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Thank you for your interest in and support of Chaucie's Place prevention programs. Enjoy our Winter newsletter and have a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Toby Stark
Executive Director

From Our President to You

"The English language has many truly spectacular words, but every once in a while you find someone and the only words you can find to give to them are Thank You." ~ Unknown



Thank You to the Chaucie's Place Board of Directors - Aaron Atlas, John Barbee, Natalie Chavis, Elizabeth Childers, Jeremy Cox, Sean Devenney, Lynna Leatherman, Melissa Lorson, Beth McDaniel, Steve Schwartz, Kelley Singleton - for your vision and commitment to serving children and families in Hamilton County and beyond.

Thank You to Toby, Cortney and Lisa. What an incredible staff you are!! You fully understand Chaucie's Place's mission and work tirelessly "...to ensure the welfare of children by offering evidence-based; high-quality prevention programs to end the cycle of abuse..." Every day, in so many ways, each of you positively impacts the life of a child.

Thank You to all the volunteers who help Chaucie's Place accomplish great things...from *Smart Steps*©, fundraising committees, and monthly cleaning to data-entry, landscaping, and so much more. "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." ~Sherry Anderson.

Thank You for the generosity of all Chaucie's Place in-kind donors. It is because of the donations of so many that help keep expenses at Chaucie's Place in check. It is great when someone stops by with copy paper, bottled water, computers, flowers for planters, or paper clips. NextGear Capital, Cave & Company, Current Newspapers and Ritz Charles, time and again, donate services that Chaucie's Place could not afford in support of children and families.

To Chaucie's Place donors, large and small...Thank You. The cash donations you make go toward prevention programs that make a difference in the lives of children in Central Indiana.

Thank You to those who were sponsors of prevention programs or special events...Angie's List, Hollingsworth & Zivitz, PwC, Sikich and St. Vincent's Carmel Hospital. You realize the value in supporting the special work that Chaucie's Place does every day!

Thank you NextGear Capital, and so many others, for making a dream come true! As the demand for Chaucie's Place's prevention programs has increased,

converting the facility's garage into a training room has become critical to reaching even more people in the community with our programs. NextGear Capital stepped up to make that happen by nominating Chaucie's Place for a grant from Companies With a Mission and providing the remaining \$16,000 needed to complete the project. A number of other companies have also committed to the project, offering their services with electrical work, painting and even donating classroom furniture. And, of course, thank you to Envoy for their construction management. Please stop by and see Chaucie's Place's new training room!

THANK YOU to all who supported Chaucie's Place programming in 2013. This year the organization has educated and empowered more than 10,500 elementary school students with its *Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children®*; educated parents and adults who work with children how to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse through *Stewards of Children®*; and worked with school communities in youth suicide prevention with its *Lifelines* program.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.
Jon Kizer, Board President



Save the Date!

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

Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children®

As the semester draws to a close, we are proud to say Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children® has grown and we are reaching more children than ever before! Already this school year, we have visited more than 25 schools reaching more than 5,500 students. Our



wonderful Smart Steps volunteers continue to present the important messages that students' bodies belong to them, it is okay to say "NO!" to unwanted touches from anyone, to tell a trusted adult, and abuse is never their fault.

Read what some of the teachers, nurses, and counselors at our partner schools have to say about Smart Steps:

"I wish this program was in my school when I was growing up. Then I would have known how to deal with my own abuse."

"I am so thankful that you provide this program for our students. It is so important!"

"Fantastic as always. The new piece on technology safety is a great addition. Very necessary. Way to stay current."

"Your presenter was very comfortable with the children and related very well to them."

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

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 or call 317-759-8008.

Stewards of Children®

Stewards of Children, a nationally recognized child sexual abuse prevention program for adults, is a training offered by Chaucie's Place staff that helps protect our most important resource, OUR CHILDREN! Stewards of Children empowers adults to prevent, recognize and react appropriately to child sexual

abuse. Studies show that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused by the age of 18, and sadly, 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 has trained over 1,300 adults on how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. In addition to our monthly Hamilton county community trainings, we have also been able to provide trainings in Tipton, Madison, and Hancock counties through a Department of Child Services grant awarded this past summer. We also continue to train many local organizations such as Northview Church youth ministry, Reach for Youth, Inc., Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation ESE staff, Jewish Community Center youth services staff, Sheridan Community Schools and Westfield-Washington Schools.

Please contact us if you'd like us to train your business, youth-serving organization, or community group. And watch for monthly community trainings coming to a city near you in 2014!

Here are some of the actions participants plan to take after attending a Stewards of Children training:

"Be more aware"

"Try to diminish one-on-one opportunities"

"Continue to keep informed about abuse"

"Go with gut feelings"

"Talk to my child"

"Tell others about this program"

And here's what people have to say about the Stewards of Children training:

"Training was informational and kept my interest."

"Excellent training!"

"Very helpful and should be mandatory"

"All educators should take this course"

"Great training session and I learned so much."



Lifelines

Last year, Chaucie's Place began providing 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. We are happy to report that more and more schools have decided 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 Lifelines. We will begin phase two of the Lifelines program in February 2014. Westfield Washington Schools this year 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

Chaucie's Place invites you to leave a lasting tribute by purchasing 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.



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 - Beth Stickles McDaniel

Beth Stickles McDaniel first learned about Chaucie's Place from former Hamilton County Sheriff Dan Stevens when he was still at the Sheriff's Department. She worked closely with Dan on a number of projects in the County and had the opportunity to learn about Chaucie's Place as it was being founded.

A native of Indiana, Beth grew up on a working farm, worked in the fields, drove tractors, tended hogs, and even showed hogs at the local fair. She has often said, "I am the son my father never had since my sister and I have no brothers. We did all the work on the farm that many assume the men do."

The McDaniel's blended family has several unique characteristics. Beth and her husband Dave have been married 16 years and have four children between them, ages 25 and 28. Yes, that is one of the unique family features. Dave's twins are one month older than Beth's son, which made life a lot more like having triplets. Another unique thing is that both boys' names are John; a family name on both sides of the family. John McDaniel passed away in 2009, which is an experience that no one should have to face, but many do. Sara

(McDaniel), the oldest, and Chris have two children. Their daughter's little hands have been helpers at Chaucie's Place by making certificates of appreciation for supporters. John Finch (Beth's son) and Emily McDaniel, the two 25 year olds, both work for the same company; John is in Texas and Emily is Carmel.

Beth decided to serve as a Chaucie's Place board member to help protect children from "this horrendous situation." Having the opportunity to be on the board has provided a platform whereby she can assist in advocating for awareness programs among adults in addition to the prevention programs that are so needed for children.

Favorite books for Beth are "Hope for the Flowers" by Trina Paulus and Catherine Coulter's FBI series. "Finding Forrester" is a favorite movie. Beth says, "It has so many complexities or can be watched for pure entertainment value." Beth and Dave's "go-to" restaurant when they can't decide is The Local Eatery and Pub, which is always good and very convenient.

Chaucie's Place is fortunate to have Beth serving on its board of directors and on behalf of children and families in Hamilton County and beyond, 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.

- Large Rubbermaid storage containers, 66-quart or bigger (10 needed)
- 11-gallon or larger Trash can and bags
- 11- gallon or larger Recycle can and bags
- Coat rack for up to 30 people
- Color Copy paper, 8.5" x 11" size, 28 lb weight
- Vacuum (can be used on both carpet and hardwood)
- Vacuum Bags (Bissell Model 7 and Hoover Type H)
- 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)

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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 take an active role to make sure that children of central Indiana

have the opportunity to live to their highest potential. 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.

