



ECCAC

Emerald Coast Children's
Advocacy Center

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**GET
EXCITED!**
**It's this
Weekend**

**eccac gala
golf &**
March 7 & 8
presented by Peggy & Jerry Swanson

A Season of Growth, Prevention & Community

March always feels like a turning point.

The days are getting longer, hope feels closer, and at ECCAC, we're preparing for one of the most important seasons of the year.

We're on a mission, and you're a vital part of it.

Together, we are gearing up to create lasting change—one child, one family, one community at a time.

Because April is Child Abuse Prevention Month — and prevention saves children from experiencing child abuse in the first place.

- The CDC reports: 95% of child abuse is preventable through education and awareness programs. That is why our prevention team is so critical.



ECCAC Golf and Gala - We Can't Wait to See YOU There!

The countdown is over.

Our annual ECCAC Golf & Gala is happening this weekend, and we cannot wait to gather with our incredible community for a weekend of purpose, celebration, and impact.

This is more than a great night out or a nice day golfing.

It's a weekend that changes lives.

And an opportunity to transform children's futures.

Every ticket purchased, every sponsorship secured, every auction bid placed directly supports the more than 1,500 children we serve each year.



Golf and Gala Virtual Silent Auction

Our virtual silent auction will run from Friday, March 6th at 12p.m. to Sunday, March 8th at 4:00p.m.

Browse, bid, and support children in our community — all from your phone or computer! Register NOW to receive live updates!

We have over 27 item lots in this silent auction. . . there is something for everyone to love and bid on!

Opens: 12p.m. Friday the 6th
Closes: 4 p.m. Sunday the 8th

[CLICK HERE](#) to register and bid.



Prefer to give directly?

Text "eccac26" to 855-800-4975 to make a donation instantly.

Every bid and every gift helps further our mission. Share the link, spread the word, and let the bidding begin! ❤️

Even if you can't attend our Golf or Gala, you can make a HUGE impact through bidding on fabulous prizes in our Silent Auction.



Clothing Closet

At the ECCAC, a child's comfort and dignity are just as important as their safety. Our clothing closet provides essential clothing for children who may arrive in crisis, or for children whose clothes must be collected as evidence, ensuring they feel safe, cared for, and respected during a difficult time.

Right now, we have specific needs to help children of all ages feel comfortable:

Boys: 3T–4T clothes, underwear sizes 2T–3T, 4–5, 6/7, 10/12, 14/16; shoes; toddler socks

Girls: 4T–5T clothes, 6–8 clothes; toddler socks

We accept new and gently used clothing. Your donations help restore confidence, warmth, and a sense of normalcy to children who need it most. Every item makes a difference.

Pierce Family Center - 10 years of Hope in Walton County

The Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center invites the public and local businesses to celebrate the 10-year impact of their Walton County location and the opening of the Pierce Family Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center.

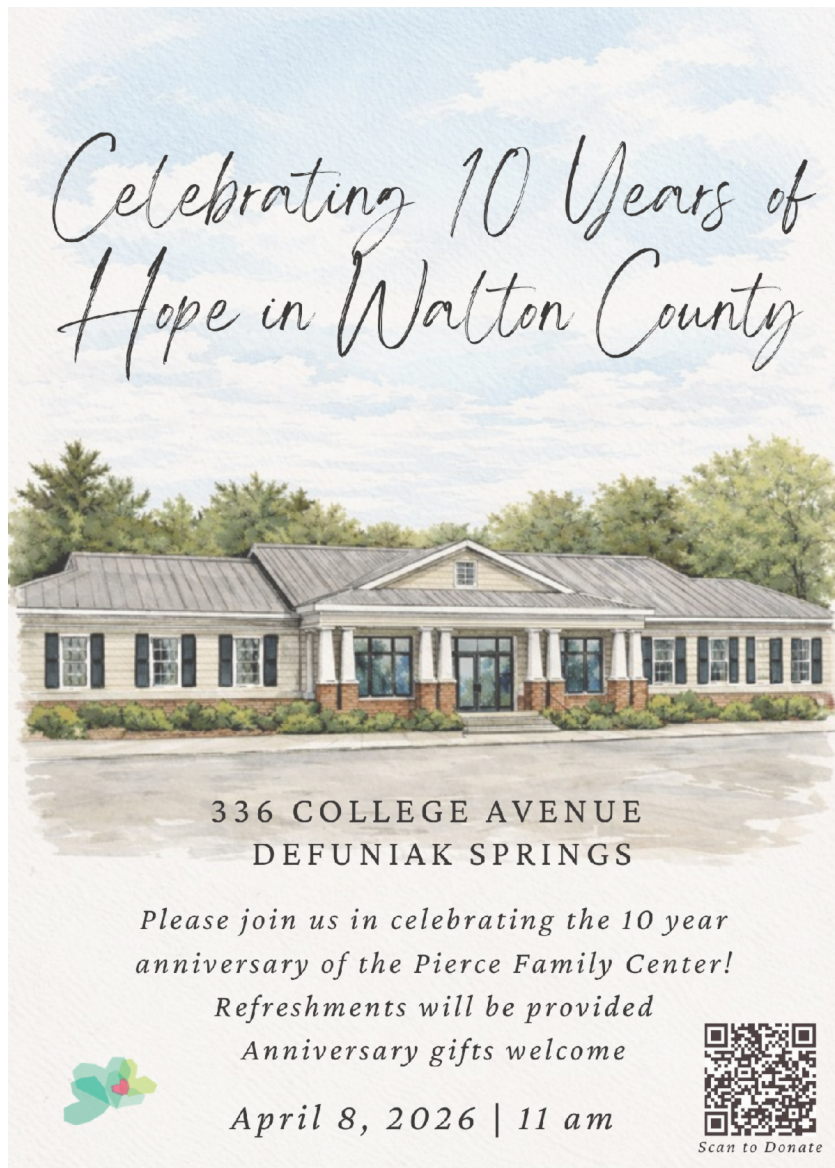
Since opening, Pierce Family Center has supported over 3,000 children experiencing abuse, abandonment, and neglect in Walton County.

The celebration will be held April 8, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at 336 College Avenue, DeFuniak Springs, FL. Speakers include ECCAC CEO Julie Porterfield and Jim and Tammy Pierce, whose generous donation made the Pierce Family Center possible. The event will conclude with light refreshments and tours of the facility.

"We are incredibly honored that the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center carries our name as it serves abused children in our community.

For 10 years, The ECCAC Pierce Family Center has provided hope, healing, and a voice to those who need it most. We are proud to celebrate this milestone and grateful to everyone who makes this mission possible."

— **Jim and Tammy Pierce**



Volunteer with the ECCAC

Support the ECCAC Mission – Volunteer Today

[Click here to volunteer for ECCAC.](#)

Join us in making a difference for children in our community. By volunteering with ECCAC, you help support the hope, care, and safety for children who need it most. Every hand makes an impact.

Event Volunteers Needed:

Emeril Legasse Foundation 2026 Throwdown Weekend Golf Tournament (Fri, March 27th)

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Destin Charity Wine Festival (Sat, April 25th)

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ECCAC fun fact:

Each child that enters our doors receives a freshly baked cookie and juice box when they arrive.

Our wonderful volunteers have baked over 105,000 cookies in the past decade!



Destin Charity Wine Auction

21st Annual Destin Charity Wine Auction pres. by the Jumonville Family

The Destin Charity Wine Auction kicks off at Grand Boulevard Sandestin, featuring world-class wines paired with cuisine from top local chefs. Enjoy the Reserve Tasting and silent auction, then bid on rare wines, exclusive trips, and one-of-a-kind items during the high-energy live auction. The weekend also includes Patron Dinners supporting DCWAF charities and runs alongside the South Walton Beaches Wine & Food Festival.

Friday, April 24, 2026 - Sunday, April 26, 2026

Thank you for being part of the ECCAC community.

Your support helps us provide safety, hope, and healing for children every day.

Together, we're making a lasting difference—one child at a time.

OUR MISSION

We seek to heal and prevent the trauma of childhood abuse and neglect by providing advocacy, child-friendly therapies, and a safe environment for kids to feel seen, heard, and understood. We restore lost innocence, provide hope, and make a difference in all the lives we touch.



Rise to the challenge.

Help us restore childhood joy and hope for the future.

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