

About Us

B.A.A.K. of SWLA was organized in 2009 by concerned citizens who wanted to promote awareness of the needs of children in our community who have experienced abuse and neglect.

A partnership was formed with Educational and Treatment Council, Inc. (ETC), an established local nonprofit agency that operates two residential programs serving children and youth from at-risk situations: Harbour House ETC and the Transitional Living Program (TLP).

B.A.A.K. volunteers are committed to raising funds to improve the lives of the youth served in these programs. B.A.A.K. is proud that 100% of the net proceeds of all fundraising goes directly to the benefit of the kids (no administrative expenses).

**MAKING a
difference**

ETC is a 501(c)(3) entity; donations to B.A.A.K. for ETC programs are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Impact



Through advocacy and hard work, B.A.A.K. of SWLA has donated over \$110,000 to Harbour House and the Transitional Living Program.

Funds donated through B.A.A.K. have assisted Harbour House in creating a more homelike living atmosphere and have enhanced the youth's recreational, art, and cultural opportunities. For many of these children, Harbour House is a refuge from very challenging and difficult situations. We believe in providing them with the best possible environment during their time of crisis.

B.A.A.K. funds are also used for specific special needs of the participants in the ETC Transitional Living Program such as work uniforms, school supplies, and apartment starter kits.

Giving Hope, Changing Lives

Events

B.A.A.K. of SWLA organizes a series of fundraisers each year:

- Golf Tournament
- Poker Run
- Raffle
- Auction (Live and Silent)
- Jambalaya Cook-off
- Live Concert

How You Can Help

Partner with us to bring hope to youth struggling with difficult circumstances. Examples of opportunities include:

- Presenting Sponsor, Team Sponsor, or Hole Sponsor of the Golf Tournament
- T-shirt Sponsor of the Poker Run
- Jambalaya cooking team
- Auction item donation
- Publicity and Marketing
- Participate in fundraising events

B.A.A.K. community partners have included the following businesses and organizations: AdSource Advertising, Baggett McCall, Cowboys, Devall Towing & Boat Services, First Federal Bank, Greater Lake Charles Rotary Club, Isle of Capri, Jambalaya News, Knight Media, and Southwest Bar Needs.

What is Harbour House?

- Since 1985, the only emergency shelter for unaccompanied youth in SWLA
- 16-bed shelter for children ages 9-17
- Accessible 24 hours/day; 7 days a week
- Serves runaway and homeless youth; neglected and abused children; youth in the foster care or juvenile justice systems; and other children in need of a safe place
- Cares for an average of 12 children per day
- Provides safe living environment, school, case management, counseling, and activities

What is the Transitional Living Program?

- Opened in 2005, the only program in SWLA focused solely on the needs of homeless youth
- Serves males and females ages 16-21 who are homeless or aging out of the foster care or juvenile justice systems
- Provides housing and rent assistance to prevent future homelessness
- Youth **strengthen** basic life and work skills required for a successful transition to adulthood
- Emphasis on vocational training, job attainment, educational advancement, and managing money



B.A.A.K.
(Benefiting Area
At-risk Kids)

*Raising Funds,
Raising Awareness,
Raising Hope*

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