChildSafe for counseling and family support services.
- Donate new items (clothing, hygiene products, diapers).
- Organize your neighborhood, school, church group or corporation to hold a new clothing drive, shoe drive or diaper drive.
- Bring your donated items or mail gift cards to ChildSafe, 7130 W. US Hwy 90, 78227. Or contact us for more information: 210.208.5769 or [cathys@childsafesa.org](mailto:cathys@childsafesa.org).

*Volunteers from Rotary Under 40, Garrison General Contractors, and KPMG provide people power in support of ChildSafe.*



## ChildSafe Legacy Circle

Thank you to our *Legacy Circle* donors whose gifts helped us provide services to 3227 clients and train over almost 5000 adults in our last fiscal year!

Kim & Robert Abernethy, Rachel & Ray Battaglia, Catherine & Frank Burzik, Lee Carlisle, Elizabeth & Steve Crawford, Mr. & Mrs. Harry M. Flavin, Mr. & Mrs. James Goudge, Paul Greer, Mindi Alterman & Glenn Halff, Jody & Scott Hillenbrand, Gary Kilgore, Sherry & Carter Lambeck, Jill & Larry Lapaglia, Deborah & Morris Miller, Bonney & Marc Nourani, Sherry & Martin Parrish, Esse C. Rabenaldt, Laura & Jack Richmond, Maya & Naum Royberg, Aurora Munoz Sanchez, Liz & Emil Swize, Mr. & Mrs. Eric J. Taube

*Legacy Circle* donors are individuals who have given \$1000 or more to ChildSafe in the calendar year. Our first *Legacy Circle* event was held in October at the home of Deborah & Morris Miller. In the spring, we will host *Legacy Circle* members at an intimate and special *Conversations for Children* event with well-known San Antonio leaders. These events are an opportunity for our leadership donors to have the privilege of exclusive gatherings and the most up-to-date information.

But, most of all, the privilege is knowing that you are a significant partner in our work to help child victims.

### BECOME A LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBER TODAY!

With a recurring donation of only \$85 a month or more, you can join this list. Donate online at [www.ChildSafe-sa.org](http://www.ChildSafe-sa.org) or call Cathy Siegel, Development Director, at 210.208.5769.

## ChildSafe Needs a Rainbow Room!

Child victims of abuse and neglect and their protective families are often in need of basic items – items that we all take for granted: clothing, formula, diapers, and hygiene supplies. Family Support Specialists at ChildSafe are asked to help these families with these essentials every week, but due to limited space, many of these needs must go unmet.

ChildSafe is looking for a community partner to help us build a freestanding Rainbow Room on our property. A moderate sized building with shelving and appropriate lighting inside would give us the space to stock clothing and essentials to match the needs of our young clients and their families: car seats, bedding, and non-perishable food items.

To find out how you can help, please contact Cathy Siegel at 210.208.5769 or [cathys@ChildSafe-sa.org](mailto:cathys@ChildSafe-sa.org)!

## WISH LIST

### ChildSafe always has a wish list!

Amazon.com makes it easy to help you fulfill emergency needs for our clients and ongoing needs for ChildSafe. By clicking on “Wish List” on the far right of Amazon.com, you may then enter “ChildSafe” and place your order to help our kids!



## Education & Training Opportunities

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ChildSafe will be providing a variety of training opportunities throughout 2014. Sign up today!

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### PROJECT TEACH

*Project Teach* (Training/Education on Abuse & Child Health) is a combination of brown bag workshops and case studies which provide information on child abuse, child mental health and related topics. Offered the second Friday of every month from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m, these trainings are provided by experienced professionals/content experts. The cost of each brown bag workshop is \$25. Case studies are \$30 per session.

### CHILDSAFE PARTNERS WITH THE YMCA OF GREATER SAN ANTONIO

We are excited to announce our partnership with the YMCA. Together we realize the importance of working together to stop child sexual abuse. Child molesters are not strangers. In more than 90% of sexual abuse cases, the child and the child's family know and trust the abuser. One in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused by the age of 18. Child molesters are drawn to organizations which serve youth.

The trainers in ChildSafe's Education and Outreach Department are certified trainers for *Stewards of Children*™. *Stewards of Children*™ is a nationally recognized, evidence-based sexual abuse prevention curriculum created by *Darkness to Light*®. This training educates adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse, and encourages them to act.

ChildSafe has initiated a pilot program with the YMCA's five early learning centers. All staff members and volunteers will be trained; and, parents will be offered the *Stewards of Children*™ training. We will be working with the YMCA to expand the pilot program to all the YMCA sites in the greater San Antonio area to reach the 46,000 YMCA members.

Whether you're involved in *Stewards of Children*™ as an individual or an organization, you can make a real difference in the lives of children. You'll not only learn how to safeguard children — you'll learn how to protect and strengthen your organization as well. If you are interested in bringing *Stewards of Children*™ to your organization or being a volunteer facilitator of *Stewards of Children*™ contact Clarissa Zamora at [clarissaz@childsafesa.org](mailto:clarissaz@childsafesa.org).

### CHILD WELFARE SERIES

"Let's Talk about Trauma" is an eight-part series on building a Trauma Informed Child Welfare System. This series aims to increase the knowledge and skills of child welfare workers so that they can effectively serve children and families who have experienced traumatic events. Classes will be held on the last Friday of every month from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Trainings will be conducted by ChildSafe's Director of Programs, Randy McGibeny, MA, LPC. The cost of each session is \$25.

All participants receive a General Certificate of Instruction. There is no additional fee for CEU credits (SW, LPC, LMFT only). Fee does not include lunch, but please feel free to bring one. Occasionally lunch may be provided and will be noted in e-invitations and on the training calendar on our website. Trainings are FREE for ChildSafe MDT (Multi-disciplinary Team) partners and half off to ChildSafe CARE (Child Abuse Resource Enhancement) partners. If you'd like to receive notifications of upcoming trainings please email Clarissa Zamora at [clarissaz@childsafesa.org](mailto:clarissaz@childsafesa.org).

### MINI CONFERENCE DESIGNED FOR SCHOOL NURSES

On February 17th ChildSafe's Education Department will hold a one day mini conference specifically designed to meet the needs of school nurses. This one-day conference will cover the following topics: mandatory reporting, overview of CPS (Child Protective Services) system, foster youth and the education system, how trauma impacts a child and child mental health issues.

Thanks to Laurel Ridge Treatment Center for providing lunch and CNE credits. If you'd like to receive more information about this training please email Clarissa Zamora at [clarissaz@childsafesa.org](mailto:clarissaz@childsafesa.org).

**Clarissa M. Zamora**, Director of Education & Outreach

## Thank you to our generous friends who have supported our mission and work in 2013.

### Champions for Children

#### \$50,000 & Above

Brown Foundation, Inc.  
Kronkosky Charitable Foundation  
The Meadows Foundation, Inc.  
The Harvey E. Najim Family Foundation  
Valero Energy Foundation

#### \$10,000 – \$49,999

Charity Ball Association of San Antonio  
Methodist Healthcare Ministries  
San Antonio Area Foundation  
Texas Bar Foundation  
United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County  
University Health System  
USAA Foundation

#### \$5,000 – \$9,999

The Carmax Foundation  
Cowden Charitable Foundation  
Betty Stieren Kelso Foundation  
Guardians of the Children  
The Marcia & Otto Koehler Foundation  
Mays Family Foundation  
Olmos Kiwanis Club Charitable Fund  
Genevieve & Ward Orsinger Foundation  
St. Lukes Lutheran Health Ministries  
Texas Cavaliers Charitable Foundation  
United Way Women's Leadership Council

#### \$1,000 – \$4,999

Kim & Robert Abernethy  
Rachel & Ray Battaglia  
Catherine & Frank Burzik  
Lee Carlisle  
Champions Charities AT&T Championship  
Elizabeth & Steve Crawford  
Nathalie & Gladys Dalkowitz Charitable Trust  
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