
Volunteer Program

Volunteers are an essential part of HCWC. Some volunteer opportunities are:

- Answer crisis calls from your home on the 24-hour HELPLINE
- Provide support at the hospital for recent victims of sexual assault or domestic violence
- By serving on the Hospital Emergency Advocate Response Team (HEARTeam)
- Organize donations
- **Help with children's programs and activities**
- Serve on the Board of Directors
- **Educate the community through the Speaker's Bureau and the Primary Prevention Program**

Volunteers must complete training before working in direct service capacities. Training to volunteers covers the dynamics of sexual assault, family violence and child abuse, as well as necessary skills in responding to abuse.

For more details on specific opportunities or training, call the Volunteer Coordinator at (512) 396-3404 or visit our website at www.hcwc.org.

Donate Now

As a non-profit agency, we look to the community to help us seek the resources to help our clients. Please help us help our community!

You can help in the following ways:

- Make a financial contribution — do this today through our website or make a **check payable to "HCWC" and mail to the address below.**
- Become a volunteer.
- Donate items from the Wish List viewable on our website.

Contributions to the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center, a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, are deductible for computing income and estate taxes to the extent allowed by law.

To Contact Us

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Serving Hays & Caldwell
counties since 1978

*All services are
free and confidential*

Community support and involvement is **essential for HCWC's continued success.** HCWC is supported by the communities it serves in Hays & Caldwell counties through contributions from local governments, state and federal grants and individual contributions of time and money.



Philosophy

Physical, sexual, emotional or psychological abuse of one human being by another is unacceptable. The Hays-Caldwell Women's Center believes that all abuse diminishes or prohibits the full expression of life and growth that is every person's right.

Mission

The purpose of the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center is to create an environment where violence and abuse are not tolerated in the communities we serve. The Center will provide education, violence prevention services and crisis intervention to victims of family violence, sexual assault and child abuse. We will seek the support and resources necessary to achieve this mission.

History

1978—HCWC, originally known as the Hays County Women's Center, was formed by a group of citizens concerned about women's issues.

1980—Opened one of the original six family violence shelters in Texas.

1984—Became one of the original ten sexual assault programs funded by the state.

1994—Changed name to Hays-Caldwell Women's Center to correctly identify the service area.

1997—**Opened Roxanne's House, a children's advocacy center.**

2009—Opened new McCoy Family Shelter for victims of family violence.

2012—Moved into our remodeled and expanded current facilities to better serve victims of family violence, sexual assault and child abuse.

Services

- 24-hour crisis HELpline
- 24-hour hospital response
- Family violence shelter
- Sexual assault and abuse services
- **Children's advocacy center**
- Counseling
- Support groups
- Play therapy for children
- Legal advocacy
- Information and referral services
- Bilingual services
- Forensic interviewing
- Opportunities for volunteers & student interns
- Community education
- Violence prevention programs

All services are free and confidential and are available in English and Spanish.

Servicios gratuitos y confidenciales son disponibles en ingles y español.

Family Violence Programs

No one deserves to be abused. HCWC offers 24-hour access to a safe shelter for survivors of family violence, and they may stay for up to 30 days. In this cooperative group living environment, shelter residents are provided with food, clothing, and other necessities. Trained staff and advocates work with survivors to help them explore options available through personal and community resources. We provide education and peer counseling on the dynamics of domestic violence. HCWC also offers face-to-face services to survivors of family violence who do not need shelter with a goal to ensure the safety and well-being of each person.

Roxanne's House

Roxanne's House is a children's advocacy center where abused children come for counseling and to heal. A multi-disciplinary team coordinates a cooperative response to child abuse to smooth the way through the unfamiliar workings of law enforcement, the legal system and state agencies. Roxanne's House provides opportunities for activities which allow children to grow to responsible adulthood, free of threats to their dignity, physical safety and emotional well-being.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Services

Sexual assault is never the victim's fault. Trained staff members and volunteers are available around the clock to respond when a sexual assault occurs. They provide support and advocacy for the survivor throughout medical and legal proceedings. HCWC provides individual counseling and support groups to help survivors maintain dignity and regain a sense of control and strength. We offer services to adults who were molested as children and recent assault survivors. The Prevention Education Program focuses on the prevention of sexual violence and/or sexual assault. The primary prevention educators collaborate with schools, community members, professionals and organizations to address the root causes of violence in order to prevent violence before it occurs.