



# Heart Lines

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HELPING TO CHANGE THE WORLD



## ONE CHILD AT A TIME

Winter 2026

### Local Budweiser-Busch Distributor Long Time CAC Partner



The local Budweiser Busch Distributing in Mobile is a long-term supporter and significant benefactor of the Child Advocacy Center of Mobile. Their generosity and commitment to the CAC has made it possible to provide services that range from discovery to recovery for victims of child abuse and their families. Through the efforts of Kyle Oliver, CAC Board Member and Marketing Director for Budweiser-Busch and all at Budweiser-Busch, the CAC continues to serve victims of the most under-reported crime in our nation through our unique collaboration of law enforcement and social service agencies.

Andy Wynne, CAC and Kyle Oliver, Budweiser Busch

### RUTH'S CHRIS JAZZY LUNCH



Gold Sponsor USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital



Silver Sponsor Frios Pops Cliff Kennedy, CAC Board Member, his wife Abbey, Brooke and John Dodson



Ruth's Chris Steak House hosted Ruth's Chris Jazzy Lunch for the CAC on Sunday, October 20th raising over \$77,720 to help child abuse victims. This brings the total of the past 23 years to over \$1,528,630. CAC Board Members, Margaret Newton, and Kristen Delaney, served as Co-Chairs of this unique event and Board Member Kimi Oaks and CAC Board President Jay Watkins, served on the committee. A crowd of 187 people enjoyed the wonderful afternoon. The Excelsior Band provided jazz music during the social hour before guests dined on culinary delicacies created by Cooper Restaurant's chef and served by their talented staff. We appreciate everyone who contributed to making this event a great success, Patron Sponsor, David Cooper Sr., Cooper Restaurants, and Platinum Sponsors: Alabama Power Company, Mrs. Arlene Mitchell, Page & Jones, Inc., Pilot Catastrophe Services, Inc., and Regions Bank. Gold Sponsors: Adams and Reese LLP, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ankerson, Beard Equipment Company, C-Spire, Maynard Nexsen, National Land Realty, Andy and Margaret Newton, Panini Senior Bowl, USA Health Children's & Women's & Hospital and thanks to the many other generous sponsors. We also thank the hard-working staff of Ruth's Chris Steak House for their commitment and dedication. We appreciate the generosity of the Cooper Family, the Cooper Restaurants management, and the staff and management of Ruth's Chris Steak House who donated their beautiful restaurant for this event.



Maynard Nexsen, Gold Sponsor Jay Watkins, CAC Board President, his wife Elissa and Guests



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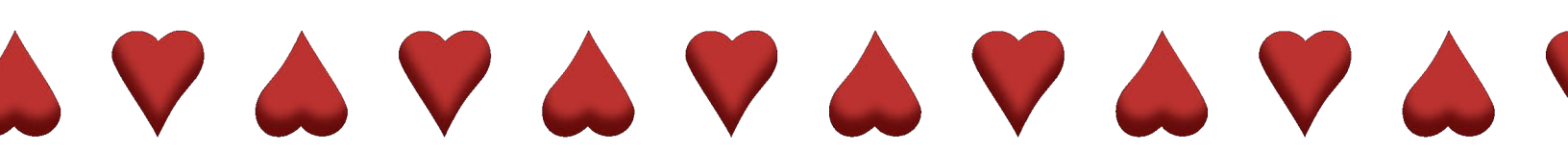


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Gold Sponsor Adams and Reese, LLP Garrett Zoghby, CAC Board Member and Guests

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Thank everyone who helped provide Christmas 2025 for 148 children and 68 families in our community



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Sadly, there are always stories of abuse in the news. As I write this there are articles about the teenager abandoned for a year, a man convicted of operating a torture room in his house, a coach sexually abusing children, and a mother and stepfather severely injuring a 3-year-old by beatings. Almost weekly we read of arrests of people making, sending and watching child pornography. I am sure there will be new stories tomorrow. Unfortunately, there will not be stories of the damage, the cost, the suffering, and hopefully the healing of those left in the wake of abuse.

I do think a boat wake is a great analogy of child abuse. The longer the boat runs, the heavier the boat is, the faster the boat goes all impact the size of the wake. The wake leaves the boat and has the greatest impact on other boats close to it. The wake continues on and leaves it's impact from shore to shore. Even when the wake travels a great distance there are still impacts of its presence though they may be more difficult to see. Child abuse is like that. The victim experiences the full force and then the family has major impacts. They are forever changed. Our community feels the impact with those intervening absorbing some of the trauma. It then works its way through the entire community. Costs of investigations, prosecution, and treatment. Loss of opportunities. Finally, those far removed think and feel about the safety and protection of their own children and grandchildren in different ways. The waves of abuse batter us all in ways we may not even think of.

Each time we stop abuse from continuing we change the life of the victim and those closest to them. Our efforts stop future abuse and ends the cycle of abuse. Thank you for helping us change not only the life of an abused child but our entire community.

Andy Wynne, CAC Executive Director



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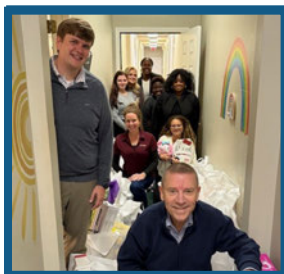
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Noell Broughton, CAC Board Member and his Wife Elizabeth



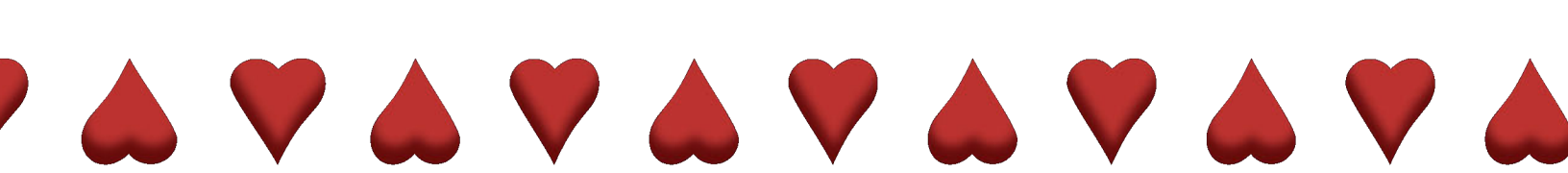
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**HOLIDAY TRIBUTE & HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM**

Thank you to all who contributed to our Holiday Tribute Program and Holiday Giving. This year's Holiday Tribute Program raised \$13,426.00 and the CAC Holiday Giving raised \$ 11,480.00



Thank you, John Milham, Founder, and organizer of the Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas Concert, Jamie Tapia and Port City Industrial for sponsoring the event and Noell Broughton, VP of the CAC Board of Directors for the \$3,000 donation from proceeds of the 15th annual concert. We thank them for their generous donation to help keep our children safe.



Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas Concert Donation

### WKR6 MAGICAL TOY DRIVE

WKR6 TV5 sponsored the MAGICAL TOY DRIVE in December. The event was a tremendous success. The Child Advocacy Center thanks the Salvation Army for including the CAC as one of charities who benefited from this great event. The CAC thanks everyone who donated toys and worked on this event to help our children have a wonderful Christmas.



WKR6 Great Toy Drive



Signus Communications Christmas Donation



Signus Communications Thanksgiving Food Donation

### "MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT" HOLIDAY DONATION

Keith Parrett of Mullinax Ford came to the CAC to deliver many toys that they collected, along with their employees and the community for children at the CAC as part of the NBC Local 15 "Making Spirits Bright" Program. We thank Mullinax Ford for their generosity.



Making Spirits Bright



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## CAC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



*Santa and Mrs. Claus*



*Turner Supply*

Children enjoyed the annual CAC Christmas Party. Santa and Mrs. Claus thrilled all the children. Thank you to all the volunteers from Mobile County District Attorney's Office who provided volunteers and candy filled bags and snacks. Briggs Equipment provided cookies. Thanks to all who helped make the party a big success. The party was held outside the CAC with many special games and surprises, along with parents or care givers, smiling as they enjoyed this magical time.

**Thank you Crow Shields Bailey  
for providing food donations  
for our families.**



*Crow Shields Bailey Food Donation*

## SOUTH ALABAMA WOODWORKERS CLUB TOY DONATION

We appreciate the South Alabama Woodworkers Club for sharing their talent in making wooden toys for children and teens at the CAC every year.



*Woodworkers Club*

## ARROW EXTERMINATORS DECORATES THE CAC FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Austin Key, CAC Board Member and the Arrow team spent the day trimming the tree at the CAC decorating inside and outside with holiday lights to add a festive look. We appreciate their kindness which brought many smiles to everyone this holiday season.



*Members of the Arrow Team*



*Adams and Reeses LLC Food Donations*



*Pilot Catastrophe*

# WAYS 2 HELP OUR CHILDREN

## AL FUCHS MEMORIAL GREATER MOBILE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2026 Al Fuchs Memorial Greater Mobile Junior Championship will be held Sunday afternoon, April 26 at the Mobile Tennis Center beginning at 2:00 p.m. Catranis Family Foundation, and Horizon Freight System are the Presenting Sponsors. Nibroock, First Horizon, Panini Senior Bowl, Rich's Car Wash Gulf Coast, Suzuki, Springhill Medical Center and USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital are LOVE Sponsors. This junior tournament is open to girls and boys in age brackets 8U, 10U, 12-14-16-18. This event will be U.S.T.A. sanctioned. Each player will receive a signature T-shirt. Fresh Fruit will be furnished by Fresh Market; Taco Mama's will provide a taco and nacho bar for all players threaded Fasteners will help support funding for Taco Mama's food. The school with the most participants will receive a certificate for a free Blaze Pizza. If you would like to help with the tournament or become a sponsor, please contact Elaine Henderson [ehenderson@cacmobile.org](mailto:ehenderson@cacmobile.org). Go to [www.serveitupwithlove.com](http://www.serveitupwithlove.com) for details for online registration. Like us on Facebook! The website and Facebook are both hosted compliments of Dogwood Productions.



## SERVE IT UP WITH LOVE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

### MEN & WOMEN'S Charity Tennis Tournament MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

Horizon Freight System Inc., and Michelob Ultra will be the Presenting Sponsors of Serve It Up With Love 20th Anniversary Men & Women's Charity Tennis Tournaments. LOVE Sponsors are: First Horizon Bank Nibroock, Panini Senior Bowl, Rich's Car Wash, Springhill Medical Center, Gulf Coast Suzuki, and USA Health Women's & Children's Hospital. The event will be held on Tuesday, April 28th for ladies & Men at the Mobile Tennis Center. Rich's Car Wash will sponsor the Magic Moments Photo Booth, so that ladies' teams can have photos taken and take a copy with them. Coca Cola Bottling Company will provide soft drinks and water. Ladies will play during the day and at night. Daytime play will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during which ladies will play in a team format of 3 courts of doubles. Wintzell's Oyster House will provide a hot lunch for ladies and Taco Mama's will provide food for night players, with monetary support for Threaded Fasteners. Ladies Nighttime plays at 6 p.m. and will play in a team format of 3 courts of doubles. Men will also play on Tuesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. in a 6-man straight level team format.

This year's MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT will be Sunday, April 26 at 5:00 p.m. You can find details for registration on the Serve It Up With Love web site. Registration includes a signature T-shirt, fruit by Fresh Market and Taco Mama's will provide a taco and nacho bar for all players. If you would like to participate or become a sponsor, please contact Elaine Henderson at (251) 432-1101 or email at [ehenderson@cacmobile.org](mailto:ehenderson@cacmobile.org). Like us on Facebook! Both our website and Facebook page are hosted by Dogwood Productions.

## MAHJ FOR A REASON

Calling all Mahjong players!!! Tricia Graham, CAC Board Member is Chairman of this new CAC event. Please join us to play in "Mahj for a Reason", on Sunday, March 22, 2026. This fundraiser is a benefit for the Child Advocacy Center will be from 1:00-5:30pm, at the Country Club of Mobile. Social time will be from 1:00-1:30. Play begins at 1:30. Hors d'oeuvres & beverages will be served throughout the fundraiser. A 4-person team will have an entry fee of \$400. Please bring your Mahjong set to have a fun time. This will be a tournament style fundraiser with 4 timed rounds. Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

If you would like to become a Sponsor, please e-mail Elaine Henderson at [ehenderson@cacmobile.org](mailto:ehenderson@cacmobile.org)  
Sponsorship levels begin at \$500.



Thank you for your support

## HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE CROWN

General Insulation was the Presenting Sponsor of HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE CROWN, and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians and Panini Senior Bowl were major sponsors. The event was hosted by the Crown Hall on December 8th to benefit the Child Advocacy Center. We appreciate the generosity of other sponsors: Southeast Toyota Finance, Tyndall Federal Credit Union, and Norton Lilly International for sponsoring this event, which featured samplings of Crown Hall's signature dishes and wines to taste donated by UJB Wine, along with a select live auction of holiday gifts. Live holiday music was provided by Jerry Squires. Mary Booth of MIX 99.9 Radio was MC and Matt McCoy of 92ZEW was an auctioneer of the event. We thank everyone who attended and helped raise \$25,114. This event has been in this location for 18 years, raising \$272,271 net proceeds for the CAC.

December 8th, 2025  
**HOLIDAY CHEER**  
*At the Crown*

**GENERAL  
INSULATION**



Mark Clark, General Insulation Presenting Sponsor



Panini Senior Bowl, Major Sponsor



Mobile County Commissioner Connie Hudson, Tricia Graham, CAC Board Member and Her Husband Duane Graham



Auctioneer Matt McCoy, 92ZEW and MC Mary Booth, IHeart Media



Southeast Toyota Finance, Major Sponsor

# Special Thanks & Appreciation

## 2025 CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER GOLF TOURNAMENT



CAC, Kevin Moore, Co-Chairman and CAC Board Member, Mike Williams, Moody Price.



Volunteers

The Child Advocacy center Charity Golf Tournament was held at Heron Lakes Golf Course on Friday, November 7. Twenty-Five teams (100 players) participated. Play began with an 8:30 AM shot gun start. Palmer's Airport Hyundai was the Hole In One Sponsor, Michelob Ultra was our Beverage Sponsor, and Other Sponsors were: Regions Bank, G.A.West, Hydraulic Crane, Jones Welding, Air Swift, AIS, Coles, Murphy and Glover, Costal/Brentag, Goram Air, Secorp Industries, Chevron, Moody Price, MIT International, Hilcorp, Hagan Fence, T. C. Boiler & Piping, Skeltons Fire, and Industrial Valve. The format was a 4-person scramble. Team prizes included 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, closest-to-hole, longest drive.

There were top-quality prize donations, giveaways, and raffles including a 6 day smokey mountain vacation donated by Mr. Greg LeBlanc of Hilcorp. The Child Advocacy Center provides counseling and legal services for abused and neglected children from our community. The tournament commette members are Kevin Moore (Chevron Retired), Tommy Ankerson (Regions Bank) both CAC Board Members, Scott Cunningham (Hilcorp), Mike Williams (Moody Price) and Marty McLaughlin (Chevron).

This year's event raised a total of \$6079.00 for the Child Advocacy Center. The tournament committee wants to thank the staff and employees of Heron Lakes for going above and beyond to ensure all our needs were addressed.

## CAUSEWAY CLASSIC WOODEN BOAT SHOW

The Causeway Classic Wooden Boat Show was founded by Channing Flowers to help his father who had been hospitalized and unable to work for over a year. While the first show was a wonderful fundraiser it was even more. The event helped to motivate Channings father, Chan to continue and even speed up his recovery. The power of good is truly phenomenal. Channing and others involved decided to hold the show again, but this time give to others as a means of thanks for the success of the first one.

The Child Advocacy Center was picked as the recipient, and the event was held in October. There were over 40 boats registered. Vendors and other groups also were present and once again the event was a wonderful success. Over \$10,000 was raised and given to the CAC. In addition, we made many new friends and were able to spread information regarding the needs of young victims of abuse. The power of a loved one to change the world should never be underestimated. Thanks to all involved.



Causeway Classic Wooden Boat Show event Banner



Andy Wynne, CAC Executive Director, displays his Stauter "Heroes and Happy Thoughts" which won 2nd place

## CUISINE FOR KIDS

Cuisine for Kids event continues to grow to help fund services at the CAC! This year's event was a success, and we appreciate all those area restaurants who helped. Participating restaurants generously donated a portion of their proceeds from Tuesday, January 27th. The CAC thanks Mark Fillers of Renasant Bank, Title Sponsor of the event and Shelby Mitchell of 95KSJ Radio for Co-Chairing the event. Other sponsors include Budweiser-Busch Distributing Company and 95KSJ Radio. who all helped make the event a great success. A special thanks to these generous restaurants: Bake My Day ( Old Shell Rd.), Big Bad Breakfast, Briquettes (Saraland, Montlimar, Schillinger Rd.), Butch Cassidy's Café, Callaghan's Irish Social Club, Cammie's Old Dutch Ice Cream Shoppe, (Old Shell Rd. & Halls Mill Rd.), Chicken Salad Chick (Old Shell Rd), Debris, Fire House Subs (Airport Blvd., Grelot Rd., McGowin Park, Halls Mill Rd., Saraland, Schillingers Rd.), Grace, Hickory Pit Too, Lucky Irish Pub & Grill (Airport Blvd. & Saraland), Maghee's Grill On The Hill, Regina's Kitchen, The Noble South, The Simple Greek and Via Emilia Zaxby's (Airport Blvd., Cottage Rill, Springhill Ave., Schillinger Road, Rangeline Rd.).

The CAC thanks everyone who stepped up to the table to help the children who we serve.





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**CAJUN FOOD AND MUSIC TAKE OVER CATHEDRAL SQUARE THIS MARCH**

Cunningham Bounds will present the 10th Anniversary of the Downtown Cajun Cook-Off to benefit the Child Advocacy Center on Saturday, March 28, 2026. Area restaurants will feature samples of their best Cajun cuisine during this event. In addition to Cunningham Bounds, other sponsors include Bud Light, the Stage Sponsor where live music will be provided, Coca Cola is our Soft Drink Sponsor and Regions will be our Bank Sponsor. Baumhower's Hot Sauce is the official Hot Sauce of this year's event. Arrow Exterminators, Lagniappe, Mobile County Sheriff's Office, Thompson Engineering, Pilot Catastrophe and WM are also sponsors. The Hargrove Foundation is our Dessert Sponsor. Heroes Sports Bar & Grille and the Royal Scam are the award sponsors. Conecuh Sausage will donate sausage to each cooking team. WALA FOX10 is our Television Sponsor with Jason Smith, Chief Meteorologist, serving as Honorary Chairman. 92ZEW is our radio sponsor where you will hear lots about this event.

**Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the gate and \$18 to charge. Open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Join the event page on Facebook "Downtown Cajun Cook-Off" to keep up to date on the latest announcements and to invite your friends to join us.

To purchase a ticket, fill out the form below and return with check or money order for the appropriate amount. Checks should be made payable to the Child Advocacy Center of Mobile. We will mail your tickets, or you can call about picking up tickets.

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