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From Our President to You...

"This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it." Ralph Waldo Emerson

It seems impossible that the first quarter of the year has gone by already and that Chaucie's Place has accomplished so much and has so much in the planning stages. The checklist of things 'to do, ongoing and done', changes on a daily basis.

Done and ongoing... The Chaucie's Place Board of Directors is growing in numbers and talent. Board members are engaged, looking to the future and moving the organization towards its strategic goals.

Done... And in mentioning strategic goals, the Board has revised its strategic plan to better reflect and define its mission to "...ensure the welfare of children by offering evidence-based; high-quality prevention programs to end the cycle of abuse and to empower children and adults to ensure that children of central Indiana have the opportunity to live to their highest potential."

Done... Chaucie's Place, in partnership with the Boone County Child Advocacy Center, has expanded Body Safety to Boone County elementary schools.

Ongoing... In the nearly three years since the Chaucie's Place staff has become authorized Stewards of Children facilitators, they have trained nearly 1,000 adults in how to prevent, recognize and react appropriately to child sexual abuse. [Classes are](#) being offered regularly at several locations in Hamilton, Boone and Marion counties with more people attending all the time.



To do and ongoing... Funding for Chaucie's Place is always "a work in progress." Special events (have you RSVP'd to come to the Friends of Chaucie's Place Breakfast on April 24th?), individual donors, corporate and foundation support, [grant writing](#), in-kind donations all help support the Center's important work. Chaucie's Place is so fortunate to have loyal, longtime supporters and new funding sources are being developed daily.

To do and just beginning... In 2012 Chaucie's Place began its newest prevention program, Lifelines. Lifelines is a comprehensive youth suicide prevention program that includes the entire school community. Its overall goal is to help the school community recognize when a student is at potential risk of suicide and understand how and where to access help. Sheridan Community Schools administrators are partnering with Chaucie's Place to be the first district in Hamilton County to adopt the Lifelines program. Chaucie's Place staff is working diligently to include the Lifelines program in additional school districts, as well.

Chaucie's Place certainly knows what to do with its time, how to use it wisely to meet the ongoing and new needs of the community, and that there is never enough time when serving children and families in need.

Jon Kizer
President, Board of Directors

Don't Forget to RSVP!



Come hear the journey of local survivors of child [sexual abuse](#)

Wednesday, April 24, 2013 | 7:30-9:00 a.m.
RITZ CHARLES | 12156 N. Meridian Street | Carmel, IN

RSVP at www.chauciesplace.org

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Body Safety Prevention & Education Program

2012-13 has been a very successful year for our Body Safety Prevention & Education Program!

This year we expect to reach a record 10,000 elementary school students in Hamilton, Boone, and Marion Counties. During the Body Safety presentation, Chaucie's Place staff and volunteers teach children that their bodies belong to them, they have the right to say "NO!" to touches to their private parts for "no good reason or to play a game," and that abuse is never their fault. The children also discuss when it is okay for private body parts to be touched, and who to tell about any touches that make them uncomfortable.

Stewards of Children

Stewards of Children, a nationally recognized child sexual abuse prevention program offered by the Chaucie's Place staff, empowers adults to overcome denial, fear and secrecy about this epidemic and allows them to create awareness and personal power. Studies indicate that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused by the age of 18, and unfortunately, over 90 percent of victims know their abusers; so prevention programs, such as Stewards of Children, are critical to the safety of our children.

We are thrilled to report that Chaucie's Place staff have trained nearly 1,000 adults on how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Just a few of the many organizations that we have trained are Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, Hamilton County Community Corrections, Hamilton County Parks & Recreation, Jewish Community Center, Noblesville Boys & Girls Club, Sheridan Community Schools and Westfield-Washington

Schools. Please contact us if you'd like us to train your youth-serving organization. And, watch for monthly community trainings sponsored by St. Vincent Carmel Hospital.

Here's what people have to say about Stewards of Children:

"I have learned about child sexual abuse before, but this presentation was extremely helpful. It made me aware of things I previously was not aware of." - Parent

"Very professional and informative program. Really raised my awareness - and I thought I was aware!" - Zionsville School Counselor

"I am glad I attended this Training. I gained a lot as a parent and as a teacher. Some of the warning signs really made me think. I feel pretty naive when it comes to this stuff, it made me reflect upon a lot." - Parent and Sheridan teacher

"I found this training to be very enlightening. I was not aware of the number of children who are sexually abused and will be more cognizant when I am building relationships with my students. I think this was a very informative and valuable training that all teachers should participate in, since we are with our students for most of the year. In some cases, we may be the only person a child feels safe with, and if we can save just one, then it is all worthwhile." - Sheridan Teacher

If your business/organization would like to be trained in Stewards of Children, please contact Jennifer Cutcliff.

Lifelines

After nearly a year of talking with educators, mental health practitioners, service providers and researching national programs, Chaucie's Place has introduced Lifelines, a youth suicide prevention program. Lifelines is a national, evidence-based youth suicide prevention program that targets the entire school community. We introduced this program because of the strong statistical correlation between child sexual abuse and youth suicide, our own legacy with Chaucie Quillen and because there was a need for this intervention in our community.

Lifelines has four sequential segments that include helping the administration create or fine-tune policies and procedures regarding suicide prevention and response; school faculty and staff training on their critical, but limited, role in identifying and responding to suicidal behavior; a parent workshop that outlines basic information of youth suicide and its warning signs, as well as available community resources; and lastly, a curriculum for 8th-10th grade students that covers facts about suicide and the students' role in suicide prevention. The lessons teach students relevant facts about suicide, how to recognize the threat of suicidal thoughts and behaviors, and how to respond to troubled peers.

Sheridan Community Schools is the first school district in Hamilton County to address youth suicide prevention so proactively by partnering with Chaucie's Place on Lifelines. This program is available to all Hamilton County schools free of charge.

Youth Suicide Statistics:

- Child abuse victims are 7 times more likely to commit suicide
- Suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death for teens (accidents and homicides are the 1st and 2nd)
- Almost 7% of high school students report making a suicide attempt
- Indiana's suicide rate has been higher than the national average since 1999

For more information about the program, please contact us.

Board Member Spotlight:

Chaucie's Place is excited to introduce Natalie Chavis, an Attorney at Chavis & Chavis, and Lynna Leatherman, a Global Commodity Manager at Technicolor, as the Center's newest Board members.



Natalie learned about Chaucie's Place through a former Board member and volunteered at the Center for several years in many capacities. As a Board member Natalie looks forward to being involved on several levels, especially strategically planning for Chaucie's Place's future.

Lynna supported Chaucie's Place in its early days through the White River Sertoma Club and believes that it is a great organization where she will be able to use her love for children, community service and business experiences.

Both are proud natives of Indiana and love calling the Indianapolis area home. Lynna grew up on the Northeast side and Natalie graduated from Brebeuf High School.

Natalie and Lynna like being active - Natalie on the volleyball court and Lynna riding her bike to the office 2-4 days a week, weather and daylight permitting.

Lynna has a couple of favorite restaurants, depending on her mood. For a casual meal, she really likes El Camino Real on 10th Street in Noblesville.

For a nice Friday night meal, Izakaya on 96th Street has some of the best sushi she has tried in the Indy area.

Awakening Joy is Natalie's favorite book; she likes to eat at the Northside Kitchenette in Broad Ripple Village, has a wonderful 20 year-old cat, and has "a long term commitment with the man of her dreams."

How lucky Chaucie's Place is to have these great community-committed Board members. Welcome and Thank You!



Lynna Leatherman

Wish List

- Swiffer Wet Jet cleaner solution
- Vacuum Bags (Bissell Model 7 and Hoover Type H)
- Postage stamps
- Laptop Computer (dual core processor, minimum 4GB of memory, minimum 64-bit, and a minimum 320 GB hard drive)

- Computer printer
- HP ink cartridges (HP 564XL)
- Cannon printer ink cartridges ("30 Black" and "31 Color")
- Soft Kleenex
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags (13 gallon with drawstring)
- Digital Camera
- Monetary Donations

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About Chaucie's Place



Chaucie's Place works passionately to ensure the welfare of children by offering evidence-based; high-quality prevention programs to end the cycle of abuse and to empower children and adults to ensure that children of central Indiana have the opportunity to live to their highest potential. Additionally, the center provides a neutral, child-focused environment where forensic interviews may take place for cases of alleged child sexual and physical abuse and neglect to help reduce trauma for child victims.

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