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LEXUS  
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presents

## Dancing with the Stars Austin

Benefiting CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION



# Local Philanthropists Compete in Dancing with the Stars Austin!

Every year, prominent Austin notables train for months to make the annual Dancing with the Stars Austin gala, benefiting the Center for Child Protection, one for the books – and this year was no exception. Presented by Lexus of Austin, this glamorous evening of entertainment played host to more than 900 people and raised more than \$1,200,000 for abused children in Travis County.

Event Chairs Katie Jaffe and Venus Strawn worked tirelessly over the past year to create a successful and memorable event. Andra and Joe Liemandt served as Honorary Chairs. Director and Emcee Sabrina Barker-Truscott crafted an unforgettable evening of performances, led by a group of 10 professional dancers. Judges Ed Clements, an award-winning talk show host at KLBJ-AM; Jeff Jumonville, who specializes in business development at Dragon Products; and Chuck Woolery, a popular host of game shows, radio shows and new podcast, Blunt Force Truth, added just the right amount of clever critiquing to each performance.

Some of the dancers were fans of Hip-Hop; some were fans of Cha Cha, Foxtrot or Lindy Hop, but all of the dancers spent months preparing for their big night and their shot to take home the coveted mirror ball trophy. The performances were a flurry of glittering costumes, dramatic routines and gravity-defying lifts. After

audience votes were compiled, Katrine Formby, who performed to "All I Want for Christmas is You" with her professional dance partner Randy Ferguson, was selected as the 2014 winner. Cassie LaMere was named first runner up for her routine with dance partner Gary McIntyre performing to "Love Runs Out," and Francie Little was named second runner-up for her performance to "Brand New Girlfriend" with dance partner Albert Tailleir.

In addition to the dance competition, guests enjoyed a live auction featuring tickets to an exclusive New York Fashion week show, a custom dress by designer Daniel Esquivel, a sunset cruise on Horseshoe Bay, a VIP Austin experience, and a Snowmass Village vacation as well as two spots in the 2015 Dancing with the Stars Austin competition. Uniformed officers from the Austin Independent School District Police Department, Austin Police Department, Bee Cave Police Department, and Travis County Sheriff's Office took part in the event, serving as bid spotters during the live auction and fund-a-need.

After all of the dance performances, more excitement began to build as the annual Luxury Car Raffle drawing began. Heather Deatherage was awarded the grand prize 2014 Lexus GS 350 donated generously by Lexus of Austin. Meg Land won the

\$2,500 HEB gift card, and Bernadette Spencer won two round-trip Jet Blue tickets courtesy of Tramex Travel. The evening ended with guests taking over the dance floor and moving to the beats of DJ Johnny Bravo.

For 25 years, the Center for Child Protection, a nationally accredited children's advocacy center, has been the first stop for children in Travis County who are suspected victims of sexual abuse, serious physical abuse and for children who have witnessed a violent crime. The Center is a child-friendly, specially-equipped facility where children go for recorded forensic interviews, medical exams, counseling and intervention during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases. It is the only nonprofit in Travis County involved in the investigation of crimes against children. All services are provided to children and their protective caregivers at no charge and are available in English and Spanish. Since opening our doors, the Center has provided more than 74,516 services to children, including 13,876 forensic interviews, and more than 44,264 services to adults.

For more information, visit [www.centerforchildprotection.org](http://www.centerforchildprotection.org).

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## CELEBRITY DANCE LINE-UP & ROUTINES

David Dunham & Sarah Berens  
"Come Fly with Me"

Donna Stockton-Hicks & Angel Figueroa  
"TangoX2"

Adam Zeplain & Amanda Warren  
"Hips and Salsa"

Cassie LaMere & Gary McIntyre  
"Love Runs Out"

Sarah Meredith & Matt Stewart  
"Embracing You"

Grant Foster & Bernadette Carmichael  
"My Girl"

Gene Austin & Taletha Jouzdani  
"He's on Fire"

Shelby Marquardt & Rowdy Dufrene  
"Return of the King"

Francie Little & Albert Tailleir  
"Brand New Girlfriend"

Katrine Formby & Randy Ferguson  
"All I Want for Christmas is You"



CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION  
a children's advocacy center

### 2015 EVENTS

RIDE.DRIVE.GIVE.  
March 30, 2015

Experience Circuit of The Americas in your own car and test your driving prowess in an exotic car, all to benefit abused children in Travis County.

CARING FOR KIDS BANQUET  
April 30, 2015

Guests will have an opportunity to rub shoulders with NFL Alumni Legends as well as participate in live and silent auctions at the Lakeway Resort & Spa.

NFL ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC  
May 1, 2015

Four-person teams, each captained by a former NFL Player, will compete on the Hills of Lakeway Signature Course for a trip to the 2016 NFL Alumni Super Bowl of Golf Tournament.

PLAYBINGO LADIES LUNCHEON  
October 17, 2015

Join us at the Hilton for Tiaras & Boas, Champagne & Mimosas, Luncheon & Legendary Silent Auction, and of course, BINGO!

DANCING WITH THE STARS AUSTIN  
December 6, 2015

Join us at the Hilton to see a new group of celebrity dancers compete for the coveted mirror ball trophy!

For more information about any of our events, visit [www.centerforchildprotection.org](http://www.centerforchildprotection.org).





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Abby Argo, Michael Torres,  
Maxine Roberts and Vicki Howard



Jordan and Katie Jaffe,  
Megan and Chris Slover



Michael and Jill Ford, Jessica Beattie and Ken Fidje



Charmaine McGill and John Hogg



Kelli Kelley and Andra Liemandt



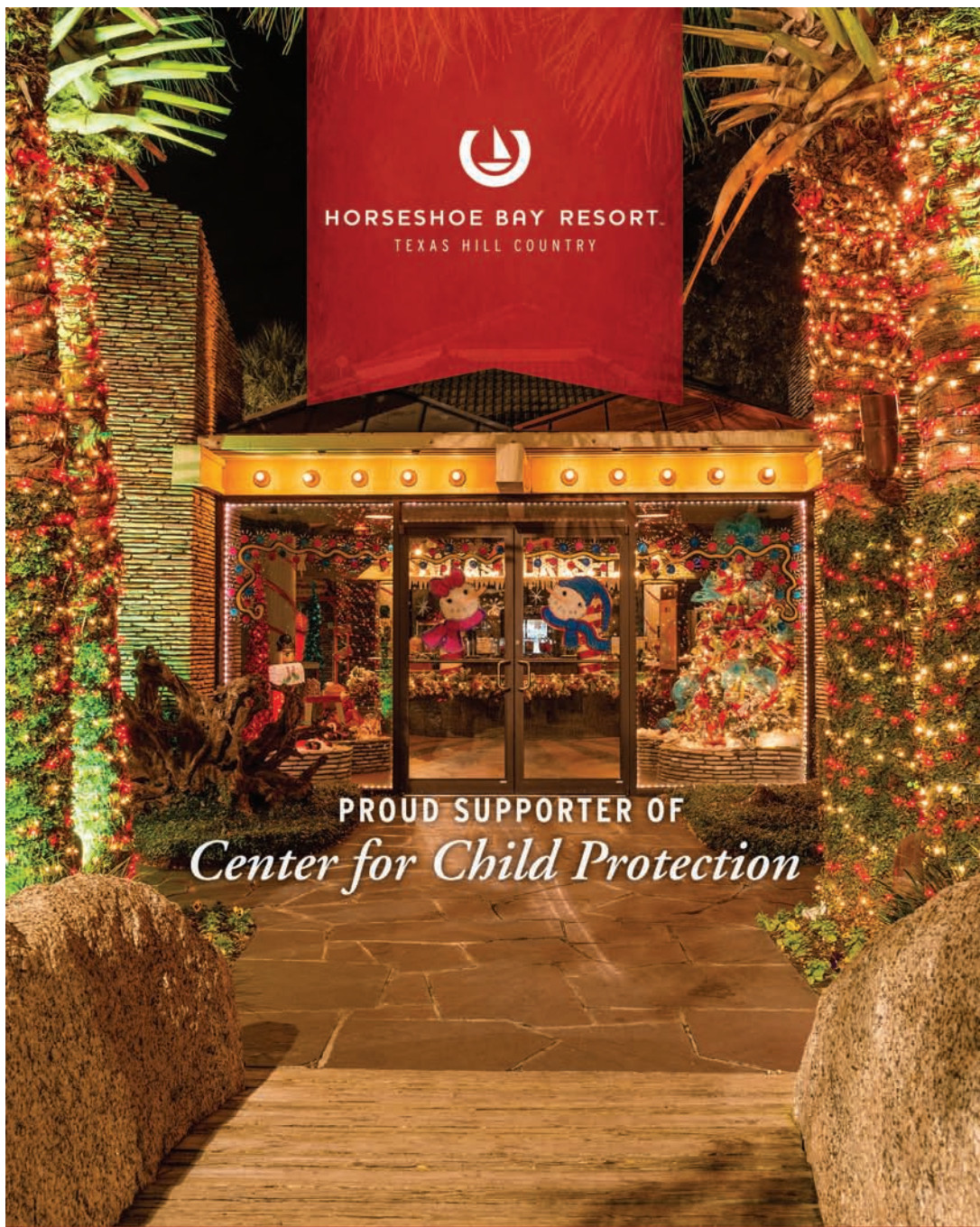
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For more than two decades, Lexus of Austin has stood up for children in Travis County and has given a voice to young victims of violence. Their commitment to ending the cycle of child abuse is unwavering and their belief that children have the potential, and the desire, to make the world a better place is a testament to their values. For them, it's never been just about writing a check. It's about coming together as a community and providing hope to children. They believe that helping even one child makes Austin a better place. Their support truly transcends the bounds of generosity.

We are extremely proud of our 25-year partnership with Lexus of Austin and the work the Child Protection Team does to protect the children of Travis County. Family is important to Lexus of Austin, and we are honored to be a part of theirs.

On behalf of all children in Travis County and the Child Protection Team, thank you!





Carol Adams, Adam and Alex Zeplain



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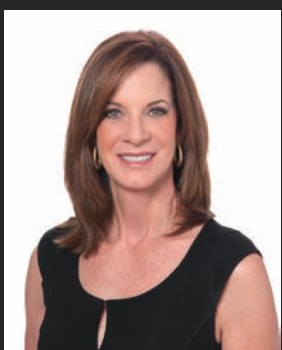
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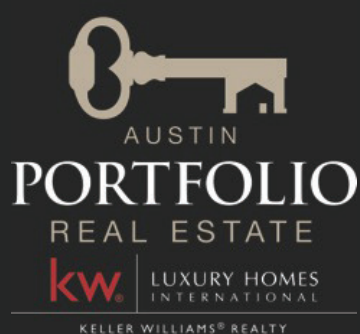
I am proud to have danced to help the children at Center For Child Protection



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## RIDE

### Ride With A Professional

Ever wondered what it'd be like to sit in the passenger's seat as your car hugs every turn of the Circuit of The Americas track? Now you can experience real-life racing thrills while riding shotgun when a professional driver takes the wheel of your car. There's nothing like discovering new ways to push your car to its limits while an experienced driver teaches you to take turns like a pro, brake properly and accelerate at the exact right times. After seeing what your car can do, you'll drive with more confidence and skill than you ever have before. Having a professional take the wheel is not required. Participants can choose to drive the entire time.

## DRIVE

### Drive Your Own

Navigate the Circuit of The Americas, host of the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix, in your own car. Touted as a "great drivers track," you'll experience 20 challenging turns including the blind corner at Turn 10 and the harrowing hairpin at Turn 11. Discovery laps in a lead/follow format and coached laps with a professional driver by your side will remind you why you fell in love with driving.

### Drive An Exotic

Experience the thrill of driving the world's most exclusive cars when you get behind the wheel of an exotic supercar. Be the envy of your friends as you check this thrill of a lifetime off your bucket list.

## GIVE

### All For Charity

Experience Circuit of The Americas in your own car and test your driving prowess in an exotic car, all to benefit abused children in Travis County.



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Dear Friends,

This December issue of River City is an incredibly special one as it marks the Center for Child Protection's 25th anniversary serving Travis County children and families. Over the past 25 years, we have grown to serve over 2,000 children annually – a measure which we've only been able to achieve through the incredible support of you – the community.

The Center was established in 1989 after a series of child deaths illuminated gaps in the child protection system. Now, through collaboration between the Center and a multidisciplinary team of agencies, including Child Protective Services, law enforcement, prosecution and medical professionals, children and families in our community have access to the following services:

• Forensic Services

As the Center's core service, the forensic interview occurs in a child-friendly setting where specially-trained staff obtains a child's statement of what did or did not happen during an alleged crime. These statements are digitally recorded so a child only has to recount their trauma once.

• Clinical Services

Clinical services are offered through three programs at the Center: Family Advocate Program, Therapy Services and Family Support Services. Family Advocates are the initial and ongoing mental health component of the investigation. Therapy Services comprise of individual, family and Protective Parenting group therapy, provided through various experiential modalities as well as traditional "talk" therapy. Through Family Support Services the Center provides high-need families intensive case management, in-home counseling and parent coaching.

• Medical Services

Through collaboration with Dell Children's Medical Center, the Center provides physical abuse assessments and sexual abuse evaluations through two onsite clinics. Through both clinics, children are provided with a head-to-toe wellness check, including psychosocial assessment, collection of physical evidence, and documentation of injuries using the Center's Secure Digital Forensic Imaging camera.

• Education Services

Through Education Services, the Center provides comprehensive community education, mandated reporter training, and child sexual abuse prevention curriculum to community members, educators and other professional mandated reporters, as well as parents, faith communities and youth-serving organizations.

As we conclude our 25th year of service, we want to thank you for supporting the Center and standing up for abused and neglected children in Travis County. It is our vision is to end the cycle of child abuse through advocacy, education and community support, and we know that with you by our side, our vision can become a reality.

With sincere gratitude,

Michael Torres  
Executive Director  
Center for Child Protection



SUPPORT THE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Working with Travis County children and their families who have undergone the trauma of abuse or neglect takes many hours of hands-on, professional care. Your support has a direct and immediate impact for the children who come to the Center and provides the resources they need to move on to a safe and healthy future.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Make a financial gift and/or recurring gift to support the on-going work of the Center.

- o **One Time Gift:** Your unrestricted donation helps raise awareness and provide essential support to abused and neglected children in Travis County.
- o **Monthly Giving:** Your monthly donation helps form a sustainable source of income that we can count on to fund local services at the Center.
- o **Annual Giving:** Pledge \$1,000 or more annually for three years to become a member of the Guardian Angel Society and provide long-term support for children in need.
- o **Tribute Giving:** Acknowledge someone special by giving a gift in their honor or by recognizing a special event in their life such as a birthday or anniversary.
- o **Memorial Giving:** Provide a lasting tribute on behalf of a loved one in your life.

**Give your time, become a volunteer:** Our volunteers are the heart of our organization. With your generous donation of time, you change the lives of abused children each year. Volunteers can work directly with children and families or help out with fundraising and awareness activities throughout the year.

**Support our Kid's Closet:** Items donated to the Kid's Closet are distributed to families in need, empowering them to maintain a safe and protective environment in their homes. Our most immediate needs include:

- o Wal-Mart and Target Gift Cards
- o New clothing for teens
- o New car seats
- o Warm clothes; gloves, scarves, hoodies

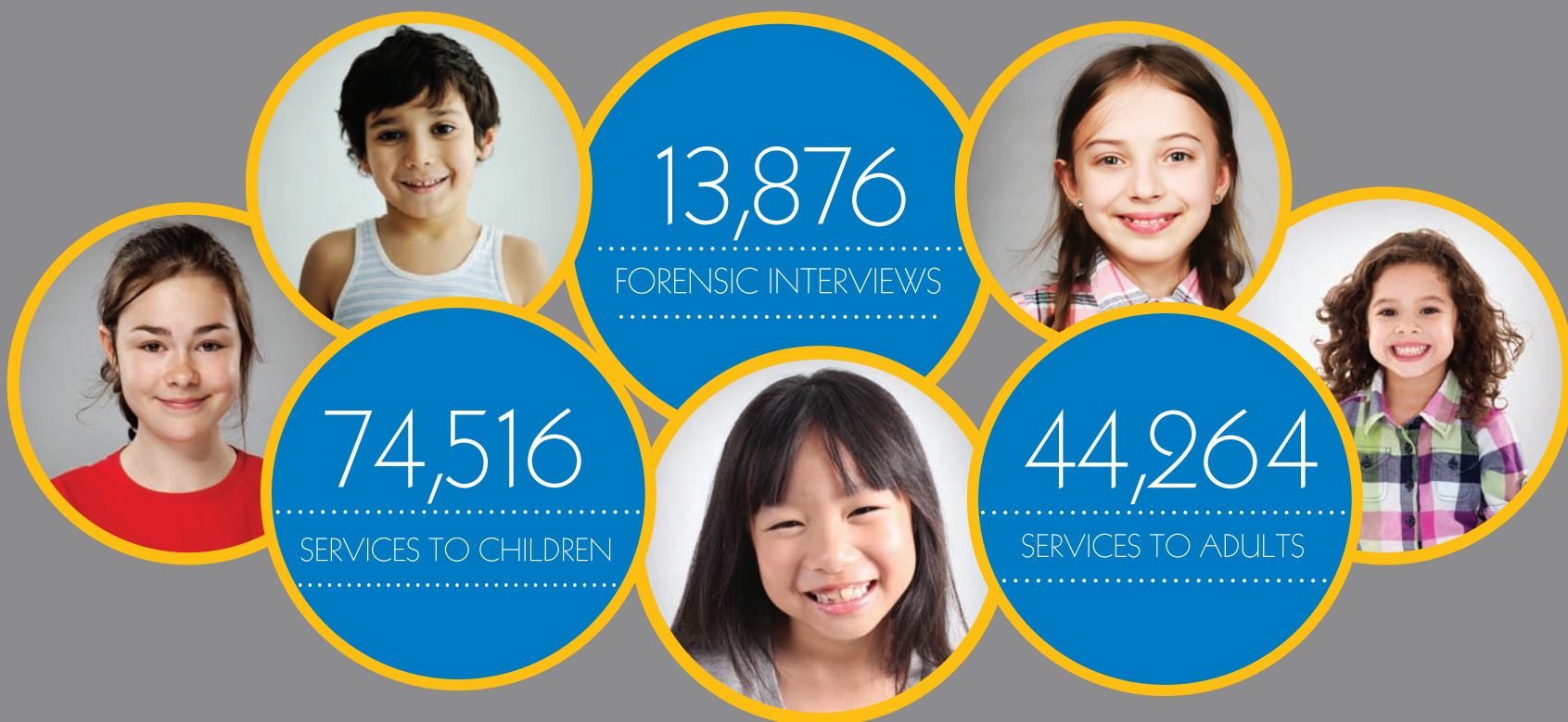
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