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Thank you so much for your interest in and support of Chaucie's Place! There are lots of exciting things happening...we hope you enjoy this brief update.

Sincerely,

Toby Stark
Executive Director

From Our President to You

"Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer." Unknown

National Volunteer Week (April 6-12), a program of the Points of Light Foundation, was established in 1974 and recognizes our country's volunteers for their vital contributions. The celebration of volunteer service is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out meaningful ways to engage in their communities.



It seems more than coincidental for Chaucie's Place that National Volunteer Week occurs during Child Abuse Prevention Month. For it is the volunteer service of those giving their time and talent that is the reason Chaucie's Place is so successful in offering its prevention programming to our community. By working together Chaucie's Place volunteers accomplish incredible things...from *Smart Steps*®, fundraising committees, and monthly cleaning to data-entry, landscaping, and so much more.

Chaucie's Place volunteers and staff visit elementary schools from September through May presenting *Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children*®. This school year alone our staff and volunteers will reach a record 12,000+ students.

Fundraising events - *Friends of Chaucie's Place Breakfast* and *Treasure Our Children* - enjoy great success because of the volunteer committees that use creative and organizational talents to plan and implement fun and meaningful events. These volunteers begin months in advance and make certain attention is paid to every detail necessary to ensure that guests attending have a wonderful time and learn about the important mission of Chaucie's Place.

Support volunteers, those who clean Chaucie's Place's special home, do data-entry, take care of the sprawling property and so much more, are essential to the staff being able to do their jobs. There simply aren't enough hours in the day to do all that needs to be accomplished and these special volunteers free up time for Toby, Courtney, Lisa, and Sarah to concentrate on all they need to get done.

To all the Chaucie's Place volunteers, thank you. Thank you for discovering Chaucie's Place and using your collective power to make a difference in the lives of the children and adults we serve.

Best wishes for a warm and sunny Spring!
Jon Kizer, Board President



You're Invited!

Chaucie's Place is hosting its annual *Friends of Chaucie's Place Breakfast* in honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The event's keynote speaker will be Marilyn Van Derbur, former Miss America, child sexual abuse survivor, nationally recognized public speaker, and author of [Miss America By Day](#).

Date: April 23, 2014

Time: 7:00am

Location: Ritz Charles

12156 N. Meridian St, Carmel, IN

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Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children©

2013-14 has been a very successful year for our *Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children*. We are thrilled to announce that we will reach a record 12,000+ students in the Hamilton and surrounding counties! This wouldn't have been possible without our wonderful volunteers and strong support from our community.



During the *Smart Steps* 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.

What teachers have to say about the *Smart Steps* Program.....

"I wish you offered this program when I was in school as a child. It would have saved me."

"Keep coming back! Excellent program."

"I think this is such a valuable program. Thank you!"

"I was really impressed with the way the material was presented. Your presenter was very calm, matter-of-fact, and approachable. Very impressed."

"Your presenter did a great job interacting with the students! They were engaged and enthusiastic about the lesson!"

If you would like to know more about our *Smart Steps* child sexual abuse prevention program or how to become a *Smart Steps* volunteer, please visit <http://chauciesplace.org/smart-steps> or call 317-759-8008.

Volunteer at Chaucie's Place

We are already planning for the 2014-2015 school year, and as our *Smarts Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children* grows so does our need for volunteers. We will reach students in Boone, Hamilton, Marion, Madison, and Hancock counties Volunteer at Chaucie's Place and make a lasting impact on your community by preventing child sexual abuse and youth suicide.



If being a *Smart Steps* presenter doesn't peak your interest, Chaucie's Place needs help in many different ways. We rely on volunteers for support at our special events, landscaping and general operations, but our largest need is for *Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children* presenters.

If you are interested in volunteering at Chaucie's Place, click [HERE](#) for our volunteer application. Once it is completed, mail it, fax it, or email it to Chaucie's Place.

Stewards of Children®

Stewards of Children, a nationally recognized child sexual abuse prevention program for adults, is offered by Chaucie's Place staff to help protect our most important resource, OUR CHILDREN! *Stewards of Children* 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 10 children are sexually abused by the age of 18, and sadly, 90 percent of victims know their abusers; so prevention programs, such as *Stewards of Children*, are critical to the safety of our children.

Chaucie's Place staff has trained over 1,600 adults on how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. In addition to our monthly Hamilton County community trainings, sponsored by NextGear Capital, we have been providing trainings in Tipton, Madison, and Hancock counties through a Department of Child Services grant. We also continue to train many local organizations such as Indiana Bulls Baseball Club, Jewish Community Center staff, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation staff, Northview Church youth ministry, Reach for Youth, Inc., Sheridan, Westfield Washington, and Zionsville school faculty.

Please contact Cortney at 317-759-8008 if you are interested in training your youth-serving organization. And, watch for monthly community trainings near you!



Lifelines

Chaucie's Place provides *Lifelines*, a youth suicide prevention program, because of the strong statistical correlation between child sexual abuse and youth suicide, our legacy with Chaucie Quillen, and the fact that youth suicide prevention has been an unmet need in our community. More and more schools are working with Chaucie's Place to bring this

important program to their school communities to help better protect children.

Lifelines has four sequential segments that include (1) helping the administration create or fine-tune policies and procedures regarding suicide prevention and response; (2) school faculty and staff training on their critical, but limited, role in identifying and responding to suicidal behavior; (3) a parent workshop that outlines basic information of youth suicide and its warning signs, as well as available community resources; and lastly, (4) 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 was the first school district in Hamilton County to address youth suicide prevention with Chaucie's Place and the *Lifelines* program. Westfield Washington Schools joins Sheridan in proactively preventing youth suicide by partnering with Chaucie's Place on *Lifelines*. This program is available to all Hamilton County schools free of charge.

For more information about the program, please contact us 317-759-8008.

Help Make a Lasting Tribute

"If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" And everyone in Indiana has been wondering if Spring is ever going to appear! For Chaucie's Place, Spring time means 'planting the Brick Garden.'

It is not too late to leave a lasting tribute...Chaucie's Place invites you to purchase a personalized brick for our Brick Garden. For a \$100 donation, you can engrave your custom brick with your favorite quote, family name, business, organization, or in honor/memory of someone special.



Your generous donation will go toward the continued support of prevention

programs that can make a difference in the lives of children in Central Indiana.

If you would like to purchase a brick, click [HERE](#) to visit our order page.

Thank you for your continued support!



Board Member Spotlight - Sean Devenney

Board member Sean Devenney learned about Chaucie's Place when his law partner at Drewry Simmons Vornehm, Dave Temple, was contacted by Chaucie's Place Executive Director, Toby Stark, to discuss the organization. Sean was invited to go to the meeting, was very impressed with the Chaucie's Place mission, and asked to become a part of the organization. The rest as Sean says, is history.

Most people would be surprised to know that over the past three or four years Sean has been keeping a beehive in his backyard in Carmel. Unfortunately, he appears to be more of a bee-killer than bee-keeper since only one hive made it through the winter and sadly it is gone now as well. Sadly, the hive didn't survive the Polar Vortex of 2013.

Sean is not a native Hoosier. He is from West Chester, Pennsylvania and met his wonderful wife, Jenny, in law school in Bloomington. She is from Carmel and Sean says, "Now I am too! And I am happy every day for it." They have a daughter, Lucy, who is in elementary school and a chocolate lab named Belle.

Favorites for Sean are the movie *Caddyshack*; the non-fiction book, *Undaunted Courage* by Stephen Ambrose; and *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. A favorite restaurant is Amber Indian Restaurant.

Chaucie's Place is very fortunate to have Sean's commitment and enthusiasm on its board of directors. Thank You!

Wish List

Following are items for which we have the greatest need. Your donation of these items enables us to maintain our focus where it's needed most... on the children we serve.

- Laptop Computer (dual core processor, minimum 4GB of memory, minimum 64-bit, and a minimum 320 GB hard drive)
- Targus 16" Rolling Laptop Case (2)
- Office Depot and Target gift cards
- Color Copy paper, 8.5" x 11" size, 28 lb weight
- Super Premium Bright White Ink Jet & Laser Paper - 28 lb and 97 bright
- Postage stamps
- HP ink cartridges (HP 564XL - black, cyan, magenta, and yellow)
- Canon ink tanks (Pixma MG6320 - 251 BK, 251 C, 251 M, 251 Y, 251 GY, 250xl PGBK)
- Monetary Donations

Training Room Renovation: A Dream Turned Reality

The dream of converting the Chaucie's Place garage into a training room is now a reality thanks to the incredible generosity of NextGear Capital! Having this space is critical in helping Chaucie's Place reach more and more people in the community with our prevention programs. Thanks also to Envoy, Edge Guys Heating and Cooling, and a number of other companies for committing to this project and making it a reality. Click [HERE](#) to watch a video of the transformation.



Before . . .



And after!

Welcome Sarah Copeland!

Please join us in welcoming Sarah Copeland as our newest Prevention & Education Coordinator! Sarah is a retired elementary school teacher and long-time Chaucie's Place volunteer. She will be working with Lisa Ridder on our *Smart Steps* program; she will soon become a *Stewards of Children* authorized facilitator; and she will be a great resource as we continue to grow and improve our programming.

Sarah and her husband, Larry, reside in Carmel with their chocolate Labrador, Edy. Sarah has 2 daughters, 2 stepsons, and 9 grandchildren. In her free time, Sarah enjoys playing tennis and golf, reading, traveling, and spending time with her grandkids. You can welcome Sarah at sarah@chauciesplace.org!





THANK YOU NextGear Capital for supporting Chaucie's Place and its prevention programs in so many ways! Without your generosity, we would not be able to meet the needs of the community.

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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 take an active role to make sure that children of central Indiana have the opportunity to live to their highest potential.