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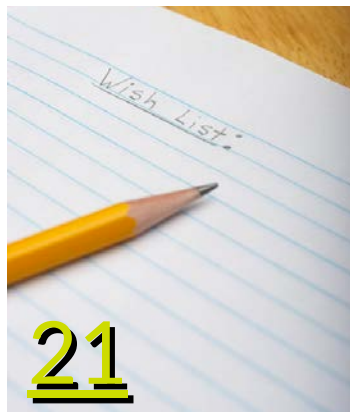


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Strengthen the Child's Voice, Heal the Hurt, and
Break the Cycle of Abuse and Neglect for Children
and Families in Fort Bend and surrounding counties.



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from the ceo

Welcome to our latest issue of VOICES. . . .

Welcome Friends,

We had an amazing Child Abuse Prevention Luncheon a couple of weeks ago and were thrilled to see over 450 people dressed in blue fill the Marriott ballroom to show support for children who have experienced abuse and to prevent children across our community from having to experience this tragedy. You could have heard a pin drop as our keynote speaker Rachel Fisher bravely shared her story of a childhood of repeated abuse and sex trafficking...and with no one to help or support her. We know the statistics ... 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused by the age of 18. But, it is another thing to hear in emotional detail from a survivor who actually experienced abuse. Her courage and resilience are a testament to what one person can do to change the lives of other little boys and girls and create a community in which we say, "Enough is Enough." We will not tolerate our children being hurt and we will do anything in our power to prevent this from happening. To our

many sponsors, table hosts and supporters at every level, thank you! Your dollars will directly support services and programs for these children so they can heal and recover, to prevention education, community mobilization and outreach so that Fort Bend County unites in the common goal of Child Abuse Prevention.

We kick off the Fall season by recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Many children exposed to violence in the home are also victims of physical abuse themselves directly as well as emotional abuse through exposure to violence. Both domestic violence and child abuse are considered two Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and the intersection of these two forms of adversity are highly correlated. Children in homes where a parent is abused may feel fearful and anxious. They may always be on guard, wondering when the

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next violent event will happen. This puts them at risk to develop trauma symptoms including anxiety, depression and even suicidality. Children who witness domestic violence are also at serious risk for long-term physical and mental health problems, and may also be at greater risk of being violent in their future relationships and repeating the cycle as adults by entering into abusive relationships or becoming abusers themselves.

At Child Advocates of Fort Bend, we welcome children in our Children's Advocacy Center who are witness to domestic violence where they receive services to help them process their experiences and heal from their trauma symptoms. We offer forensic interviews so they have the opportunity to speak to a trained professional and share what they have observed which can be the first step in their healing process. Our team of therapists and clinical family advocates work to help children feel safe, affirm that it is not their fault and help them and their abused parent access critical community services. The child may also access psychiatric services onsite with our partnership with UT Health Sciences Pediatric and Adolescent Psychiatry Program. We know that children do best in a safe, stable, loving environment and we work with survivors of domestic violence to support them during this difficult time.

October is also Bullying Prevention Month. See inside our VOICES Newsletter for more information, tips and red flags to help



children who are experiencing an unprecedented increase in bullying by their peers, online and in social media.

Thank you for all you do to support Child Advocates of Fort Bend and the children we serve. Your time, talent and treasures are the greatest gift these children can receive to help them move beyond their abuse or neglect, heal and find safety and stability.

For The Children's Sake,

Ruthanne

Ruthanne Mefford, CEO





October is

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

FEATURE STORY

Domestic Abuse: How CAFB Responds

By Jamie Schuerg

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior where one person in a relationship uses power and control over the other person. It is not always physical fighting and can involve a mix of tactics to make the victims feel trapped, scared, or helpless. Types of abuse include emotional abuse, control and isolation, financial abuse, physical and sexual abuse, and abuse online.

Domestic violence affects more than the individuals directly involved—it can echo throughout an entire family. Children may experience lasting emotional harm even when they are not physically involved, as exposure to violence or persistent fear can undermine their sense of safety and well-being.

When domestic violence affects a child, our Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) responds through a coordinated Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) model designed to reduce trauma and

provide comprehensive support. This approach brings together law enforcement, child protection services, forensic interviewers, medical professionals, family advocates, and mental health providers with a shared focus on the child's safety and the family's needs. At our CAC, a trained forensic interviewer conducts one supportive interview, allowing the child to share their experience without having to repeat it to multiple agencies. Family advocates help child victims and non-offending caregivers navigate the investigation and recovery process by connecting them with community resources, while therapists provide tools for coping, healing, and moving forward after trauma.

At the CAC, we are committed to helping children and families feel heard, supported, and safe. Through teamwork, compassion, and access to essential services, we help families take the next steps toward healing and recovery.



STANDING TOGETHER AGAINST BULLYING



A Resource Guide for Foster Families, Caregivers & Advocates in Fort Bend County

TEXAS STATE & AGENCY RESOURCES

- **Texas DFPS — Rights of Children and Youth in Foster Care**

dfps.texas.gov/Child_Protection/Foster_Care/Childrens_Rights.asp
Outlines every child's CPS rights, reviewed at entry into care and at each placement change, including safety and fair-treatment protections.

- **HHSC Ombudsman for Children and Youth in Foster Care**

hhs.texas.gov/ombudsman
State complaint line for youth in DFPS conservatorship, including concerns about mistreatment or safety.

- **Texas School Safety Center (TxSSC)**

txssc.txstate.edu
Training, toolkits, and guidelines for schools and communities on bullying and cyberbullying prevention.

- **Texas Attorney General — Cyber Safety Initiative**

texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/cyber-safety
State resources on cyberbullying, online safety, and reporting for families and schools.

BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAMS

- **StopBullying.gov**

Federal clearinghouse for bullying prevention, warning signs, and step-by-step reporting guidance.

- **pacer.org/bullying**

Toolkits for educators and parents, plus the peer-led Teens Against Bullying program.

- **stompoutbullying.org**

National nonprofit with programs and helplines focused on bullying and cyberbullying prevention for youth.

- **cyberbullying.org**

Research-based guidance, survey data, and practical tips specifically on cyberbullying

- **commonsense.org/education**

Digital literacy curriculum that helps kids navigate online conflict and bullying safely.

CRISIS & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

- childhelp.org a 24/7 line for reporting abuse, neglect, or safety concerns
- texasyouth.org Confidential support line for youth navigating bullying, family conflict, or other crisis.
- 988lifeline.org National crisis line for youth or caregivers when bullying escalates to a safety risk.

Children and youth in foster care often face bullying at higher rates — at school, online, and even within placements — while also navigating trauma, frequent transitions, and a smaller support network. The resources below connect kids, caregivers, and CASA/CPS-involved families to bullying prevention tools, reporting channels, and crisis support. Share this page, post it in your office, or drop it into your next family newsletter.



monthly spotlights

updates from the programs and MORE!



Thank YOU!

We are grateful to Vangie at **Sparkle 'n Sip** and her staff for a great fundraiser on August 27. Over 80 of our wonderful supporters joined us at Legend Lounge for some sipping, shopping and fun! Sparkle 'n Sip is a great supporter of the community and CAFB appreciates her willingness to create a fun and festive event, while giving back.





Texas CASA Conference

By Aly Ferrante

Child Advocates of Fort Bend staff recently joined CASA professionals, volunteers, board members, and child welfare partners from across the state at the 2026 Texas CASA Conference in San Marcos, Texas. This year's conference theme, "Advocacy in Motion: Moving with Purpose and Heart", highlighted the continuous work of CASA programs in supporting children and families and emphasized the power of connection, collaboration, and intentional action.

Over three days, attendees participated in workshops, general sessions, and networking opportunities focused on strengthening advocacy efforts and improving outcomes for children involved in the child welfare system. The conference provided valuable opportunities to learn from experts, share innovative practices, and connect with peers who are united by a common mission: ensuring every child has a safe, permanent, and nurturing home.

For Child Advocates of Fort Bend, the conference was an opportunity not only to gain new knowledge and ideas, but also to reflect on the meaningful work taking place within our own organization. The connections made, conversations shared, and lessons learned reinforced our commitment to providing quality advocacy and support for the children and families we serve.

A special highlight of this year's conference was having Metoyer Martin, Casey Davis and Aly Ferrante serve as conference presenters. Their session, "Leading with Connection", focused on how CASA programs can strengthen their teams, expand community impact, and support organizational growth through intentional relationship-building.

Participants explored practical strategies for creating a trust-based organizational culture, aligning vision and strategy, and fostering

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accountability at every level. The session emphasized that an organization's greatest asset is the connections it already has and provided attendees with simple yet impactful tools to leverage those relationships to drive engagement, collaboration, and long-term success.

The CAFB Team left San Marcos with renewed energy, fresh perspectives, and practical tools that will help strengthen our programs and deepen our impact throughout Fort Bend County. We are grateful to Texas CASA for creating a space where advocates from across the state can come together to learn, inspire one another, and continue moving advocacy forward with purpose and heart.

The work of advocating for children is never done, but events like the Texas CASA Conference remind us that we are part of a larger network of passionate individuals committed to creating brighter futures. Together, we remain in motion, advancing our mission one child, one family, and one connection at a time.

License to Help!

Did you know that Child Advocates of Fort Bend participates in the TX CASA Specialty License Plate Program? You can order a custom license plate with the phrase "Big Voices for Little Texans". Not only can you spread awareness and show your support for us but a portion of the cost of the plate goes to Texas CASA and the local programs to increase our statewide efforts to advocate for



every child in the foster care system. To order your plate go to <https://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/license-plates> and search for CASA under specialty plates OR visit your local tax assessor's office and ask for the Court Appointed Special Advocate license plate.

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Christmas Home Tour

*A fundraiser supporting
services for children who
have suffered abuse and neglect*



December 4 + 5, 2026

Presented by Fred and Mabel R. Parks Foundation

We have some exciting news!
Our 35th Christmas Home Tour will be
Friday, December 4th and Saturday, December 5th.

Support the tour today by becoming a Sponsor!

Check out all the Sponsorship Options

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Share your time as a 2-3 hour host in one of the homes.
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Please grab your friends and be a host in a home OR share your
baking skills by baking homemade cookies for the Tour.

For more information contact [Tarina](#) at TSheridan@cafb.org.



Child Abuse Prevention Luncheon

On September 11th, Child Advocates of Fort Bend hosted its 2nd annual Child Abuse Prevention Luncheon. This luncheon held at the Houston Marriott Sugar Land featured emcee Sharron Melton, Emmy award winning journalist, Clements High School Chamber Choir, and keynote speaker and child abuse survivor Rachel Fischer who shared how prevention could have spared her from decades of abuse. A new CAP-C resource and safety campaign, "YOU HAVE THE POWER" was unveiled.

The concept for CAFB's fundraising luncheon was to rally Fort Bend County around child abuse prevention and sustain services we provide to children who have experienced sexual abuse, physical abuse or neglect.

Community Impact

THANK YOU to co-Chairs Jill Curtis and Nancy Olson and those 450 people who were part of the special group of community leaders, sponsors and guests and who have come together to support Child Abuse Prevention!

Your participation helps raise awareness about the tragedy of child abuse in Fort Bend County and how we can prevent children from experiencing abuse. Our focus is to bring this issue to the forefront, break the silence around child abuse, and create a community in which every child is safe in Fort Bend County and beyond.

The fundraising event began with a gallery inspired display of facts, myths, statistics and stories related to child abuse. As attendees strolled through the immersive experience, we shared the staggering facts about child abuse and the outdated myths that are putting our children's lives in danger.

Myth #1: Abuse doesn't happen here.

False, it does. 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be victims of sexual abuse by the age of 18 years old. There were over 6,000 reports of child abuse in Fort Bend County just last year. And, it may even have happened to someone you know.

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Myth #2: It Won't Happen to My Child.

False, the myth of Stranger Danger is untrue and dangerous. Over 90% of abuse happens by someone the child knows and often the parents know and trust. And most of the time (76%) the abuser is a family member.

Myth #3: There's Nothing We Can Do to Prevent Abuse.

False, research has shown that over 70% of abuse is preventable.

Do you realize that YOU HAVE THE POWER to help prevent abuse?

By pledging financial support you allow us to expand prevention education in our public schools but even beyond into private and charter schools, in day cares because we know that children as young as 2 and 3 years old need simple tools, in the medical community to train doctors and nurses in best practices of diagnosis and protection, in



youth-serving organizations like Scouts or sports where children and adults are in close contact, in houses of worship where members are eager for this information to protect against what some faith communities have experienced in the past, and in community centers to identify and train neighborhood "ambassadors" who are trusted members of their communities and can help facilitate the adoption of prevention practices.

Just think, if we act now and decisively, thousands of children would not be abused next year...and the following year and the following year. The Ripple Effect is enormous. This is happening in Fort Bend County. It's time to rewrite the future because WE ALL HAVE THE POWER to end the cycle of child abuse.

If you are interested in becoming a VOICES FOR CHILDREN Circle Donor, or a one-time gift, please visit [here](#) or contact Lisa at LMoore@cafb.org.

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Celebrating Our Community Partners

By Kristy Gutierrez

On September 17, CAFB was proud to host our annual Partner Appreciation Celebration, bringing together many of the dedicated professionals and organizations that help support children and families in our community. The event was held at Boil House-Rosenberg and provided an opportunity to recognize the strong partnerships that make our work possible every day.

Representatives from DFPS, law enforcement agencies, county and district attorneys' offices, juvenile probation, and numerous other community partners joined us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and appreciation. Guests enjoyed friendly competition while playing Singo Bingo, creating a relaxed environment for networking and celebrating the collaborative relationships that are essential to serving children and families!



A highlight of the event was the presentation of special awards recognizing outstanding CAC and CASA partners. These individuals and organizations have demonstrated exceptional commitment, collaboration, and dedication to the children and families we serve. Their efforts help strengthen the multidisciplinary approach that is critical to protecting children, supporting youth, and promoting positive outcomes for those in our community.

We extend our sincere congratulations to all award recipients and our heartfelt thanks to every partner who attended. We look forward to continuing our work together and building even stronger partnerships in the years ahead.

2026 Award Recipients:

CASA Partners

Community Professional of the Year - [Michelle Hallock](#)

CPS Professional of the Year - [Sheena Phillips](#)

CAC Partners

CPI Partner of the Year for Austin and Waller County -

[Carrie DeSmith](#)

CPI Partner of the Year for Fort Bend County -

[Shacoca Allen](#)

LE Partner of the Year for Austin and Waller County -

[Det. Victoria Delgado](#)

LE Partner of the Year for Fort Bend County -

[Det. Jose Ramirez](#)





Celebrating the Heart of CASA: Our Incredible Volunteers

By Jen Brown

Once a year, Child Advocates of Fort Bend gathers for a very special evening—one dedicated to celebrating the incredible CASA volunteers who have successfully closed their cases during the previous year.

This year, we had the privilege of honoring **33** remarkable volunteers, and it was truly an inspiring evening.

Throughout the celebration, each Volunteer Supervisor had the opportunity to share the difference their CASA volunteer made in the life of a child or young person they served. As we listened to their stories, one thing became abundantly clear: showing up matters. Being present, consistent, and willing to walk alongside a child through difficult seasons can change a life.

Cloudy Ramos, one of our Volunteer Supervisors, shared these heartfelt words about her volunteer, Julia Saller, and the impact Julia had on the young person she served:

“You walked alongside him through years of uncertainty, through the difficult days and the good ones, and you never stopped showing up. You made sure he knew that he mattered, that he belonged, and that there was someone in his corner.”

Those words beautifully capture what it means to be a CASA volunteer. It isn't about having all the answers or being able to fix every circumstance. It is about being a steady presence—someone who cares enough to keep showing up.

Another moment that touched our hearts came when Alli Waterwall, a Volunteer Supervisor, spoke about her volunteer, Susan Greer. She shared:

“There is a saying that it only takes one safe and stable adult to change the trajectory of a child's life. Susan, you embodied that. You were that safe and stable adult. And in a season of this young woman's life that was full of

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uncertainty, you gave her something steady: someone who kept showing up and showing her that she is worth fighting for.”

That is the heart of CASA.

The role of a CASA volunteer can be challenging, and at times, the journey can be difficult. But it is also one of the most meaningful and compassionate things a person can do for a child in need. Our volunteers bring their time, their voices, their advocacy, and most importantly, their commitment to making sure a child is seen, heard, and never forgotten. Our celebration was a wonderful evening filled with staff, board members, volunteers, and the family members and friends who support them. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication of every CASA volunteer, and we cherish every opportunity to celebrate the hard work and heart they bring to their service.

We are also deeply grateful to the community partners who helped make this special evening possible. Johnson Development and Newmark Homes generously sponsored the beautiful space at the Harvest Green Farmhouse and provided dinner through TJ's Catering.

It truly takes a village.

And on this special evening, we were reminded just how fortunate we are to have such an extraordinary village surrounding Child Advocates of Fort Bend.

To our 33 honorees: **thank you for showing up, for standing beside children, and for being the steady adult who reminds them that they matter.** We are so grateful for you.



Prevention Education in Action Across Fort Bend County

By Sandra Glenn

As students and teachers settle into a new school year, Child Advocates of Fort Bend's Child Abuse Speaking Team is back in the schools and ready to make an impact. We are excited to begin another busy season of educating children, parents, educators, and community members about child abuse prevention and online safety.

In August, we welcomed 10 new Speaking Team members who successfully completed our volunteer training. Their dedication and willingness to serve will help us reach even more families throughout Fort Bend County with critical prevention education.

This fall, our team is scheduled to present the Child Safety Matters, which teaches elementary children 5 safety tips, and NetSmartz curricula, which educates about internet safety, at numerous campuses, including Carter Elementary, Randle Elementary, Colony Meadows Elementary, Cora Thomas Elementary, Velasquez Elementary, Slawinski Elementary, Jane Long Elementary, Smith Elementary, Pink Elementary, Bowie Elementary, and Jackson Elementary. Through these evidence-informed programs, students learn valuable skills related to personal safety, recognizing unsafe situations, seeking trusted help, and staying safer online.

In addition to our student presentations, we are expanding our outreach through specialized trainings for parents and professionals. This fall, we will provide a Parent Prevention Training for the Moms Group at CAFB, deliver Recognizing and Responding to Child Abuse training for the staff at Velasquez Elementary, and present NetSmartz Internet Safety training for both parents and students at Davidson Elementary.



Our prevention efforts extend beyond the classroom as well. Community awareness is an essential part of keeping children safe, and we look forward to hosting informational booths at several local events, including the Acorn Festival, the District Attorney's Bike Ride, Harvest Green Trail of Treats, Stafford MSD Parent University, Smith Elementary Literacy Night, and the Emergent Bilingual Celebration at George Junior High.

With a full calendar ahead, our team is prepared and energized to educate, empower, and raise awareness throughout Fort Bend County. Every presentation, training, and community event represents an opportunity to equip children and adults with the knowledge and resources needed to recognize abuse, respond appropriately, and help create safer environments for all children.

We are grateful for our dedicated volunteers, community partners, and school campuses who share our commitment to prevention. Together, we are building a stronger, safer community for the children and families we serve.



Prepared to Protect:

The Impact of Partnership and Prevention

By Dana Petty

One of the most meaningful ways to measure impact is through the stories of lives changed. We recently received the following note from one of our partner agencies, highlighting how their involvement in our Child Abuse Prevention Collaborative (CAP-C) and training provided to them is already helping create safer outcomes for children and families in our community.

"I'd like to share a powerful example of the impact your support is already making. A few weeks ago, a situation arose at our organization, and thanks to the Recognize and Responding to Child Abuse training provided through the Child Abuse Prevention Collaborative (CAP-C), everyone involved knew exactly how to respond. Staff, volunteers, parents, and even the youth acted with confidence, urgency, and compassion.

Because of that preparation, we quickly connected the family with CPS, law enforcement, and a women's shelter to help them leave a sexually abusive environment. A forensic investigation for the family was requested and completed within 24 hours, and they are now receiving the critical support they need.

This is a direct result of the partnership and training provided by CAP-C. The pilot program is already making a meaningful difference, and we look forward to expanding its impact through future training sessions.

Thank you for investing in our community and helping create safer outcomes for the families we serve."

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Legacy Giving is Attracting a Younger Generation

There is a surprising trend taking place in the world of Legacy or Planned Giving, the process for arranging a charitable donation as part of your estate or will. Traditionally, these gifts have only been associated with older donors, but younger generations are increasingly getting on the giving bandwagon. A recent study by Northwestern Mutual found 39% of Gen Z adults (ages 14-29) and 32% of Millennials (ages 30-45) say they expect to leave an inheritance or financial gift. What seems to be driving the trend?

- Living their values: Many younger donors want their impact and sense of purpose to extend beyond their lifetime.
- Creating a lasting impact: Rather than making only annual donations, they view legacy gifts as an opportunity to make a transformative future contribution that may be much larger than they can afford today.
- Accessibility: Many planned gifts often require little or no current out-of-pocket cost. This makes legacy giving feasible even while donors are still building wealth.
- Flexibility: Estate plans and beneficiary designations can often be updated as circumstances change, giving younger donors the flexibility they want.

- Family influence: Some younger donors use legacy planning to model generosity for their children and encourage conversations about family values and charitable giving.
- Earlier financial planning: Unlike previous generations, many younger adults are not waiting until retirement to begin the estate planning process.

Year-end reminder: Do not wait until the last minute. At age **73**, you are required to make a Required Minimum Distribution. Now is good time to contact your IRA administrator if you would like to make your Required Distribution to a nonprofit or charitable organization. This is termed a "qualified charitable distribution". A charity must receive your qualified charitable distribution by **December 31st** to count toward your Required Minimum Distribution. Thank you for considering a gift that can make a meaningful difference!

If you would like to learn more about various ways to become a member of the "Forever Angels Legacy Society," please contact plannedgiving@cafb.org for assistance.





FRIENDS

OF CHILD ADVOCATES OF FORT BEND

fall coffee

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

10:00am - 11:30am

At the home of Chinnu Meyer-Homji
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Bring a friend and join the FRIENDS Council for coffee, light bites and a style show courtesy of our friends at Fabulous You. In addition, you will learn about FRIENDS and the many ways your membership dues help support children in our community who have been abused and neglected.

*Please bring a gift card in any amount towards food, gas, groceries or shopping.

To **RSVP** or for more
information
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713-249-6128 or
jdkij@comcast.net





Expose Excellence Youth Foundation Presents



6th Annual DA Bike Ride For Survivors Saturday, October 10th

Proceeds benefit victims of violent crime and youth programs in Fort Bend County

20, 40, and 55 Mile Rides Available

6:00 AM	BIKE RIDE & COLOR RUN REGISTRATION
7:30 AM	BIKE RIDE BEGINS
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CHILD **ADVOCATES** OF FORT BEND™

YEAR OF THE FIRE HORSE FUNDRAISER PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
6:00PM - 8:00PM

Join us for a special Year of the Fire Horse party
supporting children who have experienced abuse.

Food provided by Alings Chinese Bistro.

Location: A gorgeous home in Alkire Lake with beautiful lake
views (address will be provided once you purchase tickets)

Entertainment: Lion Dance performers

Tickets: **\$150 per person**

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October 13-15

TBRI® Caregiver Training

10:00am - 4:00pm

CAFB Training Room

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October 22

Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children

10:00am - 12:30pm

CAFB Training Room

More info or reserve your spot [here](#)

October 22

FRIENDS Fall Coffee

10:00am - 11:30am

More info or RSVP [here](#)

October 23

Sip & Stroll

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Contact [Lisa](#) at LMoore@cafb.org to reserve your spot

October 24

Year of the Fire Horse Party

at a private residence

6:00pm - 8:00pm

More info or reserve [here](#)

November 20

Sip & Stroll

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Contact [Lisa](#) at LMoore@cafb.org to reserve your spot

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*"Develop enough courage so that
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then stand up for somebody else."*

~ Maya Angelou