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PRCAC CONNECTION

Official Newsletter of the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center



WHEN PINWHEELS SPIN, HOPE GROWS

Each April, communities across the country recognize Child Abuse Awareness Month, a time dedicated to protecting children and strengthening families. The blue pinwheel has become the national symbol of this movement, representing the joyful, carefree childhood every child deserves.

The month of April is an opportunity for all of us to come together, raise awareness, and take action to support children in our community. Throughout April, Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center will be offering multiple ways for individuals, families, and partners to participate and help spread the message of prevention and hope.

We invite you to help us take part in our activities, and stand with us in support of safe and healthy childhoods for every child.

Check out page 3; our [social media pages](#); and the [event page on our website](#) for a full schedule of events and activities happening in April. There are many ways on how you can get involved. Together, we can make a difference and ensure every child has the bright future they deserve.



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



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Margaret Cohenour
Executive Director

As we close out the first quarter of the year, I am filled with gratitude for the incredible support our community continues to show the Paluxy River Children’s Advocacy Center.

One of the most exciting updates to share is the progress on our Building Hope Capital Campaign. We have officially started moving dirt at our new facility located at 805 Lipan Highway in Granbury. Seeing this project begin to take shape is a powerful reminder of what can happen when a community comes together for children. This new building will allow us to serve more children and families across Hood, Erath, and Somervell counties in a space designed specifically for healing, advocacy, and hope.

The end of the year was also incredibly meaningful for our team. December was a very busy and joyful month as we hosted our annual Client Christmas celebration, bringing smiles, gifts, and holiday cheer to the children and families we serve. Moments like these remind us why this work matters so much.

We carried that momentum into the new year. January and February were full of activities, including one of the highlights of our year – our annual gala. I am thrilled to share that this year’s gala was the most successful event PRCAC has ever hosted. Because of your generosity, we raised critical funds that will directly support services for children who have experienced abuse. Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, volunteered, and supported this unforgettable evening.

As we look ahead, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and our team has been hard at work planning several community activities and outreach events. This month is an important opportunity to raise awareness, strengthen prevention efforts, and remind our community that protecting children is a shared responsibility. We hope you will join us at one or more of our events and be a part of this important mission.

Keep an eye out for Heroes with Handbags—coming soon on June 18, 2026!

Thank you for standing with us, believing in our work, and helping us build a future where every child is safe, supported, and heard.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Cohenour". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret Cohenour, LCSW | Executive Director

CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH

Join us for these **FREE** community events in April as we raise awareness about child abuse.

April 1 | Noon

Pinwheel Garden Planting at Somervell County Courthouse (101 NE Barnard St, Glen Rose)

April 2 | 11am-2pm

Freddy's Lunch Fundraiser (1430 E US HWY 377, Granbury). Go have lunch and support the PRCAC. We will receive 20% of the proceeds! Make sure to tell them it is for the fundraiser.

April 4 | Noon-10pm

Wings Etc. Benefit (1507 N Plaza Dr, Granbury) Come and support the PRCAC!

April 7 | 10am

Pinwheel Garden Planting at the PRCAC Stephenville Office (1359 W South Loop, Ste B)

April 9 | 6pm

Pinwheel Garden Planting at Hewlett Park (650 W Pearl St, Granbury) This will be a joint event with the Hood County Child Welfare Board. There will be dinner and bubbles for the kids!

April 10

Texas Go Blue Day Wear blue and show your support for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Use #standupforchildren with your pictures!

April 16 | 5-8pm

SIP & CAC Join us at D'Vine Wine for drinks, refreshments, and music. 20% of the proceeds will benefit the PRCAC. There will be Raffle prizes! Bring your friends and family. (D'Vine Wine, 107 E Bridge St, Granbury)

April 17 | 11am-1pm

Shine Bright. Do Good. Kendra Scott Gives Back Event at the Shops at Clearfork (Fort Worth). 20% of proceeds will benefit PRCAC. *Can't make it in person?* Shop online from April 17-21 using code **GIVEBACK-LFKLQ**, and PRCAC will still receive 20% of the proceeds from your purchase.

April 28 | 6pm

Stop the Silence Rally at the Erath County Courthouse (100 W Washington, Stephenville). This event brings awareness to child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault in Erath County.

April 29 | 11am-9pm

Chow Down of Charity at Stumpy's Lakeside Grill (2323 S Morgan St, Granbury, TX). Please go have lunch, a snack, dinner...or all three on this day! PRCAC will receive 10% of the proceeds!



WHAT'S UP AT THE PRCAC

Goose Bump Jump

On January 17, our team and Happy Bear enjoyed participating in the Goose Bump Jump, hosted by Visit Granbury. While we didn't take home the top prize, the event was a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community and share our mission.

Better Beginnings Brunch

PRCAC was honored to attend the Better Beginnings Brunch hosted by Cross Timbers Family Services. Grateful to stand alongside community partners who are committed to strengthening families and creating brighter beginnings for children.

Pinnacle Bank's Chili Cook-Off

On February 6, we had a chili good time judging Pinnacle Bank's Chili Cook-Off! Thank you for inviting PRCAC to be part of a fun event that brings the community together.

Tour Visit By Tarleton Students

We loved welcoming Tarleton State University social work students to PRCAC! Thank you for taking the time to tour our center and learn about the work we do. Your interest, compassion, and commitment to helping others gives us so much hope for the future of social work.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Planning

All hands were on deck for Child Abuse Prevention Month planning! We are so grateful to have so many invested community members and organizations who help us make Child Abuse Prevention Month a success!

Acton Elementary

Students proudly presented a \$2,312.39 donation to the PRCAC in memory of Dr. Bruce Baird. They raised funds through their January-February Penny War competition, where classes worked together to support an important cause. Their efforts highlight how even the youngest members of the community can make a meaningful impact.





Granbury City Council Proclaiming April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

We are thankful to Mayor Jim Jarrett and the Granbury City Council for proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. PRCAC team members were honored to stand alongside Mayor Jim Jarrett, and Mission Granbury in recognizing the importance of protecting children in our community.

Commissioner's Court

We are grateful to Erath, Hood, and Somervell Counties Commissioner's Court for proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. In turn, all approved the display of pinwheels, ribbons, CASA flags, and blue lights through out the counties. In Hood County our executive director, Margaret Cohenour, read the proclamation to the public.

These symbols serve as a powerful reminder that every child deserves a safe, healthy, and hopeful childhood. Thank you for helping our community stand together for children.

Granbury Pirates Baseball Team Chooses PRCAC

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Granbury High School Pirate Baseball game to support Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center. Special thanks to the Pirate Baseball Senior Class of 2026 for choosing us and creating limited-edition PRCAC hats as part of their annual "The Hat" tradition. We are also so grateful to the Kenneth Hill Foundation for sponsoring them, ensuring all proceeds go directly to local children. And of course, a special moment of the night was watching our education mascot, Happy Bear, throw out the first pitch! –what a fun way to celebrate community and stand up for kids in Erath, Hood, and Somervell Counties!

Other Events and Trainings:

- Education Team provided an Internet Safety Program for parents at White Horse Academy, Stephenville High School, and Bluff Dale.
- Youth Mental Health First Aid with Cook Children's to Morgan Mill ISD Teachers.
- At the Glen Rose Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, we presented PRCAC 101 to our community partners.
- Education Team provided Preventive Education at: Chamberlin Elementary, Glen Rose Elementary, Granbury Middle School, Hook Elementary, Brawner Elementary, Baccus Elementary, Lipan Elementary, Gilbert Intermediate, and Sage Academy.



CHEERS TO 20 YEARS: A ROARING GALA

We're thrilled to share the success of our signature event, Cheers to 20 Years: A Roaring Gala. Celebrating two decades of impact, this unforgettable evening brought together community members, local leaders, and dedicated supporters for a night filled with elegance, reflection, and purpose.

The gala featured a lively, roaring twenties-inspired atmosphere, complete with a delicious dinner, captivating live entertainment, and engaging experiences such as a whiskey pull, live auction, and luxury raffles. With an outstanding turnout of more than 300 guests, the evening was a true celebration of the strength, generosity, and spirit of our community.

Thanks to the remarkable support of our attendees and sponsors, we not only met but surpassed our fundraising goal! The funds raised will directly support our mission to provide forensic interviews, family advocacy, therapy services, a safe and nurturing environment, and vital prevention educational resources for children and families.

One of the evening's most powerful moments was the keynote address by Jason Stewart from Homeland Security, whose message deeply moved and inspired attendees. His speech highlighted the importance of our work and the lasting impact compassionate support can have on those we serve.

As we celebrate 20 years of service, we are filled with gratitude for everyone who has been part of this journey. Cheers to 20 Years was more than a gala—it celebrated what we've achieved together. It reflected our shared impact and a hopeful future for children and families.





June 18 - Heroes With Handbags

Please join the Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center and the Rainbow Room for Heroes with Handbags Designer Purse Bingo! This will take place at Salon El Ranchito, 5704 West Hwy 377, in Tolar, TX. **Doors open at 5:00 PM**, where you can enjoy a delicious Hard Eight dinner, followed by **bingo starting at 6:00PM**. Tables/Tickets are selling fast! Click the purse for more information or go to our website: <https://paluxyrivercac.org/event/heroes-with-handbags/>.



Click the Purse for more information or scan the QR Code below



Did you Know?

Every child receives a sweet and salty snack and a drink when they come into our center? We go through A LOT of snacks and we are always so grateful when people help us refill our pantry!

If you or a group would like to donate snacks, you can drop them off at our office at 1540 Southtown Dr, Suite 103, in Granbury.



SHADIA CAHALL

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION

Years with the Center: Under a year.

Job Responsibilities: To lead the education team to provide prevention education about child abuse and engage the community to recognize and report child abuse.

Why I am passionate about working at the PRCAC: "I want to create a safer world for children by providing children and adults with crucial safety knowledge."

Hobbies: "I enjoy baking, reading, journaling, hiking, walking, riding my bike, and spending time with family."

SAVE THE DATE

April 2026: Child Abuse Prevention Month

Join us all month long in April to bring awareness to others about preventing child abuse. Multiple events will be happening. Please check out page 3; follow our [social media](#) to stay up to date; and our [event page on our website](#) for a full schedule of events and activities!

April 16: Sip & Support PRCAC

Join us from 5-8 pm at D'Vine Wine for drinks, refreshments, and music. 20% of the proceeds will benefit the PRCAC. There will be food and Raffle prizes! Bring your friends and family. (D'Vine Wine, 107 E Bridge St, Granbury)

June 18, 2026: Hood Co. Heroes with Handbags

Are you ready for an evening with fun, purses, 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. Get your tickets/tables right away before we sell out!

For more information, contact Lauren Murfin at lauren@paluxyrivercac.org or call 817-573-0292.

SERVICE - EDUCATION - OUTREACH NUMBERS

DECEMBER 2025 - FEBRUARY 2026 NUMBERS

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS: 81
FAMILY ADVOCACY SERVICES: 244
COUNSELING SESSIONS: 421

PRESENTATIONS AND EVENTS: 161
CHILD ATTENDEES: 3,617
ADULT ATTENDEES: 4,769

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

"I liked that she listened to what I had to say and didn't interrupt me when I was talking she was very sweet. Also she listened to what I had to say and didn't judgement for anything. She was also calm with me and didn't raise her voice at me."

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

"The staff felt like family very impressed and felt thankful for my time with them"

GET INVOLVED

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.

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/>

TO ALL OUR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS



Dear Friends of the PRCAC,

We want to take a moment to thank you for the compassion and generosity you show to Paluxy River Children’s Advocacy Center. Your support ensures that children who have experienced abuse are met with safety, understanding, and hope when they need it most.

Thank you as well for helping make our recent gala such a meaningful and successful event. Your presence and support played an important role in advancing our mission and raising critical resources for the children and families we serve.

Because of you—your time, your gifts, and your belief in our mission—we are able to provide trauma-informed care and advocacy that help children heal and begin to reclaim their childhoods. Your kindness creates an impact that reaches far beyond a single moment—it truly changes lives.

Thank you for standing with us and for being part of this important work. Your generosity continues to make a difference every day. We are deeply grateful for your support and for the care you show to the children and families we serve.

With sincere appreciation,

*The PRCAC
Staff & Board*



Prevention is education upstream!

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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/, 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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