



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF CENTRAL TEXAS

# CLUB NEWS



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## Happy Birthday to 'The Cat in the Hat'

On Friday, March 2 members of Clements Boys & Girls Club, Bigham Unit and some very special guest joined in on the national

celebration for the creator of "The Cat In The Hat", Dr. Theodor (Dr. Seuss) Geisel, a man who communicated to millions through the

## CTCADA Cares

Members from the Central Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CTCADA) visited the Bigham Unit and Trimmier Unit during spring break. CTCADA is part of an organization that conducts classes on awareness, effects, and prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse to the youth of Central Texas. They set up stations throughout the clubs and used simulator goggles

that allowed members to experience the effects of how alcohol and drugs impairs vision, balance, and judgment while trying to perform simple day to day activities but, most importantly the harmful outcome from making bad choices. Teens from the Bigham Unit helped CTCADA staff with each station as well as participated in the events. CTCADA member Laurin H en-



smooth cat with the colorful red and white hat. Members of the Killeen Fire Department Dale Oaks, Chris Wirth, Trey Turner, and Stephen Benton spent some time with the kids reading the 50th Edition of the legendary "Cat in the Hat" and later demonstrated to them what they do as a fireman on a day to day basis. It was a time of celebration, reading, and appreciation to a man who helped many as well as enjoying those who continue to help so many today. We would like to thank the firemen from the Killeen Fire Department who participated in the celebration.



joys running the programs at the club because the youth are always eager to participate. They will be running the program again during the summer, so be on look out for this event in your club.

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### Upcoming Events:

April 1  
April Fools Day

April 6  
Bigham Unit and  
Trimmier Unit will be open  
from 8:00am -6:00pm

April 8  
Easter Sunday

### Youth of the Month

Bigham Unit  
**Syabria L.**

Clements Unit  
**Trevor S.**

Exchange Unit  
**Janelle H.**

Stonehaven Unit  
**Tara B.**

Trimmier Unit  
**Tristan S.**

### Quote of the Month

*"A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark."*

-Chinese Proverb

## Teen Helping Teens

The Killeen High School Student Council applied a silver lining to a disappointing incident by donating \$300.00 to the Clements Boys & Girls Club, Exchange Teen Center. The teen center was broken into during the Thanksgiving weekend last year where

some computer equipment and two DVD players were stolen. Ms. Vickie, a program staff worker at the Bigham Unit mentioned the break in to her daughter, who is a member of the KHS student council and from that conversation she got the ball rolling. The stu-

dent council agreed that the monies that they raised annually needed to go to a worthwhile cause and they couldn't think of a better cause than this one. Truly, this was an unexpected source of help in giving not just to anyone but teens giving to their own.



# Stonehaven Unit honor members at Club Open House

The Stonehaven Unit used their recent Open House to honor youth who have made a considerable contribution or effort during the past year.

Torch Club members were recognized for implementing their "Torch Against Trash" program in the local community. The trash pick up will be a regular monthly occurrence and will compliment a yard service that Torch Club members are now providing to older residents who might not be able to keep up with basic yard maintenance.

Club member Adrian Z was honored for completing Boys & Girls Club "Skill Tech" Programs 1 & 2. In order to be able to use club computers, all youth must complete at least one "mission" from these interactive programs per week. Adrian took it upon himself to finish all 48 missions in only one month! WAY TO GO



## ADRIAN!

Fine Arts participants Alonso G, Alison A, Tracy D, and Tara B stood up and took a bow for creating art work that made it through to the regional exhibit in Tyler, TX.

Finally, Clara Barron was presented with a trophy, as well as other gifts, from the City Mayor, for becoming Stonehaven's first "Youth of the Year" recipient. Clara is the current Torch Club Presi-



dent and has made a tremendous effort this past year at the club. We are all so very proud of her. GREAT JOB CLARA!

# Baby Think It Over

Six members between the ages of 12 to 17 participated in the "Baby Think It Over" program at the Trimmier Unit during the week of Spring break March 12-16, 2007. The baby simulators were assigned to "program mothers" for the week. The girls were issued a baby bag, bottle, diapers, car seat, and a diary, which was used to keep records of all the care they provided to their babies. Care or neglect by the caregivers was closely monitored through ID bracelets the mothers wore that are programmed to a specific baby.

The program curriculum targeted self-esteem, values, cost of living, as we know it, and financial costs to raise a child as a teenage parent. During each class, the young mothers shared their opinions

and their experience with the baby. Everyday the mothers would come to class tired because of sleepless nights due to caring for the babies. They would discuss how they now realize that caring for a baby is a lot of work and how they had to sacrifice their friends, movies, swimming and even family outings because they had to care for their babies. At the end of the program, the members received a certificate of completion and a complete print out of the parenting program simulation report that recorded proper care and mishandling or neglect of the baby. Clements Boys & Girls Clubs would like to say congratulations to Rose V, Rochelle V, Jasmine R, Kyira G, Arielle S, and Paris J for completing the program.

## OREO® Bunny

### Ingredients:

4 OREO  
Chocolate  
Sandwich  
Cookies  
2 Tbsp.  
ready-to-  
spread vanilla frosting  
2 jelly beans  
BAKER'S ANGEL FLAKE Coconut  
and decorator gel



### Directions:

PLACE 1 cookie on flat surface to form base; make a slight indentation in center of base. Make a semi-circle cut in another cookie; stand on edge, cut-side up, in indentation on base, securing with frosting.

PLACE 1 cookie in semicircle for head, securing with frosting. Cut remaining cookie in half for ears. Cut point off of one end of each half; secure cut end with frosting to head for ears.

PLACE jelly beans on base for feet. Decorate with coconut and gel.

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