



CROSSROADS CORNER

Crossroads Partners with Constable Todd

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Crossroads Family Services has partnered with Constable Johnny Todd of Precinct 4 to salvage toys abandoned during home foreclosures and evictions. The salvaged toys will be used in new play therapy rooms to treat children who witness domestic violence. The play therapy rooms will go live in January 2009. Crossroads also received donations from the Junior League of Plano and The Wal-Mart Foundation to help develop and furnish the new therapy rooms.



Crossroads Hosts Concert with the Dallas Songwriter's Association

On November 9th Crossroads partnered with the Dallas Songwriters Association to host a benefit concert at the McKinney Performing Arts Center featuring local sensations BEATLEGRAS. Proceeds from the event benefited both organization, and over 100 people attended to show their support for their community.



From left: CFS Clinical Director Meredith Marsh, CFS Community Liaison Justin Nichols, DSA President Steve Sullivan, Beatlegras members, and CFS Executive Director Jim Malatich.

Truancy Class Takes Off in Plano/Allen

In partnership with Judge John Payton, justice of the peace covering Plano and Allen, Crossroads has begun providing a new Truancy Intervention Class for students and their parents charged with failure to attend school (truancy). Crossroads provides the class at an extremely reduced cost and teaches the classes on weekend—each lasts 3 1/2 hours. The class, which students and parents attend, covers important topics on how to avoid attendance trouble at school and the value of education using real-world exercises. During the months of October and November over 100 people passed through the class and by all reports, are on their way to overcoming their attendance problems and are back in the classroom on a regular basis. Crossroads offers the class in English and in Spanish. The truancy class and parenting classes are also being offered in Judge Johnny Lewis' court, the Frisco Municipal Court, and by Collin County Teen Court.

Crossroads Joins *Live From Collin County*

For the third year in a row, Crossroads will take part in the 2009 production of *Live from Collin County*. The event will be April 17 & 18, 2009. Tickets will go on sale after the beginning of the year, and Crossroads is currently looking for silent auction items to be donated.