



Young Ambassadors

Project Description

Young Ambassadors is a group of young professionals (ages ~18-40) supporting ESCAPE's efforts to *"prevent child abuse and neglect before a child is hurt"* by raising awareness of Greater Houston's child abuse crisis and the availability of the agency's services for families.

ESCAPE Family Resource Center is a privately supported nonprofit, 501(c)(3), organization that provides child abuse prevention programs and parenting classes. By participating in family-based educational classes, adults and children learn how to effectively cope with stress, listen and speak from the heart, change someone's behavior without resorting to punishment or violence, and work together to solve their problems. ESCAPE's interventions enhance the community by making it possible for all children to awaken to brighter days free from the threat of being harmed by their parents or other caregivers.

Young Ambassadors have three primary responsibilities:

- 1. Raise awareness of Greater Houston's child abuse problem,**
- 2. Raise awareness of ESCAPE and our programs,**
- 3. Raise funds for ESCAPE through online donations, and**
- 4. Cheer runners in the 2010 Chevron Houston Marathon (January 17, 2010)**

ESCAPE Family Resource Center was an official charity of the 2008 and 2009 Chevron Houston Marathons through the "Run for a Reason" Program. This year, the marathon's goal was to raise more than \$1.25 million for local and national charities. ESCAPE raised \$29,135 through this year's campaign. Next year, we would like to increase the support generated from this event, which will allow more families to participate in ESCAPE's life-changing classes!

Young Ambassadors create Personal Fundraising Pages on the marathon's website that helps them to solicit for online donations for ESCAPE through the "Run for a Reason" program.

YA's long-term goal is to "support the mission of ESCAPE while serving as community ambassadors in the prevention of child abuse."

By serving as a Young Ambassador, you will learn how to:

1. Communicate ESCAPE's message,
2. Raise money for ESCAPE in a unique and fun way, and
3. Make a positive difference in the lives of Greater Houston's children and families.

**ESCAPE Family Resource Center
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2009-2010
Schedule of Activities**

Monday	March 16, 2009	5:45-7:00pm	<i>Orientation</i>	ESCAPE 3210 Eastside Houston, TX 77098
Friday	April 17, 2009	5:45-7:00pm	<i>Meeting & Social</i>	St. Luke's United Methodist Church 3471 Westheimer, ROOM: R23 Houston, Texas 77027
Friday	June 19, 2009	5:45-7:00pm	<i>Meeting & Social</i>	ESCAPE 3210 Eastside Houston, TX 77098
Friday	August 21, 2009	5:45-7:00pm	<i>Meeting & Social</i>	ESCAPE 3210 Eastside Houston, TX 77098
Friday	October 16, 2009	5:45-7:00pm	<i>Meeting & Social</i>	St. Luke's United Methodist Church 3471 Westheimer, ROOM: R23 Houston, Texas 77027
Friday	December 18, 2009	5:45-7:00pm	<i>Meeting & Social</i>	St. Luke's United Methodist Church 3471 Westheimer, ROOM: R23 Houston, Texas 77027
Sunday	January 17, 2010	6:45am-10:45am	<i>Chevron Houston Marathon Aramco Houston Half Marathon EP5K</i>	George R. Brown Convention Center 1001 Avenida de las Americas Houston, TX 77010