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Author Alice Cangemi to share her story at Children's Safe Harbor's dinner fundraiser

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Texas - Alice Cangemi will be the featured guest speaker at the upcoming casino night dinner fundraiser benefiting Children's Safe Harbor on April 10 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center.

Cangemi, who is a professor at Lone Star College – Montgomery and a former teacher and graduate of Conroe High School, recently published a novel titled The Darkness Before Dawn to caution others about child-on-child sexual abuse. She will explain how easily the abuse can occur and how just as easily it can be prevented from ever happening. Hers is a story of survival, resilience and healing.



Children's Safe Harbor's mission is to protect and enhance the life of every child who has the courage to battle sexual or severe physical abuse. As a nationally accredited nonprofit organization founded in 1998, Children's Safe Harbor is part of a nationwide effort to heal the trauma and facilitate justice for children ages 2 through 17 and their families. Children's Safe Harbor advanced their collaborative justice work in 2009 through the creation of an expanded co-located facility serving children and their families all in one building – minimizing the need for children to retell their experience to multiple agencies, while facilitating investigation, prosecution, justice and healing.

During the annual fundraiser – themed “Betting on Courage” – The Becker Family Foundation will be honored for their long-standing support of Children's Safe Harbor. In addition to an exciting casino night and a delicious dinner, there will be dancing to live music by The Chinatown Band along with a silent auction of fabulous items.

“We are excited to have Alice Cangemi as our guest speaker and share her incredible story about childhood sexual abuse and the aftermath that victims suffer all the way into adulthood. She personifies the hope and possibility of healing, which is the journey that Children's Safe Harbor is dedicated to facilitating for so many innocent children,” said Victoria Constance, PhD, executive director of Children's Safe Harbor.

“Furthermore, we are so very delighted to make a special recognition in honor of The Becker Family Foundation to show our appreciation for their many years of financial support, board membership, and volunteerism,” continued Dr. Constance. “They have truly made an impact on our progress as we continue to work toward breaking the cycle of abuse and trauma for the vulnerable young in our community.”

This year's dinner fundraiser sponsors include: Champion – The Becker Family Foundation, CB&I; Platinum – Bakewell Family Charitable Fund, Manners/Coole Foundation, Renaissance Charitable Trust; Gold – the Tom & Mary Adams family, Anadarko Petroleum Corp., the Greg & Robin Anderson family, Arena Energy, Coast Aviation, Kevin & Debbie Fogarty, the Donna Franke family, Marion & Bruce Franke, Cindy & Ken Irwin, Keenan Architecture, Carolyn Lee, the Santini Family; Silver – Charbonneau Industries, Inc., First Bank of Conroe, Bryan Mary Neskora, the Dan & Teanna Neskora family, Newpark Resources, Bruce & Karen Northcutt, San Jacinto County Child Welfare Board, Terry & Stephanie Sukalski, Touchpoint Health, Waterway Wealth Management, Woodforest National Bank; Casino – Brian Ledbetter, Strike, Waste Connections; Framed Art – Tom & Faith Casperson, Keith Odom; Decorations – Sally & Kim Bacon; VIP Jewelry Sponsor – Kendra Scott-The Woodlands; Premier Jewelry Sponsor – Dannini; Other Sponsors – Kroger, Aztec Events & Tents, Glazer's Distributors.

Heading this worthwhile charity event are chairpersons Mary Neskora and Sally Toppe. They are supported by the energy and talent of the event committee members: Susan Becker, Catherine Canavan, Dana Fallon, Donna Franko, Marion Franke, Andy Fry, Liz Grimm, Holly Gruy, Christine Guidot, Jennifer Lamkin, Carolyn Lee, Cindy Irwin, Ali May, Vicki McShan, Karen Northcutt, Stephanie Sukalski, Sharon Wade, Kelsi Walker, Barbara Weber, and Holly Wright.

Individual tickets are \$150 per seat and sponsorships are available at various levels from \$1,000 to \$20,000. To purchase tickets or to inquire about sponsor contribution levels, please call please call (936) 756-4644 ext. 235. Children's Safe Harbor, visit Children's Safe Harbor is a non-profit 501C(3) tax exempt organization. Their main office is located at 1519 Oddfellow Street, Conroe, TX. For more information, call 936-756-4644 ext. 235 or visit the link provided below.

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