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Walk A Mile in Her Shoes Event Benefits Children's Advocacy Center

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Family & Youth's Children's Advocacy Center accepted more than \$2,000 from the Walk A Mile in Her Shoes event. Men from all walks of life walked one mile inside Prien Lake Mall in women's high-heeled shoes to protest rape, sexual assault and domestic violence. This event was coordinated by the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART).

The Children's Advocacy Center is a child-friendly facility designed to coordinate services for children who have been reported as sexually or severely physically abused. Designed and managed to reduce the effects of trauma, the Center's comfortable environment and well-trained staff work together with area prosecutors, law enforcement agents, child protection investigators, social service workers, therapists, victims' advocates and medical professionals to investigate child abuse allegations and reduce the number of investigative interviews typically experienced by victims. The Children's Advocacy Center is a program of Family & Youth.

Family & Youth, a United Way agency, believes that all individuals possess the ability to solve their own challenges and live full and healthy lives when support is available. It is the mission of Family & Youth to provide affordable and professional support through programs and services dedicated to the advocacy, counseling, and education for the people of Southwest Louisiana. Our effort and commitment to building family values will guarantee a stable and stronger community.

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