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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Happy March to All!

As we begin stepping into spring here in Texas (or early summer as it's been feeling like), we're reminded that this time of year represents renewal, growth, and fresh beginnings. We hope 2026 is off to a meaningful and hopeful start for each and every one of you.

We finished out the end of the year strong as we fulfilled around 300 wish lists for Christmas for Kids. A big thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, businesses and staff who make this endeavor possible each year and ensure these kiddos have a magical Christmas season.

We headed into the new year full of purpose as this year marks our 35th anniversary of CAC Greater West Texas! What began as a small response to a big need in 1991, has now become a comprehensive, children and family focused system of care offering five core programs that are designed to protect, support, and heal children and families that have been impacted by abuse.

We also celebrated a record-breaking event with our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Champagne & Diamonds, presented by Legend Jewelers on February 14, 2026. This event would not have been possible without the generosity of our underwriters and corporate sponsors: City National Bank, H-E-B, LeGrand Headwaters Ranch, Methodist Healthcare Ministries, Shannon Medical Center, and Liz & Devin Bates. Because of your generosity, we raised more than \$185,000 in support of our mission. Every dollar raised helps ensure children in our community have a safe place to turn when they need it most. Thank you to each sponsor, donor, attendee, and volunteer who made this incredible evening possible!

Looking ahead, April marks Child Abuse Prevention Month across the Concho Valley and our nation. You'll be hearing about many ways to get involved, but I encourage each of you to reflect and familiarize yourselves and others on how to recognize and report child abuse. We are committed to equipping our community with the knowledge and tools needed to recognize, prevent, and report child abuse. Together, we can create a safer future for every child.

As we approach April, don't forget to wear blue to show your support and tune into our social media throughout the month for some exciting ways to get involved and make a difference. Your voice and visibility matter!

Thank you for standing with us. Because of you, hope continues to grow and their next chapter begins here.

Child Abuse Prevention: Today. Tomorrow. Forever.

With Gratitude,  
Justin M. DeLoach

We invite you to scan the QR code to view our 35th anniversary video, celebrating our history and looking forward to our future.



# 2025 CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS



Our Christmas for Kids initiative was an incredible success. Because of the generosity of this community, we fulfilled right at 300 wish lists for our children and families to ensure they have a magical Christmas experience.



Whether it was fulfilling a wish list(s), hosting a toy drive, or making a monetary donation, it was a powerful reminder that our community shows up in the most meaningful and selfless ways!



A special thank you to:

- Angelo State University IT
- Carpet Tech
- Holy Angels Catholic Church
- San Angelo Safari Club
- San Angelo Rotary Club
- San Angelo Christian Academy
- Tom Green County Detention Center
- Texas Premier Volleyball 14U National Team
- Women of Hope



# 25TH ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE & DIAMONDS



A big, heartfelt THANK YOU to each individual, vendor, business, and supporter who helped make this event a huge success!

We celebrated 25 fantastic years of this signature event presented by Legend Jewelers at the Cactus Hotel on February 14<sup>th</sup>. This event raised over \$185,000 to directly serve the children and families in our community.



The evening was full of excitement, hope, generosity, and celebration. We had a special video presentation that highlighted the history of CAC, specific programs that we maintain, and a glimpse into the future of what's in store for CAC. We were also able to honor Mark & Lora Priest and their daughter, Morgen Smith, with Legend Jewelers for their generous support of this event for the past 25 years.



# WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

## **BECOME A CASA VOLUNTEER**

CASA Volunteers are ordinary people from all walks of life, ages, and ethnic groups who are committed to doing what is best for a child in the foster care system. As a CASA Volunteer, you commit to represent a child's best interests while they are in care.

## **BECOME A GENERAL VOLUNTEER**

General Volunteers are vital to the work of Children's Advocacy Center of Greater West Texas, Inc. Through assisting with facility maintenance, organization, and event coordination, General Volunteers help ensure children and families continue to receive the care and support they deserve.



## **JOIN WOMEN OF HOPE**

Women of Hope are ambassadors for children in the Concho Valley through their determination to increase community awareness, promote child abuse prevention efforts, and financially strengthen the Children's Advocacy Center of Greater West Texas, Inc.

## **HOST OR ATTEND A TRAINING**

If you see it, now you can have the tools to report it! By learning the signs of child abuse and how to make a report, you can be a voice for children and ensure every child has a safe and nurturing home. A school, business, or group may choose to host a Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse Training as a way to train multiple individuals.

For more information on how to get involved, please contact Lauren Bell, [lbell@cacgreaterwtx.org](mailto:lbell@cacgreaterwtx.org)

# FEEL GOOD FEATURE



## ***TOWN & COUNTRY PLAZA MURALS***

TCP lobby recently got a bit of a facelift, thanks to the incredibly talented artist, Crystal Goodman! These murals brighten up the space and create a welcoming, fun environment, while also representing the work we do here at CAC, providing hope and healing. We are so grateful to Crystal for sharing her talents with us and our community. Stop by and check them out!

## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Maritza Rojas**  
Parent Mentor, Youth Services

### ***WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE:***

- **Favorite TV Show:** American Idol
- **Favorite Food:** Mexican, Hibachi, and Italian
- **Favorite Color:** Lavender and Sage Green
- **Best place you've visited:** NYC in the winter!
- **If you were an Olympian, what Olympic sport would you compete in?** I would be a hockey player as they are tough, resilient, and they never back down from a fight.

### ***MOST MEANINGFUL PART OF YOUR JOB:***

The most meaningful part of my job is the parents I've worked with in the past still reaching out to me after case closure and updating me about how well their child(ren)/family are doing. This is real-life proof that the direction we have now taken with the Parent Mentor program has been working!



# SAVE THE DATES

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026**

**PINWHEEL CEREMONY**

**11:30 AM - 1 PM**

**CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER  
3418 TOWN & COUNTRY DR**

**CARING FOR KIDS**

*TODAY. TOMORROW. Forever.*

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT 325-653-HOPE OR [LBELL@CACGREATERWTX.ORG](mailto:LBELL@CACGREATERWTX.ORG)



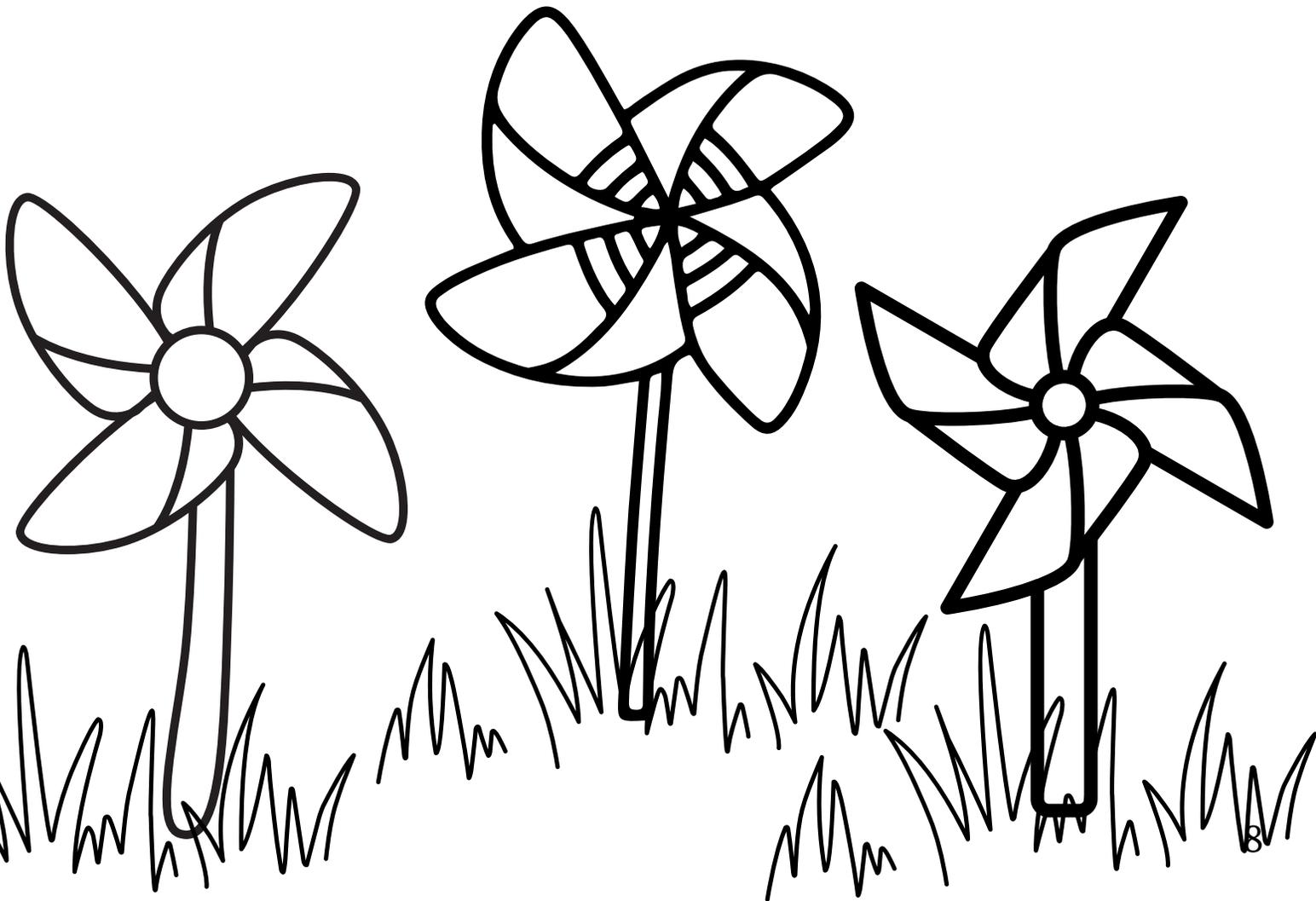
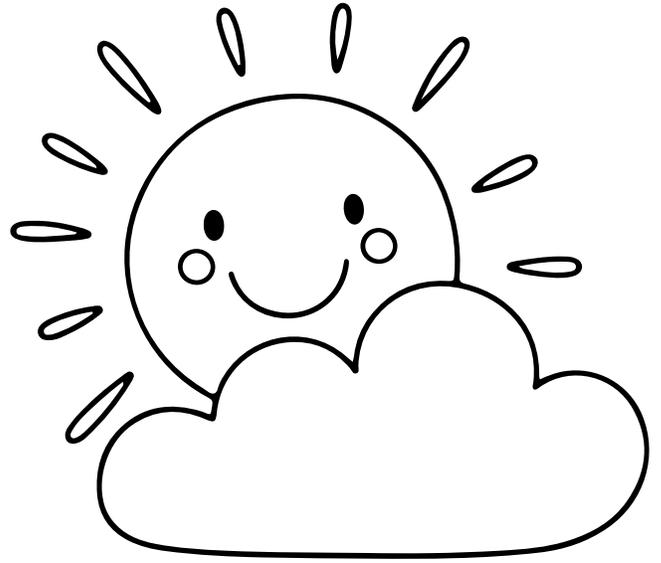
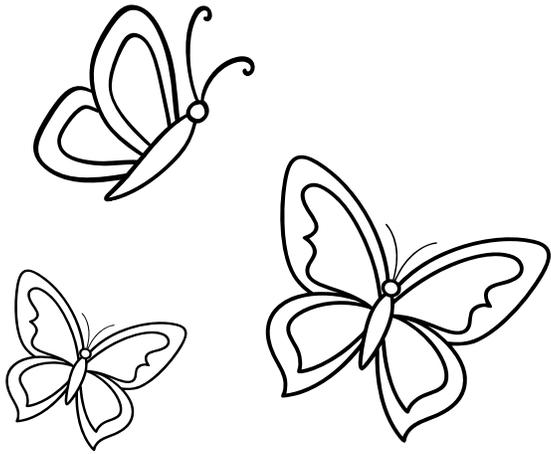
***EARLY GIVING OPENS APRIL 21ST***

**DAY OF GIVING: MAY 5TH**

*Donate to Children's Advocacy Center during  
San Angelo Gives for a chance to have your  
gift amplified!*

**[SANANGELOGIVES.ORG/ORGANIZATION/CACGREATERWTX](https://SANANGELOGIVES.ORG/ORGANIZATION/CACGREATERWTX)**

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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| CASA Volunteer Trainings.....                         | March 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup>   5:30 - 9:00pm<br>May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>   5:30 - 9:00pm<br>July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup>   5:30 - 9:00pm |
| Child Abuse Prevention Month - Pinwheel Ceremony..... | April 1 <sup>st</sup>   11:30am  |
| San Angelo Gives.....                                 | May 5 <sup>th</sup>  |

## THANK YOU TO OUR CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN SPONSORS



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