



# The Branch

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"Giving Parker County Children a Voice"



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## Taking Root

By Cheryl Bullock, Executive Director

The past three months have been extremely busy and very productive. April was Child Abuse Awareness month and several people sent us pictures of them wearing blue. A big "thank you" to CASA and CPS for partnering with the CAC to provide a display on the Court House lawn, attend speaking events, and to help get the word out about child abuse prevention. We are proud of Parker County and the support we have with our mission to end child abuse.

Hop dance. We raised over \$4000 to support our program. The costumes, classic cars, and children having fun made the night a special one. There is nothing better than a child's laughter. Our entertainment for the night was Moses Snow (Elvis). He is a talented young man and quite the performer.



Rock Around the Clock fun!

I want to thank you again for the past year and helping us serve children. I appreciate the phone calls, texts, and emails asking if we need anything and the donations that dropped off at the door. You will never know the impact you had on a child.

*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. Mahatma Gandhi*

In May, we saw progress with our new building despite the rainy weather. We hope cement is poured soon. You may drive by 1224 Clear Lake Road to see the new CAC and Center of Hope location. It is a beautiful sight! May 16<sup>th</sup> was our one-year anniversary. What an eventful and humbling year it has been. I feel blessed to be part of this community surrounded by an amazing staff, wonderful board, terrific volunteers, and the partnerships we have with many agencies. The CAC could not serve children every day without you.

June was a success with our Rock Around the Clock Sock



## Save the Date!

Please see our website or Facebook page for additional information.

Aug. 15 [Sugar Rush Gala](#)

## Services Provided

The CAC has completed 222 forensic interviews to date.



In April, May and June:

Units of service—381

People served—112

Direct volunteer hours—114

Indirect volunteer hours—288

## Thankful

Our community is grieving the loss of beloved Roger Grizzard. He supported the CAC and we are grateful for his generous donations. We offer continued prayers to the Grizzard family.

## Ride For Heroes

The CAC was selected as the beneficiary for the May 2019 Walsh Companies Ride For Heroes. This annual event had five scenic routes, including one that was 70 miles! Even though the weather was less than cooperative, the event was a huge success due to our terrific sponsors! We were honored to be selected and are extremely grateful for their support of our mission to protect the children in the Parker County community.



## Protection Tips

The Child Mind Institute published [10 Tips to Protect Children From Sexual Abuse](#) and it is an important article that anyone with children or grandchildren should read. The article includes tips on discussing these issues with children—without scaring them—and some statistics that may just surprise you. Please take the time to click the link above and read the information included.

## 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 our local 4H that provided hand-stitched bags filled with meals for our children.

## Wish List

- Individually wrapped snacks
- Copy paper
- Ground coffee
- Small bottled waters
- School supplies
- 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

Tama Purselley is making a difference at the CAC as a volunteer. She decided to begin volunteering after she learned that there were 459 confirmed cases of child abuse in 2018. She wanted to do her part to help the victims of the community.

Tama moved to Aledo 20 years ago with her husband, Marty, and children Jon and Shelby. She is also a full-time registered nurse in the cardiac

rehab at THR Willow Park. She also enjoys traveling, scuba diving, fishing, gardening, and working in her glass and pottery studio. And, she still manages to volunteer!

When asked about her volunteer experience at the CACPC, she said, "I am honored to be able to directly help these children and to be part of such a collaborative team of professionals." We are extremely glad that she is a part of our team!



Tama Purselley

