



# The Branch

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"Giving Parker County Children a Voice"



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## Taking Root

By Cheryl Bullock, Executive Director

As I reflect on 2018, I realize how blessed the Children's Advocacy Center is to be in Parker County. The community has embraced the CAC with support, donations, and partnership.

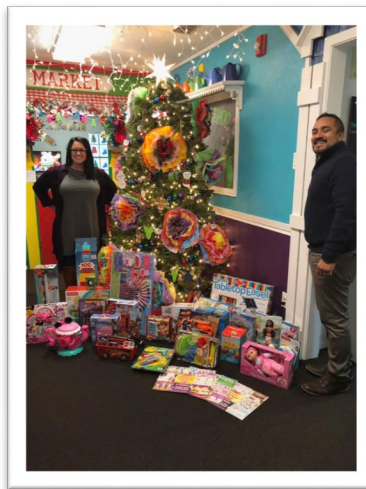
Our clients' Christmas party was a huge success with over 45 children attending or receiving items. The success was due to community support through donated items and toy drives.

and served 40 clients/family members in counseling. All of these services are free to victims and non-offending family members, and we would like to thank the community again for the support. Without it, these services would not exist.

The support of our community was very evident at the groundbreaking ceremony on November 30<sup>th</sup>. We are incredibly excited that our building is becoming a reality. This space is going to allow us to have a play therapy room and a group room. We will have a wing for law enforcement and another for CPS. It will also feature a special garden where children can connect to nature and heal through playing. It is going to be a very special place for our children.

My staff and I are looking forward to 2019 with our new building and serving the community we love.

Happy New Year!



*Kalyn's Country Daycare held a toy drive for the CACPC.*

In the last 6 months, we have completed 124 Forensic Interviews, given out 220 units of resources (not including Christmas toys and meals),



## Save the Date!

Please see our website or Facebook page for additional information.

Feb. 7 [Little Black Dress Show](#)

Feb. 23 [PCHF Gala](#)

Apr. 8-9 [Winning Mind Conf.](#)

## Services Provided

124 forensic interviews have taken place

220 family advocacy units provided. These units include any resource given to a family or contact made with a family.

## Volunteers Needed

A few positions are open for volunteers. We ask that you be able to do the same time and day each week. This usually consists of 2-3 hours. If interested, please contact Cheryl at 682-615-1992.

## Winning Mind

Make plans to attend the [Winning Mind Conference 2019](#) sponsored by Sheriff Larry Fowler. This event will take place April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at Northside Baptist Church. All net proceeds benefit the CACPC. Featured speakers are Dave "JD Buck Savage" Smith and Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. More information can be found on the CACPC website.



## Protection Tips

Be Internet Awesome, a new program created by Google, is a great new tool that teaches children, parents, and educators how to be safe online. There are games for kids to play, a pledge for families to sign, and even curriculum for educators to use in the classroom. Go to: [https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en\\_us](https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us) (or Google it!) to learn more.

## Donate Now

Did you know that you can directly support the CACPC by donating online from the comfort of your home?



Click [here](#) to make a difference in the lives of children!



Thank you to the numerous supporters that attended the groundbreaking ceremony on November 30<sup>th</sup>!

## Wish List

- Individually wrapped snacks
- Copy paper
- Ground coffee
- Small bottled waters
- Clear juice boxes
- Wal-Mart gift cards (\$10-\$25)



Shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to donate through your Amazon purchases. It costs you NO additional money to shop but a portion of the profits will go directly to CACPC!



## Spotlight

Welcome Amber Gentry Lopez as our new full-time therapist! She is a Licensed Professional Counselor, Registered Play Therapist, Certified Humanistic Sand Tray Therapist, and Certified School Counselor. She received her Masters of Education from Tarleton State University with a specialization in Counseling. She is highly experienced in play therapy, sand tray therapy, trauma work, and

working with victims of sexual abuse.

Amber worked as a school counselor for 7 years and a teacher for 5. Amber is a Certified Dog Trainer and teaches for Animal Behavior College. Amber also volunteers at the Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter. Amber lives in Springtown with her husband and a menagerie of pets. She enjoys baking, reading, riding horses, hiking, and game nights with her family.

