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# LyondellBasell Employees Donate Stuffed Animals to The Children's Advocacy Center



***Pictured L to R:** Julio Galan, President & CEO of Family & Youth; Mariel Molina, Site Manager's Assistant; Darin Allen, Manager Quality; Sara Ballard, Administrative Assistant; Callie Doucet, Human Resources Generalist; Tony Wood, Site Manager; Patra Minix DCFS Interviewer and CAC Director*

**LAKE CHARLES** –LyondellBasell hosted an employee driven toy drive, donating over 350 stuffed animals to the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), a Division of Family & Youth.

“Every child who comes to the Children's Advocacy Center to tell their traumatic story of abuse during the Forensic Interview process, gets to choose a stuffed animal from our CAC Comfort Closet, which is filled with love strictly from community donations,” Patra Minix, Diplomat Child Forensic Interviewer & Director of the Children's Advocacy Center said.

“These soft, cuddly stuffed animals often become treasured companions for children who are victims of abuse and who desperately need that feeling of comfort & safety.”

The Children's Advocacy Center is a child-friendly facility designed to coordinate services for



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children who have been reported as sexually or severely physically abused. Designed and managed to reduce the effects of trauma, the Center's comfortable environment and well-trained staff work together with area prosecutors, law enforcement agents, social service workers, therapists, victim advocates and medical professionals to investigate child abuse allegations and reduce the number of investigative interviews typically experienced by victims.

Family and Youth Counseling Agency (Family & Youth), an award-winning organization, was established as a nonprofit family serving organization in 1970. It is the mission of Family & Youth to provide affordable and professional support through programs and services dedicated to advocacy, counseling, and education for the people of Southwest Louisiana and in communities we are called to serve. It is the belief of Family & Youth that all individuals and communities possess the ability to solve their own challenges when support is available. For more information about Family & Youth, visit [www.fyca.org](http://www.fyca.org), call 337 436-9533, or like Family & Youth on Facebook.

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