

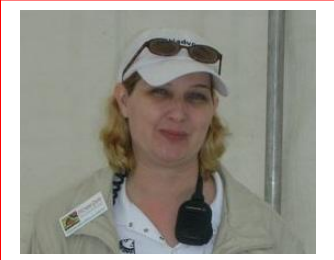
# Our amazing Volunteers

## Here's what they have to say...

"I was encouraged to join the volunteer team by a great friend and after the first year I volunteered, I brought my daughter in who is now coordinating games. You get to meet GREAT people from many backgrounds and help out a GREAT cause! Child Advocates remembers the ones that normally get lost during a traumatic time in their life and that is worth every minute we spend working the festival."

**Shawn Lazenby**  
4 year volunteer

P.S. My daughter, Lauren "L.T." Lazenby, has volunteered for 3 years.



"First and foremost, I love being involved with the community and while I can't afford to give \$\$ I give my time instead. I've also instilled that into my daughters who both are now part of volunteering. We make it a family affair and love spending that weekend each year by giving our time and spending the time together."

**Michelle Smith**  
8 year volunteer



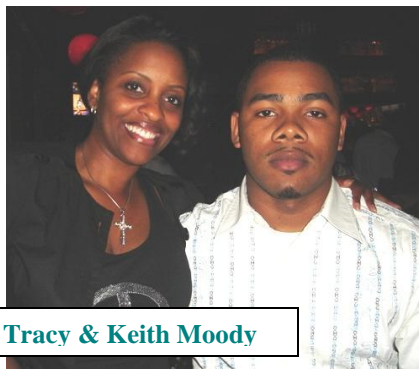
Michelle's daughter, Ayla Frankenfield & Volunteer Extraordinaire, Trina Hinote

### *Here's what the students had to say:*

"Our Key Club loves volunteering at the Houston Children's Festival every year because it's so much fun, and we love the downtown atmosphere! The kids who attend are so happy because there is so much for them to do. It's fulfilling to be able to make the day a fun experience for the children. Year after year, our Key Club cannot wait to come back to the Houston Children's Festival!"

**Jennifer Hydes - Faculty Advisor**  
Cy-Fair High School  
Cy-Fair Key Club





**Tracy & Keith Moody**

“I've been a volunteer with the Houston Children's Festival for 4 years now. This event brings me joy in so many ways, but firstly, because of its cause and secondly, the dedication, sincerity and camaraderie that the directors, coordinators and volunteers possess. I have a 13 year old daughter that looks forward to this festival every year. She's been attending and assisting me since my inception. It's important to me, as her mother, for Kendal to see me helping out with a smile for 10 hours each day of the festival.....and know that I'm doing this for free because I love it. This year I am happy to say that I've recruited a new volunteer member.....my husband, Keith Moody.

To know that your effort, time and hands are going to help so many abused and neglected children makes me smile with excitement from inside.”

**Tracy Blanchard-Moody  
4 year volunteer**

“I started volunteering for a company that sponsored the festival in 1999, not really knowing what it was for or about, but figured since I had a young son that it would be "fun" for us. Well once I started seeing what a wonderful cause it was, I wanted to do more, so I started working for the festival itself. My son and I have been with Houston Children's Festival now for 9 years and will continue as long as I can. Isaac will be 15 this year and will be helping with the games and I have a 6 month old, Eloise, who will be getting her first opportunity this year, as I work along with her by my side. I will be training her for my third generation of volunteers! I love this festival so much, I can't imagine NOT doing this!”

**Trina Hinote  
9 year volunteer**



**Trina Hinote & her son,  
Isaac Parks,  
who is her second generation  
volunteer!**

“We volunteer for the HCF knowing that we can touch a life of an abused child through Child Advocates. That's the most important part of volunteering. We have made many friends through the years by volunteering. *I have been a volunteer for 13 years and my daughter, Amy, has been a volunteer for 8 years. We look forward to volunteering each year as a mother-daughter team.*”

**Shari Wix  
13 year volunteer**

