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PCA Louisiana bestows White Knight Award at annual Night of the Child Event

LAKE CHARLES, LA – Prevent Child Abuse (PCA) Louisiana held their **Annual Night of the Child** event on **Thursday, November 29, 2007 at the house of Shelia and Drew Ranier.**

This exclusive fundraiser offered guests an opportunity to socialize, relax with an open bar, and enjoy catering from Catering by Sheri Farmers Out of the Oven.

Night of the Child is PCA Louisiana's premier fundraiser, with separate events in each of its seven regions: Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, New Orleans, Monroe, and Shreveport. The local fundraisers engage community members and raise funds to further the mission of the organization.

During the event, PCA Louisiana presented their esteemed White Knight award to nominee Rosalie Marie "Poddy" Leveque Champeaux. The honor is bestowed each year to a philanthropist in the Southwest Region who works on behalf of children and their families.

Aside from pioneering various groups in benefit of Louisiana's children and families, she has been dedicated in service to Children's Miracle Network, Christus St. Patrick Hospital, American Cancer Society, and American Heart Association, among others.

She has demonstrated enthusiastic child advocacy through participation on numerous boards for children and family organizations and community health, and also by volunteering in her community on a plethora of projects, such as Child Watch Task Force, Girls Village Steering Committee, and Region 5 Healthcare Consortium.

Other awards Poddy has received include "Distinguished Citizen Award" from the Boy Scouts, "Spirit of Inspiration Award" from Kiwanis, "Distinguished Leadership Award"

given by Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Inc., as well as the "Champion for Children Award" bestowed by Prevent Child Abuse.

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Prevent Child Abuse celebrates *Night of the Child*, continued

This year's *Night of the Child* was sponsored by Laura and Buddy Leach; Sweetlake Land and Oil; Amerisafe, Inc.; Dr. and Mrs. A.T. Ordinario, Jr.; Whitney National Bank; William Lawton Co. LLC; Billy Navarre; Capital One; American Press; Damon Abshire; AG Edwards-Reed Mendelson; Joy & Philip Breaux; Cameron Communications; JP Morgan Chase; The Children's Clinic; Liles & Redd, L.C.; PPG Industries; Dr. Paul Perry; Joanna & Charlie Viccellio; Woodley & Willimas Law Firm; Navarra's; The Paper Place; and Paradise Florist.

Proceeds from "Night of the Child" benefit the local programs offered by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana. Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana is a statewide, volunteer-based organization dedicated to preventing the abuse and neglect of our state's children. The organization's guiding principles are valuing children, strengthening families and engaging communities. PCA Louisiana annually coordinates the efforts of over 1000 volunteers and professionals statewide to assist in initiating and implementing child abuse prevention programs.

For more information about PCA Louisiana, visit their website at www.pcal.org. For free parenting help by phone, call 1-800-CHILDREN (244-5373) between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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