



Nicole (pictured center) with her adoptive parents and court appointed advocate, Shiloh Carter (pictured right) at the 2013 Pull for Kids Classic.

# Advocate News

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## A Bright New Life for Nicole

### **COURT APPOINTED ADVOCATE, SHILOH CARTER, AND TEENAGER, NICOLE REED, SHARE THEIR JOURNEY TOWARDS A FOREVER HOME AT THE 2013 PULL FOR KIDS CLASSIC**

When Shiloh Carter first met Nicole, she was living in her third foster placement and was not the happy, carefree teenager often characteristic of a 14-year-old girl. Nicole had lived through nine years of sexual and emotional abuse from her mother's boyfriend.

Nicole grew up in a home where her bedroom lacked a door, where she feared the dark, where she would pretend to sleep while her abuser took advantage of her and where her mother refused to acknowledge that anything wrong was going on.

Nicole's abuse was never brought to light until a police officer caught Nicole skipping school. He saw a deep fear and apprehension in Nicole when she told him that she couldn't go home because she would be alone with her mom's boyfriend. The police officer suspected something more was going on and brought Nicole into Child Protective Services for questioning. It was there that her years of sexual abuse were uncovered.

During the next several months, Shiloh, Nicole's court appointed advocate, became her constant support and life line. In fact, if it weren't for Shiloh, Nicole's abuser would never have had criminal charges brought up against him. While Shiloh was investigating Nicole's case, she realized that Nicole's abuser was never charged for his crimes. It was Shiloh that reported him to the authorities.

"If it weren't for Shiloh, who knows where I would be," Nicole said as she held back tears during the 2013 Pull for Kids Classic. Shiloh was there for Nicole through every twist and turn. She was there when she had good days and bad. She was there when Nicole had to make heart-wrenching testimonies to the court about the details of her abuse. She was there when Nicole's abuser was convicted and sentenced to 99 years in prison. Finally, she was there when Nicole was adopted by the Reed family.

Today, Nicole is living happily with her new family and just celebrated her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday this summer – a birthday, that in her darkest times, Nicole never thought she would see. Thankfully, her abuser remains in prison.

**“She had made a complete 180. The light had returned to her eyes and she was so full of hope.”**

*In Harris County alone, nearly 5,000 children languish in foster care because of life-threatening abuse & neglect. With our current resources, Child Advocates can provide a volunteer to less than half of them. If you would like to help us provide critical advocacy services for more children, please consider becoming a volunteer or making a financial donation online at [www.childadvocates.org](http://www.childadvocates.org).*

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## Finding a Forever Home



L to R, Nicole at her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday with her court appointed advocate, Shiloh

This winter, Nicole expects to graduate from high school and while considering a career in law enforcement or the military, she will be attending classes at a local community college.

Nicole, her new family and Shiloh all look forward to her bright future together.

At the 2013 Pull for Kids Classic, Nicole and Shiloh shattered our ‘sponsor a child’ donation records with their story, raising over \$100,000 for other children like Nicole. Here is an excerpt from Shiloh's speech:

*When I was first appointed to Nicole's case, I honestly wasn't sure how I was going to help her. Reading through her case file, she had just been through so much. The first time I met her, at the group home, you could just see it in her eyes that she was carrying so many wounds and so much hurt. That she was just surviving, enduring each day.*

*I came home from our first meeting, not knowing how I was going to do it, but knowing that I could not let this be the end of her story... I had to find her a home. I had to make sure that she knew this wasn't her fault. And, I wanted her to know that she didn't deserve any of this. I didn't want to be another person in her life that let her down.*

*The outcome of Nicole's journey is really such a miracle. It was only weeks before the final trial in the CPS case that everything actually started to come together. Nicole's abuser was arrested and charged with multiple counts of felony sexual assault of a minor. The paperwork for the Reeds to be licensed foster parents finally went through and Nicole was able to move in with them while they went through the adoption process.*

*Once Nicole moved in with the Reeds, her transformation was remarkable and everyone who encountered her saw it. Her psychiatrist took her off all the psychotropic medications and her therapist was astonished by her progress. She had made a complete 180. The light had returned to her eyes and she was so full of hope.*

*During the criminal trial, Nicole had to recount her story in explicit detail in front of her abuser and a room full of strangers, but she was so incredibly brave. When the twelve jurors returned the guilty verdict and sentence, it gave her a sense of closure and justice. Those twelve jurors had listened to her story and through their verdict, they had communicated to her that this wasn't her fault and that he was going to take responsibility for what he had done to her.*

*I am so proud of Nicole and the young woman she has become.*

To see more about this story, visit our YouTube Channel:  
<http://www.youtube.com/childadvocatesinc> and click the 2013 Pull for Kids

# Calling all superheroes... We need you!



Child Advocates is thrilled to announce the first annual Superhero Run powered by MRE Consulting, Ltd. will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at CITYCENTRE Houston.

The Superhero Run is designed as a family fun event and includes 5K and 1K courses to run or walk in. We are encouraging everyone to become a superhero for the day by wearing their favorite superhero costume to the run. You may even win some amazing prizes in the costume contest.

To make this event an amazing success, we need your help. We are still looking for sponsors and volunteers. If this is something you or your company is interested in, please contact Kelly at [kelly.goff@childadvocates.org](mailto:kelly.goff@childadvocates.org) or visit our website: [www.childadvocates.org/hero](http://www.childadvocates.org/hero) for more information.

**Registration for the run is now open!** To sign up and to get all the details, visit: [www.childadvocates.org/hero](http://www.childadvocates.org/hero). Your participation in this new event will help make a difference in the lives of some of Houston's littlest victims.



If running is not your thing, but you would still like to give back to Child Advocates, the 2013 Heroes Society campaign is right around the corner! We hope you will participate by making a donation or creating a personalized fundraising web page to share with your friends and family.

Please visit [www.childadvocates.org/hero](http://www.childadvocates.org/hero) and click 'Join the Heroes Society' to make your donation. You'll also find step-by-step instructions on how to build a page and share it through e-mail, Facebook or other social media tools. Once again this year, our top court appointed advocate volunteer fundraisers will win a great prize for the children on their case.

Your participation in the run or the Heroes campaign means so much to us! No matter how you choose to give, your support will provide lifesaving advocacy for children who might otherwise fall through the cracks in the child welfare system. Every runner and every gift makes a tremendous difference. Thank you for becoming a hero!

## From the CEO

Hi all,

One of my most favorite moments at Child Advocates is when we have the opportunity to hear firsthand from the children we have helped over the years. Despite the efforts and commitment of our incredible volunteers, not every case ends with a happy ending. However, on May 11, those of us in attendance at the Pull for Kids will never forget hearing Nicole's story. It takes a lot of courage to stand in front of 700 people and share your account of abuse. It was an unforgettable night and I hope you take a moment to read about Nicole and the story she shared with us that evening.

It has been a busy summer and now we are gearing up for the fall. In a matter of days, 625 of our kids will get ready to go back to school at the Cameron Childspree, our annual back-to-school shopping event. A special thank you to all the volunteers who will wake up before sunrise to be personal shoppers for our kids. This event is always so fun and every year it seems to get bigger and bigger. We couldn't do it without our sponsors Cameron, Atwood Oceanics, Spark Energy, the Junior League of Houston and Target.

As we look toward the fall, I am excited to announce that our first annual Superhero Run will be held on October 19 at CITYCENTRE Houston. Registration is now open for this event and we cannot wait to see all the big and little heroes that will be attendance that morning to help run or walk for Child Advocates.

Throughout the next quarter, we will continue to focus on recruitment and retention as we still have a large goal ahead of us to serve more children than we ever have before. In order to meet this goal, we need to recruit and retain more volunteers. Our best tool for recruiting is you! We would love to come speak to your company, group or place of worship about Child Advocates and the work we do. Please contact Claire at 713-529-1396 ext. 242 to schedule a time.

Last, but certainly not least, we have a date scheduled for the 2013 Volunteer Appreciation Event. Mark your calendars for November 7 as we gather at Minute Maid Park to celebrate you!

We have so many ways to get involved and give to Child Advocates that I hope you take a moment to see what works best for you. I look forward to seeing many of you soon and thank you for all that you do!

*Angie Galvan*



# Snapshots



**The Bellaire Belles dance team supporting Child Advocates at Jersey Mike's 'Make a Difference Day'.**



**Becky & David Davis, Grace Holmes, Cherie Hassenflu and Sonya Galvan with the 'living statue' at the 2013 Pull for Kids Classic evening party, which raised over \$770,000 for Child Advocates.**



**For the second year in a row, Team Spark Energy took home 1st Place at the 2013 Pull for Kids Classic Sporting Clays Tournament.**



**Kids coming by to enjoy the bubbles during the Houston Children's Festival.**

## Voices

**"HOW HAS VOLUNTEERING AS A COURT APPOINTED ADVOCATE ENHANCED YOUR LIFE?"**



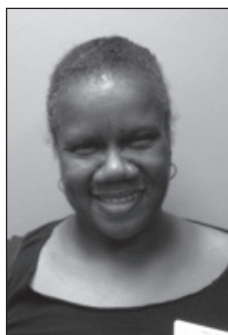
**Duane King,  
Court Appointed  
Advocate  
Since 2002**

"Even though the circumstances that we deal with as advocates are challenging and desperate, I have often been inspired by the people that I meet in my cases. Parents who turn their lives around, relatives that step up to care for children, strangers willing to adopt, and children who are so resilient, all inspire me to continue to believe we can all do good for one another."



**Laurie Boswell,  
Court Appointed  
Advocate  
Since 2000**

"I don't know how many cases I've been involved in, but I do know that every single one of them changed my life. Some were such a joy when children were reunited with parents or adopted by foster parents, some were more difficult, and one was heartbreaking. Each touched me differently and each helped me grow and made my life more fulfilling."



**Bernadette Session,  
Court Appointed  
Advocate  
Since 2006**

"Volunteering as an advocate gives me a feeling of involvement in the larger Houston community. More importantly, I feel so grateful to be able to help children who might have gotten 'lost in the shuffle' between parents/family members ill-equipped to care for them and an overloaded system there to help, yet often overwhelmed by the numbers of families needing assistance."

# Focus on Friends

FRIENDS OF CHILD ADVOCATES

## 2013 ANGELS OF HOPE LUNCHEON HONOREE



On December 3, the Friends of Child Advocates will honor Hildegard Ballard at our annual Angels of Hope Luncheon and Fashion Presentation by Neiman Marcus. We are delighted to recognize this remarkable volunteer and active board member who has been a champion for abused and neglected children for 17 years. Our outstanding honoree has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1996 and supported the Angels of Hope Luncheon since 1998. Hildegard has held many positions including Board Chair and Development Chair where her leadership resulted in the team

exceeding revenue records for four consecutive years.

We hope you will join chairs Joy Posoli, Nancy Thorington and Lynda Lighthouse Transier at the Westin Galleria Hotel Grand Ballroom for a spectacular luncheon honoring Hildegard's exemplary service. You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet friends, hear an inspiring story, and view exciting couture fashions by designer Roland Mouret. Mr. Mouret is known for his legendary Galaxy and Moon dresses, which have been seen on celebrities such as Victoria Beckman and Cameron Diaz.

We are excited to announce that this year's luncheon kick-off party will be the evening of Thursday, October 10, and is being generously underwritten by Corner Table Restaurant / Darla Lexington and Chef Bruce Molzan. Many thanks to wonderful supporters Joel and Sheryl Androphy for helping us secure this incredible venue to kick off the event!

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Mother and daughter dynamic volunteer duo Reena and Pinki Moore joined the Friends of Child Advocates Governance Council two years ago. We are so fortunate to have their phenomenal support which has included participating in the Angels of Hope Luncheon, Santa's Wishlist, the Friends' Easter

Egg Hunt, the Pull for Kids, and the Houston Children's Festival. Their dedication and generosity reflect their true commitment to helping children. Thank you ladies for bringing your winning smiles to so many events at Child Advocates.

## IN OTHER NEWS...

In the coming months we will be making some exciting changes to our current Friends membership, allowing us to evolve and grow. Our membership directory will be 'going green', and become completely accessible on a secure website by early 2014. For information on Friends membership, contact Marla at 713-529-1396 x 234 or [marla.endieveri@childadvocates.org](mailto:marla.endieveri@childadvocates.org).

# Donor Spotlight

## VACATIONS TO GO

# VACATIONS To Go

We are so excited about our partnership with Vacations To Go, the world's largest seller of

cruises and river cruises and one of the largest sellers of escorted tours as well as tropical resort packages. Established in 1984, Vacations To Go will help more than 750,000 people with an international vacation in 2013, and employs 700 people in the Houston area.

As a supporter of Child Advocates' Pull for Kids Classic, Vacations To Go CEO, Alan Fox, was first exposed to our work after attending the annual event as a guest of a friend. Impressed by the crucial role the organization plays in protecting abused children, Alan knew that Child Advocates' volunteers were making a difference in young lives, every day. We are grateful for the support of Vacations To Go and look forward to continuing our relationship!

## ROBERT W. & PEARL WALLIS KNOX CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Supporting Child Advocates since 1985, the Robert W. & Pearl Wallis Knox Charitable Foundation focuses their giving to Texas charities that provide services for families, as well as mental health programs. With their generous contributions over the years, the Robert W. & Pearl Wallis Knox Charitable Foundation has given over 28 children a court appointed advocate and hope for a brighter future. We are so appreciative of their long-time support!



## SUNNY & MAC HAIK

For more than a decade, Sunny and Mac Haik have contributed to the mission of Child Advocates in many different ways. Sunny has served on the Host

Committee for our Angels of Hope Luncheon and been a generous supporter of this annual holiday event since 2003. The Haik's have also provided past charitable donations to our Pull for Kids Classic and to the Houston Children's Festival. We also appreciate the on-going support from three different Mac Haik car dealerships for our Car Pros for Kids fundraiser. Thank you Sunny and Mac for all you do to help the children we serve!



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# Doing Something

## BLOWDRY BOOT CAMP HELPS SUPPORT CHILD ADVOCATES



We are so grateful to Therapy Hair Studio and their incredible Facebook fans for choosing Child Advocates to be the beneficiary of the Spring Blowdry Boot Camp. Therapy's talented hair stylists dished out tips and tricks on creating the perfect salon blow-out look, and generously donated 100% of the event's proceeds to Child Advocates. Thank you to Therapy Hair Studio and their clients for bringing in donations totaling \$1,000

to help serve Harris County's abused and neglected children.

## CAR PROS SHOPS CONTINUE TO GIVE BACK IN A BIG WAY

When Byron Rusk began Car Pros for Kids twenty years ago out of RMS Auto Care, generously providing free oil changes to customers who donated to Child Advocates, we never could have imagined how the campaign would grow!

With up to 30 auto shops across Houston now participating each February, Car Pros auto shops provide two free oil changes to customers making a \$35 donation to Child Advocates. Since its inception, Car Pros for Kids has brought in over \$500,000 to Child Advocates. **Thank you to this year's participating shops and to the drivers across town who have helped Houston's abused and neglected children!**

## VOLUNTEERING ON ANOTHER LEVEL

When Jonnie Sutterfield attended Advocacy University in April of 2012 to become a court appointed advocate, she



knew she wanted to dedicate as much of her time and effort to Child Advocates as she possibly could. Jonnie not only volunteers in a unique capacity as an advocate for

children temporarily placed in Houston from another state or county's foster care system, but she donates much of her time to the Child Advocates office. She has spent over 400 hours assisting our staff with countless projects and helping us around the office.

Thank you, Jonnie, for your kind heart, consistent hard work, and willingness to help with any task!

**EVERY CHILD NEEDS A HERO BUT ABUSED CHILDREN NEED SUPERHEROES!**



**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**  
Visit [www.childadvocates.org/hero](http://www.childadvocates.org/hero)  
for all the details.





# YPC Update

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR CHILDREN

## A DAY AT THE ZOO...

The heat didn't stop YPC from kicking off the summer with a fun children's event at the zoo! The kids raced their way around the zoo with scavenger hunt map in hand. We had some amazing volunteers at various stations to help them learn a little more about the animals they were visiting. A special thanks to the Houston Zoo for donating 200 tickets and helping us bring back one of our most popular children's events.

## IT'S COOK-OFF TIME!

Mark your calendars, on November 9, YPC will head back to Hughes Hangar for the third annual Cook-off for Kids. This event has exceeded our goals and expectations every year and we are sure this year will be no different!

We are excited to have Silver Eagle Distributors and Saint Arnold Brewery back on board as sponsors! There is already a great lineup of restaurants to battle it out for the best chili in town! If you or your company is interested in sponsoring this event, please contact [stacy.senko@childadvocates.org](mailto:stacy.senko@childadvocates.org).

## GET INVOLVED WITH YPC!

Know of a company, organization or group that may be interested in hearing about YPC? Let us know by emailing [stacy.senko@childadvocates.org](mailto:stacy.senko@childadvocates.org). We'd love to get your friends involved! Sign up on our website at [www.childadvocates.org/ypc](http://www.childadvocates.org/ypc) and 'Like' us on our Facebook fan page: [www.facebook.com/caiypc](http://www.facebook.com/caiypc)

# Happenings

## AUGUST

- 10 **Advocacy University Begins** – Sign up now for an orientation session to see how you can be the difference in the life of an abused child: [www.childadvocates.org](http://www.childadvocates.org).
- 10 **Cameron Childsfree** – We are heading back to Target to help over 625 children get ready to go back to school. Thank you to all who have signed up.

## SEPTEMBER

- 9 **Advocacy University Begins** (\*daytime session) – Sign up now for an orientation session to see how you can be the difference in the life of an abused child: [www.childadvocates.org](http://www.childadvocates.org).
- 28 **Deacons of Deadwood Annual Charity Gala** – We are pleased to be a beneficiary of this year's gala. The evening includes great food, live music by Moving Sidewalks, a silent auction and pre- and after-parties! You can support us by purchasing a VIP table or tickets. For more information, email [kelly.goff@childadvocates.org](mailto:kelly.goff@childadvocates.org).

## OCTOBER

- 12 **Advocacy University Begins** – Sign up now for an orientation session to see how you can be the difference in the life of an abused child: [www.childadvocates.org](http://www.childadvocates.org).
- 19 **First Annual Superhero Run** – Join us at CITYCENTRE Houston for this family fun 5k and 1k run. Be a superhero for the day by wearing a superhero costume to the run. To register online visit: [www.childadvocates.org/hero](http://www.childadvocates.org/hero).
- 26 **YPC Children's Halloween Party** – It's sure to be a 'spooktacular' time for kids of all ages. They will be making treats and taking home a costume. For more information, email [ypc@childadvocates.org](mailto:ypc@childadvocates.org).

## NOVEMBER

- 7 **Volunteer Appreciation Event** – Head to the ballpark for an evening of fun, as we celebrate the heart of our program, our court appointed advocates. Formal invitations and more information coming in October.
- 9 **Cook-off for Kids** – Join us at Hughes Hangar on Washington Avenue for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual YPC Cook-off for Kids. For sponsorship or event information, please contact [stacy.senko@childadvocates.org](mailto:stacy.senko@childadvocates.org).

## Volunteers Needed!

### Did you know the best referral for new volunteers is YOU!

In order to continue to meet our goal of serving 2250 children this year, we need your help in recruiting new court appointed advocate volunteers. Who do you know that would be a great advocate?

We have several orientations throughout the year. Visit [www.childadvocates.org/advocate](http://www.childadvocates.org/advocate) for more information

FOR DETAILS ON THE DATES LISTED HERE AND FOR ALL THE LATEST CALENDAR UPDATES, VISIT [WWW.CHILDADVOCATES.ORG/CALENDAR](http://WWW.CHILDADVOCATES.ORG/CALENDAR)

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## JEFF BALLEW, BOARD MEMBER



**WHEN NOT BUSY AS A BOARD MEMBER, MY DAYS ARE FILLED WITH...** I am President of Cardinal Gas Storage Partners. We were formed in 2008 to construct, own and operate natural gas storage facilities in North America. We currently have four operating facilities.

I also keep busy with my children (one still in high school) and seven grandchildren. We travel to soccer tournaments, waterski, fish and have a lot of work and adventures at our farm in Arkansas.

**MY INVOLVEMENT WITH CHILD ADVOCATES INCLUDES...** I am a new Board member of Child Advocates effective January 1, 2013. I also serve on the Finance Committee.

**I GOT INVOLVED WITH CHILD ADVOCATES BECAUSE...** When we formed Cardinal in 2008 and located our corporate offices in Houston, we were looking for a charity we could support that focused on children as the primary driver. We wanted a local/regional charity to support as opposed to a national charity because we wanted to impact our local community. I arranged a democratic process where each employee could nominate a charity and then we voted to get a short list of three. Each of these three very worthy charities then came to our offices to make a presentation to us and we had a final vote. Child Advocates and their fight for abused and neglected children won our hearts and support.

We have Child Advocates set up in our payroll system as a payroll deduction line item and we have great participation. In addition, the Board of Directors has agreed in the past four years to a company match of the employee total. As a group, we get involved in certain activities, such as the Santa's Wish List, but our big push is our annual charity golf tournament benefiting Child Advocates. This is especially noteworthy given how bad a golfer I am. We have the tournament, a silent auction and great support from our business partners and friends.



**SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 9  
AT HUGHES  
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More details coming soon!  
If you or your company  
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# Spotlight On ...

## CAMERON CHILDSPREE

When children are removed from their homes due to severe abuse or neglect they frequently do not have the chance to bring many of their personal belongings with them. Having very little to call your own can escalate an already frightening situation. For many children, the Cameron Childspree allows them to start the school year with new clothes and supplies for the very first time.

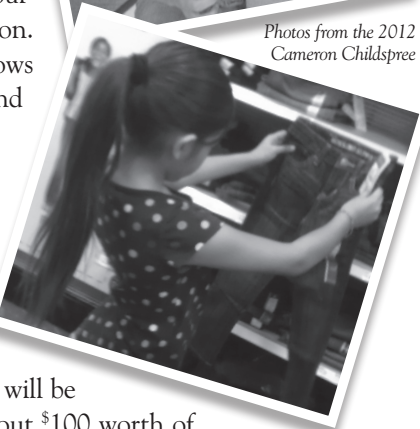
Approximately 625 of the abused and neglected children we serve will head back to school in style thanks to the generous donors and volunteers behind the 2013 Cameron Childspree.

This year's Childspree will be held on August 10 at nine Houston-area Target stores. Each child will be paired with a volunteer who will help them pick out \$100 worth of clothing and shoes to start off the school year right. Each child will also receive a backpack filled with all the supplies they need to succeed in the school year ahead.

Thank you to Cameron, Atwood Oceanics, Spark Energy, Target and the Junior League of Houston for sponsoring this incredible event. We would also like to thank the many volunteers who will wake up before dawn to shop with our children. We couldn't do it without you!



Photos from the 2012  
Cameron Childspree



## Special Thanks

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Thank you to all of our Wine Pull donors, this event continues to be a great success because of your support. A special thanks to all the chairs and volunteers who gave so much to help us raise over \$770,000!

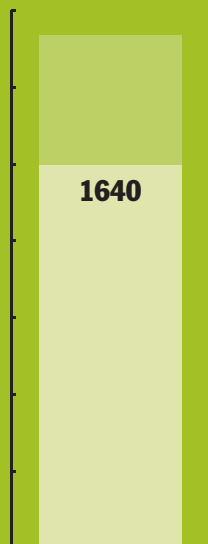
**JERSEY MIKE'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY** - A very special thank you to Jersey Mike's Subs for their continued support and generosity! Thanks to the Bellaire Belles, Houston Texans Cheerleaders and to everyone who dined with us.

**FRIENDS OF CHILD ADVOCATES CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT** - Thanks to event chairs, Courtney Danile and Judy Farrell as well as, Chick-fil-A Southwest Freeway at Kirby Drive, Friends Governance Council Members, Amanda Hodgso, Junior League Houston and Reena Moore.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Ray Rice, Theatre Under the Stars, Whole Foods Market and Kristi Baksht. Your special gifts provided brighter days for our children.

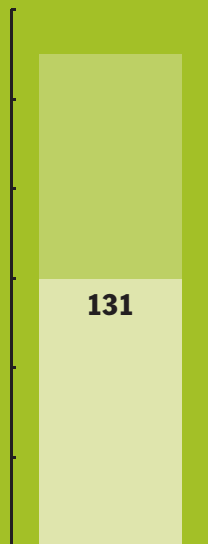
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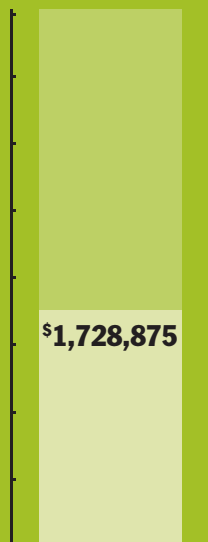
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Child Advocates, Inc. mobilizes court appointed volunteers to break the vicious cycle of child abuse. We speak up for abused children who are lost in the system and guide them into safe environments where they can thrive.

# Thrive

## FOREVER FAMILIES SHARE THEIR GRATITUDE TO OUR COURT APPOINTED ADVOCATES.

The work our court appointed advocates do is invaluable to Child Advocates and to the children that we serve.

The testament to this work is when we can look back and see the profound impact that has been made months and years later. Nothing thrills us more than knowing that a child who was once a victim is now living with hope and a chance for a great future surrounded by love.

These two letters were recently sent to a couple of our volunteers and is a great reminder of the work and impact each and every court appointed advocate makes.

Dear Kathi 5/29/2013

Hope you're doing well.  
We are doing good Josh is saying  
dada, mama, & bye bye, he's growing  
by leaps and bounds, he's such  
a happy baby and we have gotten  
really close. I look forward to  
picking him up everyday.  
I haven't really heard from  
Joanna much (which is good). I wish  
I could help her but she thinks  
she has done nothing wrong.  
I'm planning a big birthday party  
for "Blue". Can't wait I'm going  
to invite his sisters, I'm so  
glad that Angie and I met,  
and of course all of you also.  
I've completed almost everything  
to become a foster parent.  
I won't keep you, I just wanted  
to remind you that you do matter.  
Love always  
Stacy & Josh.

Dear Janie,

We are extremely grateful for your loving care and nurture of Vicki through the early years of her life. The effects of the profound emotional trauma she endured during those years was surely obviated by your constancy in her life. As she continues to grow and reassesses those years through more mature eyes, she will continue to cherish the role you played in her life. I know she wants to keep in touch with you, and your being with us yesterday on her big day was such a wonderful affirmation of your caring for her. Along with Sara and Michael, we will provide the family love and security she deserves and count it a privilege that we got to spend time with you. Do let us know when you are here in November.

Grace and blessings, L

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