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PRESS RELEASE

April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. The Red Oak Police Department encourages everyone to attend the annual open house at the Gingerbread House located at 425 E. Ross Street in Waxahachie, Texas. The festivities will be held on April 7th, 2016 from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Gingerbread House is providing a bounce house, food and drink along with a Presentation and Balloon Release at 5:30 PM. The event is free to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend.

This month and throughout the year, the Red Oak Police Department encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making Red Oak and other communities a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by making meaningful connections with children, youth and families in our communities. Research shows that protective factors are present in healthy families. Promoting these factors is among the most effective ways to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect. They are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents
- Social and emotional competence of children

“April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children and strengthening families,” said Chief Garland Wolf. “Everyone’s participation is critical. Focusing on ways to connect with families is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.”

In support of these efforts, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Children’s Bureau, Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, its Child Welfare Information Gateway, the FRIENDS National Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention and over 30 National Prevention Partners have created 2016 Prevention Resource Guide: Building Community, Building Hope. The resource guide, designed for service providers who work throughout the community to strengthen families, is available online at <https://childwelfare.com>. For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities during the month of April and throughout the year, contact the Red Oak Police Department.

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Presentation and
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APRIL 7, 2016

5:30PM

4:00 - 7:00 PM

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FOOD & DRINK

THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE

425 E. ROSS STREET

WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS



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