

PRESS RELEASE

Donations Needed for Rainbow Room Wylie Succession, Leadership Group Holding Drive

Wylie, Texas, Sept. 14, 2016 – Kids' clothing, shoes and hygiene products and baby items are being collected for the abused and neglected youngsters served by the Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County's Rainbow Room.

Wylie's Individual Career Advancement Navigation (ICAN) group is holding the drive. Items can be dropped off in the City Secretary's office at Wylie City Hall, 300 Country Club Rd., Bldg. 100, through Oct. 6. Visit http://www.caccollincounty.org/Donate/rainbow-room for a list of the most-needed items. The Rainbow Room accepts only new items, noting that "abused and neglected children don't deserve abused and neglected things."

Two members of the Wylie Police Department, Det. Helen Taylor and Det. Amanda Villalobos, serve as part of the CACCC team, investigating crimes against children including sexual and physical abuse and injury, physical neglect, substance abuse exposure and other crimes.

Taylor said providing new clothing items can make a difference. "Abuse takes an unspeakable toll on a child, which is hard to witness, but it does give me some satisfaction when something as simple as a new pair of shoes makes that child feel valued again, and you can see that on their face."

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 48,000) is one of the fastest-growing communities in Texas with a 220-percent increase since 2000. Wylie was recently named the No. 1 Best Small City for Families in the Nation by financial website NerdWallet.