



## Chaucie's Place Newsletter



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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. We appreciate you paying attention to this very important issue and supporting all of our prevention efforts. I hope you will take a few minutes to learn more about how our community is working to prevent child sexual abuse and youth suicide...and how you are a big part of that!

Sincerely,

Toby Stark

## From Our President to You

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill

This quote has become very real for me over the past few years during my tenure as President of the Board of Directors of Chaucie's Place. Having just concluded my three-year run as President, I see this quote every day in the faces of everyone involved with this great organization. Our dedicated staff. The compassionate volunteers. Our amazing community partners. The hard working Board of Directors. Working with such a team made my job so easy!



When I made the decision in 2012 to serve as Board President, Chaucie's Place was in a transitory state. We were evolving into an organization focused on the PREVENTION of child sexual abuse and youth suicide, with the goal of stopping these horrific events from occurring at all. As we started down this path three years ago, nobody really knew how the community would react to this change in focus. Based on the results since then, you have spoken loud and clear! Everything Chaucie's Place does is in response to the needs of the community, and here are just a few highlights of what your feedback and support has empowered us to do since 2012:

- Develop a strategic plan that provides a prioritized focus and a sound financial footing so we can maximize our impact in the community.
- Grow our staff and volunteer base to serve the increasing needs of our children.
- Continue to add unbelievable talent to our Board of Directors to bring the best ideas and perspectives.
- Reestablish and build our relationship with the Indiana Department of Child Services so we can align to common goals and objectives.
- Move into a new building in 2012 and subsequently add a beautiful training room.
- Increase our Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children© program attendance for elementary school children from 9,200 to over 16,000 per year!
- Reach an additional 1,000 adults in 2014 (running total of over 2,700) through our Stewards of Children® program. We are methodically building an army of caring adults that can now recognize the signs of child sexual abuse and take action to help stop it.
- Begin implementing our Lifelines youth suicide prevention program in multiple school districts throughout Hamilton County.
- Aspire Indiana opening a mental health clinic at Chaucie's Place to treat

those who have suffered from abuse.

It has been an honor to serve as Board President, and I will continue to serve as a board member moving forward. Our talented staff at Chaucie's Place, led by Toby Stark, will continue to change the world, and they will have the good fortune of working alongside incoming President Rich Taylor. Rich has been involved with Chaucie's Place for many years, and you won't find a more passionate and qualified individual to lead the Board of Directors.

I have been so blessed to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people and organizations, because they clearly understand Winston Churchill's words. We hope that you will continue to join us in this fight to protect the children of our community.

Jon Kizer



## You're Invited!

We are hosting our annual *Friends of Chaucie's Place Breakfast* in honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The event's keynote speaker is **Paula Sellars**, MSW, creator of the Stewards of Children® prevention curriculum. That morning, Ms. Sellars will speak about how, "Child sexual abuse prevention is the work of transformation - of communities, societies, in fact the whole of humanity. It is also an inner journey of integrity, wholeness, and Divine Grace happening through each one of us. Join us for a rich discussion of personal integrity as it relates to the mission of child sexual abuse *prevention* in our community."

Date: April 22, 2015  
Time: 7:00am  
Location: Ritz Charles  
12156 N. Meridian St, Carmel, IN 46032

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE!**

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### **Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children™**

As the 2014-2015 school year draws to a close, we are thrilled to announce *Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children™* continues to grow and we are reaching more children than ever before! So far this school year, we have visited 55 schools and reached more than 14,000 elementary school-aged children teaching them that their bodies belong to them, they have the right to say "NO!" to touches to their private parts for "no good reason or just to play a game", and to tell an adult about any touches that make them uncomfortable. By the close of this school year, we expect to reach a record 18,000 children!



In addition to visiting all public elementary schools in Hamilton County, Zionsville, and Lebanon, *Smart Steps* has expanded into Tipton and Madison Counties. Additionally, Anderson Community Schools have agreed to implement *Smart Steps* next school year.

Here are just a few of the comments we have received from teachers and staff from the schools we have visited so far this semester:

"The material was presented beautifully - thank you!!"

"Nicely done - very appropriate for age group."

"Fabulous job making it developmentally appropriate for kindergarten. Thanks!"

"We always enjoy your presentations each year. So well prepared! Excellent program!"

If you would like to know more about our *Smart Steps* prevention program or how to become a *Smart Steps* volunteer, please visit [chauciesplace.org](http://chauciesplace.org) or call 317-759-8008.

## Thank you to our Prevention Program Sponsors!



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## Stewards of Children®

With studies showing that 1 out of every 10 children are sexually abused by their 18th birthday, the need for prevention remains high. Sadly, 90 percent of child sexual abuse victims know their perpetrators, meaning we as parents, professionals, and concerned adults need to be more vigilant in our efforts to keep our children safe. One way to learn the skills needed to protect children from and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse is to take the *Stewards of Children* training, which is nationally recognized, evidence-based, and proven to increase knowledge and change child protective behaviors for the better.

Chaucie's Place staff members, who are authorized *Stewards of Children* facilitators, are happy to announce that they have reached over 2,700 individuals throughout central Indiana. The program is growing, thanks to a Department of Child Services grant that funds community trainings in Hancock, Madison, and Tipton counties; monthly events in Hamilton County; and our dedicated community partners who strive to keep their organizations safe for children. Trainings have recently been conducted for the Indiana Bulls baseball organization, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation, and the Jewish Community Center. Additionally, Chaucie's Place and the Boone County Child Advocacy Center have partnered to bring several *Stewards of Children* trainings to youth-serving organizations within that county.

Any and every youth serving organization can benefit from the education and skills provided by the *Stewards of Children* training. If you are interested in training your youth-serving organization, please contact Cortney at 317-759-8008.

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we are partnering with Prevail for our April community training. This training will be...

**April 29, 2015  
5:30-8:00 pm**

**Ivy Tech Community College, Rm 134**

300 N 17th St  
Noblesville, IN 46060

\$15.00 per person to attend  
Register [HERE!](#)



## Lifelines

Chaucie's Place continues to grow *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 this being an unmet need in our community, it was an easy decision for Chaucie's Place to bring this national,

evidence-based youth suicide prevention program to Hamilton and surrounding counties.

*Lifelines* has four sequential segments to ensure that students get the help they need and get it quickly; (1) administration readiness consultation; (2) school faculty and staff training, (3) parent workshop; and (4) 8th-10th grade student curriculum that covers facts about suicide and the students' role in suicide prevention.

The Sheridan Community School District, Westfield Washington Schools, and Hamilton Heights are currently working with Chaucie's Place on implementing this critical program. Thanks to a grant from Hamilton County, the *Lifelines* program is available to all Hamilton County public schools free of charge.

For more information about the program or if interested in bringing *Lifelines* to your school, please contact us at 317-759-8008.

## Board Member Spotlight - Richard F. Taylor III



Richard F. Taylor III, Vice President & Banking Center Manager for The National Bank of Indianapolis-Carmel, joined the Chaucie's Place Board of Directors in 2014. Rich first learned about the organization after attending its Treasure Our Children event in 2007, which raises money for and awareness of the group's child sexual abuse and youth suicide prevention programs. Having discovered that someone he is close to was abused as a child, Rich was spurred to take a more active role to end the cycle of abuse that affects too many of our communities' children. So, armed with a deep passion and strong business and nonprofit acumen, Rich joined the Chaucie's Place Board, delving into the fight against child sexual abuse.

Rich brings many strengths to Chaucie's Place, including the work ethic and commitment to public service he acquired from a family of servant leaders. He learned early on in life that "you get back 10 fold from what you give to others." Rich's father is a past recipient of the Black Expo Trailblazer Award and Outstanding Citizen Award awarded by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Team; his brother is a licensed mental health counselor and works with families and children; and his sister volunteers for anything and everything related to his niece's elementary school. Additionally, Rich's wife is a current board member of OneZone, his father-in-law is an active volunteer with Carmel Rotary, and both his mother and mother-in-law have been lifelong educators. Rich is proud to join his family in public service and is wholly dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those in the community.

A native Hoosier, Rich has deep roots to the area and wants to do his part to better it. He was born in Lebanon, Indiana and graduated from Yorktown High School. His wife owns Holder Mattress, a company headquartered in Kokomo with a location in Carmel, and the couple recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Richard F. Taylor IV, also known as Ryker. Rich has lived in the state his entire life and remains committed to being close to family, friends, and the state he calls home. He is excited to join the Chaucie's Place Board of Directors to help ensure the children in his home state are kept as safe as possible and have the opportunity to live to their fullest potential.

When asked to name a favorite restaurant, Rich recommends Sullivan's, a local



restaurant, saying that, "the GM, John Stanley, is the best in the business. The food and service is always great." Rich is a political news junky and reads publications and watches news programs from all areas of the political spectrum, even international news sources. His favorite book is With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa, by E.B Sledge, a WWII memoir about the Battles of Okinawa and Peleliu.

Chaucie's Place is excited and fortunate to have Rich serving on its Board of Directors. On behalf of children and families in central Indiana: 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.

- Regular Coffee
- Coffee stirrers
- Cleaning supplies - dishwasher detergent, toilet cleaner, toilet brushes, Swiffer wetjet mop pads,
- Garden hose
- Yard mulch
- Postage stamps
- Canon ink tanks (CLI-251XL BK, CLI-251XL C, CLI-251XL M, CLI-251XL Y, CLI-251XL GY, PGI-250xl PGBK)
- Monetary Donations

## Welcome Judy Straub!

Judy, a resident of Carmel for more than two decades, has spent years dedicating herself to the community. She first learned of our organization when she was involved with Hearts of Hope, a group that raised money for Chaucie's Place. Judy was impressed with the work being done at Chaucie's Place, and she later volunteered to help out.

Then, two years ago, Judy heard Chaucie's Place's Executive Director, Toby Stark, discuss the then new youth suicide prevention program *Lifelines*. Having dealt with the struggles of teen loved ones, the program immediately struck a chord. Judy followed *Lifelines* closely and was thrilled when a position was created to implement and coordinate the program. Since coming on board, Judy has helped get the



*Lifelines* ball rolling in many Hamilton County schools, and has helped raise awareness of this pivotal program. She is excited to play a part in helping today's youth identify the warning signs of suicide in their peers and educate them about how and where to get help for their friends. Additionally, she feels honored to work with school administrators, faculty and staff, and parents to help address this growing concern so that children in need can get help before it's too late.

Judy has been married for 34 years and has two sons, both of whom live on the east coast. She enjoys playing tennis, spending time with their white lab Riley, and serving as a volunteer advocate for the Center for At-Risk Elders.

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## About Chaucie's Place

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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 of central Indiana to live to their highest potential.