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**Country Music's Finest Unite to Fundraise \$70,000 to Help Child Abuse Victims
*Benefiting the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center***

Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), 210 E. 11th Street, Panama City 32401 -- On January 28, 2014, Panama City, Florida was the home of a magical night all about helping local children. Jason Aldean, Tyler Farr, Joe Diffie, Tracy Lawrence, and Deana Carter sparked the night by lending their time and talent to help thousands of local children affected by child abuse and neglect each year. In the third annual Stars & Guitars benefit concert, close to \$70,000 was raised for these special victims. The night was spectacular, and those attending appreciated the sincerity of the artists, their stories, jokes, and unique collaborations, including Jason Aldean and Tracy Lawrence's "I'm Over You" by the late, Keith Whitley.

Tombo and Tasha Martin, of Buck Commander, were awarded the "Champion for Children" award by the center. Tombo Martin, a Panama City native, thanked the audience for attending with a heartfelt testimony regarding his own experience of enduring abuse as a child.

The Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center serves to provide on-site agency collaboration and the use of the multidisciplinary approach in prevention, investigation, assessment, protection, referral for prosecution, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. The CAC provides multidisciplinary team who works together at the front end of each investigation, therefore expediting the referrals for prosecution and service provisions to help strengthen the family and prevent recurrence of abuse. The center offers a safe and secure, child friendly location to help children in their time of need. Advocates, therapists, on site medical personnel, child protective investigators, law enforcement, and forensic interviewers work collaboratively each day to ensure the safety and hope of healing to each of these precious children. In 2013, the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center provided no cost services to over 1200 local children.