



GCS Credit Union makes large donation to the Amy Center

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Mt. Vernon, IL - GCS Credit Union employees joined together to raise \$945.00 in the month of August to benefit The Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center.

The Amy Center is a charitab



le not-for-profit organization. Services to child abuse victims and family members are provided free of charge at the center. The Amy Center serves a seven county region of South Central Illinois: Clinton, Marion, Clay, Washington, Jefferson, Wayne and Hamilton counties.

In an ongoing effort to support the local community, GCS employees participate in Jeans Days each month. In exchange for a donation of \$15 or more, employees were allowed to wear jeans on Fridays and Saturdays during the month of August.

The Amy Center is modeled after several other advocacy centers from around the country, and accredited by the National Children's Alliance. All share the goal of teamwork and limiting the trauma to child sexual abuse victims. Working closely with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, law enforcement agencies and state's attorneys, the Amy Center provides support services, court and medical advocacy with case coordination for child sexual abuse victims. About 200 new cases are opened each year at The Amy Center. Generally, 70 to 80 cases are active each month.

Using the Good Touch, Bad Touch program, the agency teaches safety and prevention skills to 4,000 children during the school year. Several hundred more participants attend parent fairs, workshops and seminars presented by the Amy Center.

For more information on The Amy Center, please call (618)244-2100.

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