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HELPING TO CHANGE THE WORLD

ONE CHILD AT A TIME

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MAHJ For A Reason

Child Advocacy Center's new annual fundraiser, MAHJ for a Reason, was held on March 22, 2026. We had 100 players at the Country Club of Mobile. It was exciting to see so many Mahjong players. Thank you to CAC Board Member, Tricia Graham, who served as the Chairman for this fundraiser. Also, a big thank you to Sabrina Alexander who created the artwork and the registration system for MAHJ for a Reason. Sabrina Alexander, owner of Dots & Dragons Mahjong, was the Raffle sponsor, too. Another thank you goes to our tournament manager, Lynn Cooper, owner of Mahjong Collective. At the tournament, Mahjong player, Kerry Doughty presented a check, in the amount of \$1854, to Andy Wynne. Kerry asked her Mahjong friends to order their new 2026 National Mahjong League cards through her. This company gives a donation for every card ordered to a not for profit. With everyone's support, we raised \$20,000. Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors and players. Special thanks go to our Title Sponsor, who wishes to remain anonymous. This event was partially sponsored by the Mobile County Commission. Please mark Sunday, March 14, 2027, on your calendar to play in the 2nd annual MAHJ for a Reason!



MAHJ FOR A REASON
BENEFITTING THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026
1:00 - 5:30 P.M.
COUNTRY CLUB OF MOBILE

MAHJ For A Reason Art



Lynn Cooper, Owner of Mahjong Collective



Volunteers Tori Britt, Mavis Rigby, and Duane Graham



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The Sessions Team



Sabrina Alexander, Owner of Dots and Dragons, Andy Wynne, CAC, Tricia Graham, Chairman and CAC Board Member



Sponsor Board Includes All Sponsors



Tricia Graham, Event Chairman with her husband Duane



Sabrina Alexander, Andy Wynne, Tricia Graham, Jill Boudreaux Who made the Ballon Arch



Lynn Cooper, Tournament Manager

Ruth's Chris Jazzy Lunch To Benefit The CAC

Ruth's Chris Steak House will host the 24th Jazzy Lunch for the Child Advocacy Center on Sunday, October 18. In the past 23 years of support, the event has raised over \$1,528,630 for the CAC's healing services for child sexual abuse victims. CAC Board Members, Margaret Newton and Kristen DeLaney, will serve as co-chairs for this year's event, along with committee member Kimi Oaks and CAC Board President Jay Watkins. David Cooper, Sr. serving as Honorary Chairman. We thank Mr. Cooper and the Cooper family, as well as the management and staff of Ruth's Chris Steak House for their 23 years of support.

The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. under a tent with Bloody Marys and Mimosas served to the music of the Excelsior Jazz Band. Jazzy Lunch sponsorships available for this event are as follows:

- Platinum Sponsorship for \$5,000 with 12 seats
- Gold Sponsorship for \$3,000 with 8 seats
- Silver Sponsorship for \$2,500 with 6 seats
- Bronze Sponsorship for \$1,500 with 4 seats



This premier event is very popular and tends to sell out quickly. If you would like to become a sponsor, please call 251-432-1101.



By Andy Wynne, Executive Director

Receiving this newsletter is an indication that at some point you have helped to provide a child in crisis with care and services. Some of you have made monumental gifts, while others have helped in smaller ways. Many of you help on a regular basis. Some volunteer time, some work at our events, and others make direct donations. All are important and we hope you know that all are truly appreciated and needed.

Each of you are a part of bringing hope and healing to a child that has experienced horrific events no child should endure. On their behalf, I thank you.

My mother often said “many hands make light work” as she made us do our chores. That saying remains true today for our work at the CAC. I would love to tell you that our work is nearing completion, but sadly the need continues. Every day professionals are called to intervene in the lives of sexually abused and severely physically abused children who need safety, justice and healing.

Imagine the impact if every person receiving this newsletter shared why they support the CAC. We would reach 5,000 more people willing to help--or at least, inspire others to think about the needs of our children. Many children are waiting for help, and many people are wondering how to make a meaningful difference. You have an answer for both.

Coca Cola Bottling Company Continues Support

We appreciate our long-time partnership with Coca Cola Bottling Company in Mobile. For the past two decades they have provided products for many players and volunteers at Serve It Up With Love Charity Tennis Tournament and for the Downtown Cajun Cook Off.



Pilot Catastrophe Adjusters Give Back Program

Thank you to the Pilot Catastrophe Adjusters Give Back Program for providing Easter Baskets for children at the CAC.



Coca Cola Staff receive a Plaque of Appreciation for the 10th Anniversary of Downtown Cajun Cook Off and for the 20th Anniversary of Serve It Up With Love Charity Tennis Tournament.



Ways 2 HELP our Children

Child Abuse Awareness Month

A news conference was held at the CAC in recognition of April as Child Abuse Awareness Month. During the event, an awareness campaign was announced to help educate the public about the mission and services of the Child Advocacy Center. Lamar Outdoor Advertising partnered with the CAC to design and display billboards throughout the city promoting the center's services. Lewis Communications created the original CAC brochure artwork, which was also used for the billboard campaign. Pinwheels were displayed around the CAC grounds as a symbol of the child victims who received services at the center during the past year.



Andy Wynne, CAC, Mobile County Sheriff Paul Burch, City of Mobile Police Chief Gregory Jackson, USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital CEO Debbie Browning and Allen Broom, Assistant Administrator of Clinical Operations, Mobile County DHR Director Leslie Kelley, partner agencies staff housed at the CAC

Donations Of School Supplies And Backpacks Needed

Please consider purchasing some school supplies, including pencil sharpeners, rulers, binders, notebooks, loose leaf paper, 3 prong folders, markers, and colored pencils and backpacks for our children when you are out shopping. We try to provide these for our children and their siblings for the opening of school.



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Serve it up with Love



Downtown Cajun
Cook-off



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Serve It Up With Love 20th Anniversary



Horizon Freight System, Inc.



The Catranis Family Foundation, Horizon Freight Systems, and Michelob Ultra were Presenting Sponsors of the men and ladies Serve It Up With Love Charity Tennis Tournament. First Horizon, Gulf Coast Suzuki, Nibroch, Panini Senior Bowl, Rich's Car Wash, and Springhill Medical Center, USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital were Love Sponsors for this year's event. Ladies' day, ladies' night, and men played on Tuesday, April 28. The mixed doubles tournament was played on Sunday afternoon April 26. 566 men and women participated in all 4 events. This year's event raised over \$163,317 net proceeds in our 20th Anniversary! Ladies enjoyed fresh fruit and bakery items provided by Fresh Market, coffee by Carpe Diem, and lunch was provided by Wintzell's Oyster House and Flour Girls Bakery provided cupcakes. Thanks to Kyle Oliver, CAC Board Member, and Michelob Ultra for providing beverages Coca Cola for Coke products. Grand Slam Sponsors: Beard Equipment, Calagaz Digital Printing, City of Mobile, Francie & Bradford Ladd, Gulf Electric, Joe Bullard Automotive Group, The Mobile County Commission, Thompson Wealth Management, and Mercedes Benz of Mobile, Wimbledon sponsors were Briggs Equipment, Century Bank, Citrin Cardiology, LLB&B Real Estate Kelly McGinley, The Orthopaedic Group, and Foosackly's provided awards for ladies, mixed doubles, and men. First Horizon Bank provided signature bags for all players. Calagaz Digital Printing provides all print materials free of charge and donates mail prep services. Mobile Bay Magazine donated a half page ad in the March issue. The In-kind sponsor values added up to a whopping \$30,000!

We appreciate our French Open Sponsors: AcelorMittal, Ameriprise Financial, Barber Plastic Surgery, Coastal Periodontics & Implant Dentistry, Gardberg & Kemmerly Attorneys At Law, Hargrove Engineers & Constructors, Harvey and Thomas Orthodontics, Moe's Southwest Grill, New Horizons Credit Union, Noblet Family Dentistry, Oyster Orthodontics, Threaded Fasteners, and United States Sports University, Willis Family Dentistry.

Special thanks to Scott Novak who has directed this wonderful event for 20 years and the amazing staff at Mobile Tennis Center and to everyone who participated. The amazing committee created an outstanding fun event. If you would like to serve on this committee or become a sponsor, please email Elaine Henderson ehenderson@cacmobile.org. Dates for 2027 are Sunday April 4, and Tuesday, April 6. Watch our website for updates and photos, Dogwood Productions donates the hosting of this website, find us on Facebook.



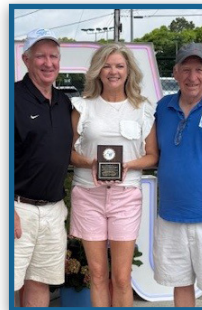
Mobile County Commissioner Connie Hudson, Melie Noblet, Judy Campbell, Tricia Graham, event founders, Mobile City Council Member Gina Gregory



Susan Harrell with a colorfully dressed player



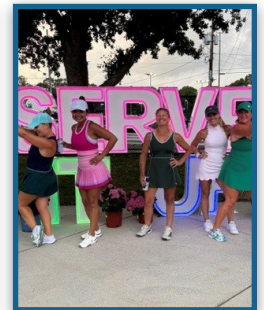
Molly Middleton and Brittany Rogers, Panini Senior Bowl, LOVE Sponsor



Scott and Lorraine Novak with Andy Wynne, CAC



Steven Clarke and Robbie Karcher of Gulf Coast Suzuki, LOVE Sponsor



Ladies Team

Serve It Up With Love Al Fuchs Memorial Greater Mobile Junior Championship



The 2026 Al Fuchs Memorial Greater Mobile Junior Championship presented by The Catranis Family Foundation was held on Sunday, April 26 at the Mobile Tennis Center. 114 juniors from ages 8 to 18 participated.

Students from McGill Toolen Catholic High School were selected as the school with the most participants sponsored by Blaze Pizza. Fresh Market provided fresh fruit for all players to enjoy. Taco Mama's provided a Taco and Nacho Bar for all players to enjoy. Thank you to Kevin Wood for providing funding for Junior awards. Sparkling Ice and Coca Cola provided beverages for the juniors. The 2027 for date will be Sunday, April 4. If you would like to help with the tournament or become a sponsor, please contact ehenderson@cacmobile.org and check out www.serveitupwithlove.com, hosted compliments of Dogwood Productions and find us on Facebook.



United States Sports University Ladies Soft Ball Team Member Volunteers



Boy Player Winners

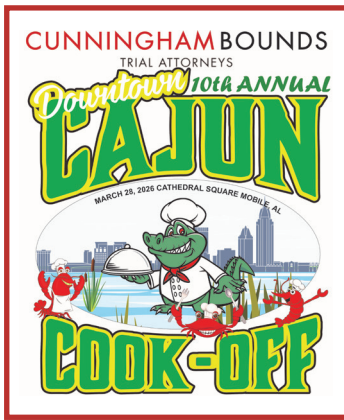


Girl Player Winners



Serve It Up With Love Al Fuchs Memorial Winners Ball

Tenth Anniversary Downtown Cajun Cook-Off



Cunningham Bounds Trial Attorneys presented the Ninth Downtown Cajun Cook-Off on Saturday, March 28 to benefit the Child Advocacy Center. The event raised over \$55,244. The event was held in Cathedral Square where twenty-two of Mobile's favorite restaurants and companies prepared samplings of their best Cajun Cuisine. In addition to Cunningham Bounds, other sponsors included Bud Light, printing, and Stage Sponsor, where live music was provided. WALA FOX10 TV was the Television Sponsor with Jason Smith, Chief Meteorologist serving as Honorary Chairman, 92ZEW was our Radio Sponsor, and Lagniappe was our Newspaper Sponsor. Regions Bank was our bank sponsor. Major sponsors were: Arrow Exterminators, Conecuh Sausage, The Hargrove Foundation, Baumhower's Hot Sauce, Thompson Engineering, ELM, Pilot Catastrophe and the Mobile County Sheriff's Office. WM was an In-kind sponsor. Bishop State Community College provided culinary students to help teams prepare food. Mobile Bay Monthly Magazine donated a ½ page color ad. Local downtown artist, Devlin Wilson created beautiful handmade plaques for all the winners. David Rasp, owner of Heroes Sports Bar & Grill and The Royal Scam was our award sponsor. We appreciate all cooking teams of this event: Bay City R.V. Center, Bagby & Russell Electric, Bob's

Downtown Restaurant, Debris, Heron Lakes Country Club, Lucky Irish Pub & Grill, Mobile Appliance Company, , Mobile County Sheriff's Office, Mobile Fixture, Nixon's, The Flying Biscuit Café, The Roaming Oyster, USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital, Wintzell's Oyster House. Sponsors who prepared food were: Baumhower's (Dauphin's), Cunningham Bounds, LLC, ELM, Regions Bank, Thompson Engineering, WALA FOX10 TV, Arrow Exterminators had a tent with give-a-ways. The Hargrove Foundation was our Dessert Sponsor. Thank you to the City of Mobile for coordinating Cathedral Square for the event. Coca-Cola donated Coke products and Dashani Water; Kentwood Water also donated bottled water. Phil & Foster opened the event with music and The Redfield played music until the event ended. We thank everyone who came and enjoyed the event, our sponsors, and a special thanks to Noell Broughton, CAC Board Member who chaired the event. Thanks to all the committee and wonderful volunteers who made this event possible. The date for the 2027 Downtown Cajun Cook-off is Saturday, March 20 in Cathedral Square. Please follow the Downtown Cajun Cook-Off on Facebook.



Cunningham Bounds Trial Attorneys Team



WALA FOX10 TV Cooking Team



Bob's Downtown Restaurant 1st Place Cooking Team and People's Choice Award Recipient



Baumhower's Dauphin's Cooking Team



WM 3rd Place Cooking Team tied with Debris & WALA FOX10TV



Jerry Barnes Spirit Award Recipient Davidson High School Culinary Students & Cunningham Bounds Trial Attorneys



Terry Ankeron CAC Board Treasurer and his wife Mickie



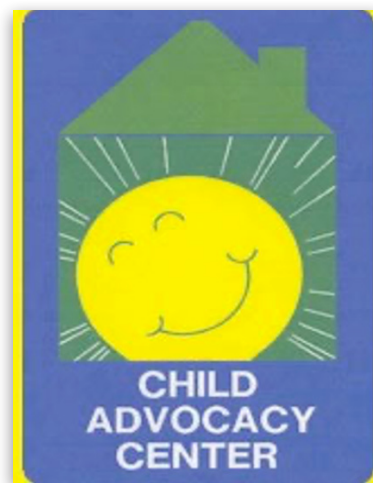
Mobile Appliance 1st Place Decorated Booth

2026 Child Advocacy Center Charity Golf Tournament

The CAC Charity Golf Tournament will be held at Heron Lakes Golf Course on Friday, November 6. Play will begin with an 8:30 a.m. shot gun start. Michelob Ultra will provide beverages. The format is a 4-person scramble. Team prizes include 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, closest-to-hole, longest drive. Entry fee is \$100 per person or (\$400 per team). Sponsorships are available.

Contact and of our tournament chairman: Kevin Moore (moorektr@gmail.com) Tommy Ankerson (tommy.ankerson@regions.com) both CAC Board Members.

Scott Cunningham (scunnungham@hilcorp.com). Mike Williams (mwilliams@moodyprice.com). Marty McLaughlin (martymnvh@chevron.com)



Third Annual Causeway Classic Wooden Boat Show

Chan Flowers will Chair the Third Annual Causeway Classic Wooden Boat Show on Saturday, October 25 at the Blue Gill Restaurant to benefit the Child Advocacy Center. Wooden Boat enthusiasts can register and share their boats with the public. There will be an auction and t-shirts for sale with the original event artwork by local artist Devlin Wilson.



Causeway Classic Wooden Boat Show Art from 2025 Original Art by Devlin Wilson

Holiday Cheer With Grace

Monday, November 16th, 2026

HOLIDAY CHEER
with Grace

The CAC will combine our summer wine tasting and auction with our holiday event. We hope to make this event larger and include a live and silent auction with gifts for giving. HOLIDAY CHEER WITH GRACE to benefit the Child Advocacy Center will be held on Monday, November 16 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Grace will host the event at 555 Dauphin Street in downtown Mobile. The event will feature samples of Grace's signature appetizers and wines to taste, along with music. Watch for details. Call 251-432-1101 for details and if you would like to become a sponsor, follow us on Facebook.

Special Thanks & Appreciation

Azalea City Quilters Guild Donation

Thank you to the Azalea City Quilters Guild for donating 65 beautiful handmade quilts for children who attend services at the CAC to help comfort them and brighten their day. They also presented a check for \$350 to the CAC at one of their meetings. These ladies continue to bless our children all through the year.



Lifelines Counselors display some beautiful quilts



Azalea City Quilters Photo #1 Diane Engels and members with their handmade quilts

CAC Spring Break Bash



The Child Advocacy Center hosted its Spring Break Bash for children and families receiving services through the CAC, along with their siblings. Lifelines Counselors created this event to give children who have experienced abuse an opportunity to laugh, have fun, and be part of something positive and uplifting.

The day featured support from the Mobile Police Department, Mobile County Sheriff's Office, and the Assistant District Attorney's Office. Children enjoyed hot dogs, donuts, games, and meaningful interactions with the law enforcement officers housed at the CAC. Through these positive experiences, children were able to see that these officers are caring, friendly,

and supportive people who truly want to help.

Volunteers from the Child Advocacy Center, Mobile County District Attorney's Office, and Lifelines all worked together to make the event possible. We are grateful to everyone who contributed their time and support to make the Spring Break Bash a great success.

United Way Day of Caring

FOX10 partnered with the CAC in this year's Day of Caring, employees in split shifts spent the day cutting bushes, organizing and cleaning our storage house. We appreciate our special friends sharing their time and talents, they all did an amazing job to make the CAC look good.



FOX10 Day of Caring Team





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Wish List

Target & Walmart gift cards for school supplies

Art supplies for group activities & therapy

Journals for teen boys and girls

Toothbrushes and toothpaste for
our comfort bags

School supplies to have for the
beginning of school

Backpacks

Food Gift Cards

Personal Hygiene products — females & males

Lip gloss/ChapStick for the preteens & teens

Small cosmetic bags for feminine
hygiene products

Parenting Tips

HOW TO STAY COOL WHEN LIFE HEATS UP

The next time pressure builds to where you feel like
lashing out at your child—

STOP!

Take a deep breath, and another, and another. Remember that you are the adult. Imagine how you would feel if someone said or did what you feel like saying or doing to your child. Put your child in a time-out chair—One minute for each year of the child's age. If someone can watch the child, go outside for a walk, or go to the bedroom, close the door and lie down until you and your child cool off.

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