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# PRCAC CONNECTION

Official Newsletter of the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center



## BREAKING GROUND ON A BRIGHTER FUTURE



This month marks an exciting milestone for Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center as we officially break ground on our new building—a space designed to bring safety, comfort, and healing to children who have experienced abuse. This new home will allow us to expand our services, welcome more families, and continue providing the compassionate, trauma-informed care that every child deserves.

We are incredibly grateful for the support that has brought us to this moment. From city officials who championed the project to the generous donors who believed in our mission, each contribution helped turn this vision into reality. This groundbreaking represents more than construction—it represents a community standing together for its most vulnerable children.

As we celebrate this new beginning, we look forward to the many lives that will be touched within these future walls. Thank you for helping us build hope, create safety, and ensure that every child has a place where healing can begin. Your support truly makes all the difference.

## OUR MISSION

The mission of the organization is to promote the healing of child abuse victims—one child at a time. Bearing in mind the best interests of each child, the organization will work to reduce the trauma to child abuse victims and their non-offending family members. Further, by uniting the efforts of public agencies and enlisting community support, the organization will strive to improve the justice system's response to stop child abuse.

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# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MARGARET COHENOUR, LCSW | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we move through the final months of the year, I find myself reflecting with deep gratitude on the strength, compassion, and commitment of our community. From October through December, we are reminded not only of the changing seasons, but of the profound impact that connection, generosity, and hope have on the lives of children and families we serve.

Every child who walks through the doors of the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center is facing circumstances no child should ever have to endure. Yet, because of you—our supporters, partners, volunteers, and advocates—those children are met with safety, dignity, and care. They are believed. They are supported. And most importantly, they are not alone.


This season has been one of meaningful progress and momentum. Together, we continue to strengthen our services, expand outreach across Erath, Hood, and Somervell counties, and work towards a future where every child has access to healing in a safe, child-focused environment. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our community.

As we approach the holidays, a time when many gather with loved ones, we are especially mindful of the children and families who are still navigating trauma and uncertainty. Your continued support—whether through giving, volunteering, or sharing our mission helps ensure that hope remains present, even in the hardest moments.

On behalf of our staff, board, and the children we serve, thank you for standing with us. Your belief in this work makes healing possible and brighter futures achievable.

Wishing you and your loved ones a season filled with warmth, peace, and hope.

Warmest regards, and best wishes for a wonderful Christmas.



*Margaret Cohenour*

Margaret Cohenour, Executive Director





**COMING SOON**



**PALUXY RIVER**  
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

## Building Hope: A New Home for Healing

### Our Mission

At Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center (PRCAC), our mission is to promote the healing of child abuse victims—one child at a time.

### Building Hope Together

At Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center, we believe in the Power of One—the impact one person, one act, or one gift can make. Thanks to your support, we continue to protect, heal, and empower children. Now, we begin a new chapter—Building Hope, together.

### Why It Matters

- Community Support helps us meet growing needs.
- A New Building means more space and more children served.
- Every Gift builds not just a place, but a future.

### Be Part of the Journey

Your support turns hope into action. Every act makes a difference, whether through giving, volunteering, or spreading the word, including stock donations.

Thank you for building a stronger future, one child at a time.

We have multiple partner opportunities you can choose from on our website. From being a Legacy Partner to a Friend of the Center. Go to <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/paluxyriverchildrensadvocacycenter/event/buildinghopecampaign/> for more information and to donate. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Murfin at [lauren@paluxyrivercac.org](mailto:lauren@paluxyrivercac.org).







## WHAT'S UP AT THE PRCAC

### Leaders in Government Luncheon

On October 23rd, our team had a great time at the Leaders in Government Luncheon. This event was hosted by the Granbury Chamber of Commerce featuring Senator Brian Birdwell and State Representative Shelby Slawson as the guest speakers!

### Stephenville Safe Treat

We had a spooktacular time at Stephenville Safe Treat! Thank you to the Stephenville Chamber of Commerce for hosting such a fun, safe, and family-friendly event.

### Acton Boo Run

The PRCAC team was thrilled to be part of the Acton Boo Run event! We love being part of a community that comes together to support families and celebrate in a fun, safe way.

### Rancho Brazos Community Centers Fall Festival

We had a wonderful time at the Ranch Brazos Community Centers Fall Festival! Thank you to everyone who stopped by to say hello and share in the fun. We were thrilled to welcome around 250 children at our booth and truly appreciate the opportunity to connect with so many families.

### YMCA Fall Festival

On November 15, we joined in with many organizations to participate in the YMCA Fall Festival. It was wonderful to connect with families and children and sharing with others about what we do to keep kids safe!

### Battle of the Bulls

We were honored to be the beneficiary of the Louis Vuitton raffle at the Bull Riding & Live Music Event! **A huge thank you to Jeff Guffey Performance Horseshoeing for donating the beautiful bag and helping support our Building Hope Capital Campaign.** Thanks to everyone who came out—your support is helping us build a permanent home for healing, hope, and safety for local children.

### Other Events:

- "Too Close To Home" Training Conference
- Non-profit Leadership Day through the Stephenville Chamber
- Investigating Child Abuse & Child Homicide Training provided by the Dallas CAC.





# THINGS TO COME

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR **CHEERS TO 20 YEARS: A ROARING GALA**

FEBRUARY 21, 2026



*Tickets are  
selling fast*



Join us on February 21st at La Bella Luna in Granbury, Texas for our Roaring '20s Gala, celebrating an incredible milestone—20 years of protecting, healing, and empowering children.

Step back into the glamour of the Roaring Twenties for an elegant evening filled with fine dining, entertainment, auctions, and heartfelt celebration. Together, we'll honor two decades of hope and healing while raising vital support for children who have experienced abuse and the families who stand beside them.

Your presence helps make our mission possible by supporting compassionate forensic interviews, advocacy, counseling services, and prevention education throughout our community.

For sponsorship opportunities or to purchase tables and tickets, please contact Lauren Murfin at [lauren@paluxyrivercac.org](mailto:lauren@paluxyrivercac.org) or scan the QR code.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

## Heroes with Handbags is Back!

[Hood County Heroes with Handbags - June 18, 2026](#)

Join us on June 18, for an evening of fun, fashion, and philanthropy; all to support the missions of Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center and The Rainbow Room.

Enjoy designer handbags, raffles, dinner, and the chance to make a difference in the lives of children and families in our community.

Mark your calendar. We can't wait to see you there!



# SERVICE - EDUCATION - OUTREACH NUMBERS

## 2025 SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER NUMBERS

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS: 88

FAMILY ADVOCACY SERVICES: 273

COUNSELING SESSIONS: 617

PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS: 155

CHILD ATTENDEES: 3,208

ADULT ATTENDEES: 4,572

Youth Survey Responses – “What did you like about the Center?”

*"The time she took with me."*

Initial Caregiver Survey Responses – “What did you appreciate the most about the Center?”

*"Making my daughter feel welcomed and supported in this environment. Making sure she was comfortable and safe."*

**In the fiscal year 2025 the PRCAC Staff conducted:** 337 Forensic Interviews; 1,048 Family Advocacy Sessions; 2,443 Counseling Sessions; 10,405 People reached by prevention presentations; 382 people trained on recognizing & reporting; 14,831 people reached at community outreach events.

## TOP TIPS

### HOW TO REPORT

If a child is in immediate danger call 911.

Anyone 18 or older is a mandated reporter in the State of Texas

To report suspected child abuse, call 1-800-252-5400.

To report suspected child abuse online go to [txabusehotline.org](https://txabusehotline.org).

To report suspected child sex trafficking call 1-888-373-7888.

### HOW TO VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers provide a variety of support for the PRCAC including staffing our agency information booth at health fairs, assisting with Child Abuse Prevention Month activities, and helping with fundraisers such as Heroes with Handbags. Events can be during the week, after hours, or on weekends depending on the specific activity. Interested individuals must submit a completed Volunteer Application Packet, and agree to and pass a criminal background check. If interested, please call one of the numbers listed on the back page (pg. 10).

### HOW TO DONATE

By making a financial contribution that is tax-deductible, you help provide safety, justice, and healing for abused and neglected children in your community. There are several ways to donate. You may make cash donations, donate items from our Wish List, or even donate stock. For further information, feel free to contact the Center at 817-573-0292 or go to our website at: <http://paluxyrivercac.org/donate/>



# THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING



If you're a fan of Christmas Vacation, you probably smile when you hear Clark Griswold refer to something as "the gift that keeps on giving." In the movie, it's a humorous line that's become part of our yearly holiday vocabulary. But this season, that familiar phrase holds a deeper, more heartfelt meaning. At its core, "the gift that keeps on giving" is about impact. It's about something that doesn't end once it's given. And for the children supported by Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center, that impact is life-changing.

Every day, children who have endured abuse walk through the doors of the PRCAC seeking safety, support, and a chance to reclaim their childhood. Through trauma-informed counseling, advocacy, and compassionate care, they are met with more than services...they are met with hope.

Healing from abuse is not a moment; it's a journey. And every donation, whether large or small, helps make that journey possible. When you give, you're offering far more than a seasonal gesture; you're providing a child with the tools to heal, grow, and thrive. Truly, that is the gift that keeps on giving.

This holiday season, as we laugh at classic movie quotes and celebrate with the people we love, we invite you to carry forward a deeper meaning of the phrase we all know so well. Give hope. Give healing. Give the gift that keeps on giving.

## *Ways to Give - End of Year Giving*

By making a tax-deductible financial contribution, you help provide safety, justice, and healing for abused and neglected children in our community. There are many ways to give, including cash donations and items from our Wish List. Below are other ways besides the gift of cash that many choose to support this life-changing organization.

### **APPRECIATED STOCK OR MUTUAL FUNDS**

Transferring stock or mutual funds held for more than one year can be a tax-wise gift. It is deductible at the full market value of the security and bypasses capital gain taxation.

### **QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION (IRA ROLLOVER)**

Donors 70 ½ or older may transfer IRA funds to Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center tax-free (\$108,000 indexed for 2025). A gift from your IRA must be made by December 31, 2025. Designating Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center as an end-of-life beneficiary on retirement accounts may also be advantageous. Call us if you initiate a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

**To learn more about these options, please contact us at 817-573-0292 or email Jessica at [jessica@paluxyrivercac.org](mailto:jessica@paluxyrivercac.org). You may also go to our website at [paluxyrivercac.org/donate/](https://paluxyrivercac.org/donate/)**



# STAFF SPOTLIGHT



## MORGAN OLIJNYK

CLINICAL MANAGER

**Years with the Center:** Will be one year on January 21, 2026

**Job Responsibilities:** I greet children and family members into the center, assist with counseling referrals, intake and scheduling, and serve as a liaison between clinical staff and family advocates.

**Why I am passionate about working at the PRCAC:** "I love providing children a safe space to be heard and heal."

**Hobbies:** "I enjoy reading, crafting and spending time with family"

## SAVE THE DATE

### **February 21, 2026: Cheer to 20 Years: A Roaring Gala**

Join us on February 21st at La Bella Luna in Granbury, Texas for our Roaring '20s Gala, celebrating an incredible milestone—20 years of protecting, healing, and empowering children.

### **April 2026: Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Join us all month long in April to bring awareness to others about preventing child abuse. Multiple events are being planned. Stay tuned for more information!

### **June 18, 2026: Hood Co. Heroes with Handbags**

Are you ready for an evening with fun, fashion, and philanthropy? You don't want to miss this event that supports the missions of the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center and Rainbow Room.

**For more information, contact Lauren Murfin at [lauren@paluxyrivercac.org](mailto:lauren@paluxyrivercac.org) or call 817-573-0292.**

# THANK YOU, FROM THE HEART

## Client Christmas Donations



### Jerry Durant Chevrolet/GMC/Buick

The holidays shine a little brighter thanks to Jerry Durant Chevrolet/GMC/Buick in Granbury! Their Donations will help make this season special for the children and families at PRCAC. Thank you for supporting our mission with so much heart.



### Couto Homes

A heartfelt thank you to Couto Homes for their generous Client Christmas donations! Your support helps bring warmth, joy, and hope to the children and families we serve. We're so grateful for your partnership this holiday season



### Oakwoods Student Council

A huge thank-you to Niki Hunt, and the incredible Oak Woods Elementary Student Council for organizing a snack drive for the PRCAC! These donations help us support children and families during their visits, and we're so grateful for this caring community.



### UBEO

We are incredibly grateful to UBEO for their generous donation of toys for our Client Christmas! Their support helps us create a joyful and comforting holiday experience for the children and families we serve. Partnerships like this remind us how strong and caring our community truly is.



We are incredibly thankful for the dedication of our community. Your kindness helps us provide a brighter holiday for the children we serve.

**Brian & Pat  
Rosetti**

JACQUE GORDON  
kw BRAZOS WEST  
KELLERWILLIAMS





# TO ALL OUR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Dear Friends,

As the holiday season brings moments of reflection and gratitude, we want to pause and thank you for the compassion and generosity you share with Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center. Because of your support, children who have experienced abuse are met with safety, understanding, and hope when they need it most.

Your time, your donations, and your belief in our mission help provide trauma-informed care and advocacy that allow children to heal and begin reclaiming their childhoods. The impact of your kindness extends far beyond a single moment or season...it changes lives.

Thank you for standing with us and for being part of something truly meaningful. Your generosity is, without a doubt, the gift that keeps on giving. Thanks for being a champion to the children and families we serve!

With sincere appreciation,

**THE PRCAC STAFF**



We  
wish  
you  
a  
Merry  
Christmas

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**Prevention is education upstream!**



**YES! I want to support the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I would like to make a donation. Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Credit  
☐ I would like to become a monthly donor.

☐ I would like to make a donation in honor/memorial of someone or an event.

If writing a check, please make it payable to: PRCAC. If you would like to use a credit card, you can go online at [paluxyrivercac.org/donate/](https://paluxyrivercac.org/donate/), call our office, or scan the Venmo QR code ➡

Mail this form and your donation to: PRCAC, 1540 Southtown Dr; STE 103; Granbury, TX 76048  
The PRCAC is a 501c3 non-profit organization. All of your contributions are tax deductible.



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