



THE FRIENDS



OF CHILD ADVOCATES



Who are the Friends of Child Advocates (The Friends)?



The Friends of Child Advocates is a group of energetic volunteers who work as a volunteer arm and a financial partner with Child Advocates, Inc. to raise vital funds to support the organization's mission of breaking the cycle of child abuse. Founded in 1989, the Friends has had a significant impact on Child Advocates' ability to serve more abused children by raising more than \$4.5 million for the organization.

How do the Friends help abused children?

The Friends have a direct impact on the children served by Child Advocates in three distinct ways. We host and participate in several exciting fundraising activities each year, we provide critical volunteer support at Child Advocates' children's events and we locate thousands of dollars worth of in-kind donations for the children annually.



Our largest fundraising event and an important tradition is the Friends' Angels of Hope Luncheon and Fashion Presentation. We are proud to say that this event accounts for a significant amount of Child Advocates' annual revenues needed to continue their

critical mission of providing a voice for abused children. Our members also plan and produce several smaller scale fundraisers throughout the year as well as serve as volunteers at important events such as the Houston Children's Festival and the Pull for Kids Classic.



Members of the Friends fill critical roles at two of Child Advocates' largest children's events. We volunteer to chair and serve as personal shoppers at the annual Childspre — helping more than 400 children to shop for school clothes and supplies. Our members also staff the famed "Ginger's Spa" area at the annual Child Advocates Holiday Party.



Additionally, our Gilbert & Rachel's Closet Committee secures contributions and in-kind donations to provide basic necessities to the children — from beds to winter coats to books to diapers — all housed in "Gilbert & Rachel's Closet" at the Child Advocates office. Gilbert and Rachel were the names of the first two children served by Child Advocates in 1984.

Additionally, many of our members also provide hands-on help and leadership to Child Advocates by serving on one (or more!) of several organizational committees, the Board of Directors or the Advisory Board.

How can I become involved?

Through the Friends of Child Advocates, you have the opportunity to contribute your time and talents in a variety of ways.

We offer daytime, evening and weekend opportunities, and whether you have five hours a month or five hours a week, we can find a worthwhile and rewarding way to utilize your skills. You can also help us reach more of Houston's most severely abused children by making a tax-deductible contribution to the Friends of Child Advocates.



You can help make happy endings for abused children by joining today. To join, please call 713-529-1396 ext. 234 or complete this form and drop it in the mail. Membership dues also entitle you to subscriptions to the monthly *CAIFirst* e-newsletter and the tri-annual



Advocate News newsletter, invitations to membership socials and Child Advocates events, and inclusion in and a copy of the Friends Membership Directory.

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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.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____

HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____

NEW MEMBER CURRENT MEMBER

ACTIVE MEMBER \$50

(MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN A COMMITTEE)

SUPPORTING MEMBER \$100

(MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND A CAI FUNDRAISING EVENT)

LIFETIME MEMBER \$750

(3-YEAR PLEDGE OF \$250 PER YEAR IS AVAILABLE)

CHARGE \$250 NOW

I WISH TO MAKE A DONATION ONLY.

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO
CHILD ADVOCATES, INC.

PLEASE CHARGE MY:

AMERICAN EXPRESS

MASTERCARD

VISA

ACCOUNT NUMBER _____

EXPIRATION DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

Yes, I would like to join the Friends.

Mail form and check to:

FRIENDS OF CHILD ADVOCATES, INC.

2401 PORTSMOUTH, SUITE 210

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77098

713-529-1396, EXT. 234

WWW.CHILDADVOCATES.ORG

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FUNDRAISING EVENTS COMMITTEE

CHILDREN'S EVENTS COMMITTEE

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