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Thank you so much for your interest in and support of Chaucie's Place! We couldn't be happier with the continued growth of our prevention programs and 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
Executive Director

From Our President to You

"It takes a lot of people to make a winning team.
Everybody's contribution is important."

- Gary David Goldberg



The Chaucie's Place 'winning TEAM' has reached incredible heights in 2014 on behalf of the children and families in central Indiana:

- Offering *Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children*© to over 16,000 elementary school-aged children
- Training more than 2,300 adults to understand what it means to be a 'steward of children'
- Bringing the *Lifelines* youth suicide prevention program to Hamilton County school systems
- Partnering with Aspire Indiana to open an outpatient mental health clinic at Chaucie's Place, specifically for the treatment of survivors of child sexual abuse

Who is this TEAM? The Chaucie's Place TEAM includes a highly committed Board of Directors that honorably fulfills its role as stewards of the organization; a dedicated Executive Director and staff who know no limits in serving and protecting children; and volunteers who help Chaucie's Place accomplish great things...facilitation of the *Smart Steps* program, monthly cleaning, data input, fundraising committees, landscaping, and so much more.

The TEAM could never be complete without including the community that supports Chaucie's Place in countless ways - financial contributions large and small from individuals and corporate and family foundations, sponsors that support prevention programming and special events, in-kind donations, expertise, and mentorship. We're honored that the Chaucie's Place community TEAM cares beyond words about the safety and well-being of its children and entrusts Chaucie's Place to provide evidence-based, high-quality prevention programs to end the cycle of abuse and youth suicide.

Thank you TEAM for your commitment to the Chaucie's Place mission and giving countless hours and resources to ensuring that children in central Indiana have a chance to grow up safe and live to their highest potential.

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

Aspire Indiana Opens Outpatient Clinic at Chaucie's Place

In August Aspire Indiana opened an outpatient mental health clinic at Chaucie's Place, specifically for the treatment of survivors of child sexual abuse. Children, adolescents and adults are seen at the Chaucie's Place clinic. The clinic is staffed by Pat Warrick, a licensed mental health social worker who is trained in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), a therapy model that is research-based and treats the trauma of child sexual abuse, rather than the manifestations of that trauma, like depression or anxiety.

"Aspire Indiana is always exploring ways to better serve the community and its mental health needs. We all know that one of the barriers to seeking treatment can be fear...even a fear of an unknown location or unknown people. The Hamilton County community has a high level of trust in Chaucie's Place, so if we can remove one more barrier to someone getting treatment then we have succeeded in helping more people move through their journey of healing," said Aspire Indiana's president C. Richard DeHaven.

Chaucie's Place is located in Carmel. To book an appointment, call Aspire Indiana at 1-877-574-1254 or visit www.aspireindiana.org.



Save the Date!

Chaucie's Place is hosting its annual Friends of Chaucie's Place Breakfast in honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

JUST ANNOUNCED! The event's keynote speaker is **Paula Sellers**,

MSW, developer of Stewards of Children® prevention curriculum.

Date: April 22, 2015

Time: 7:00am

Location: Ritz Charles

12156 N. Meridian St, Carmel, IN 46032

Thanks to our Presenting Sponsor!

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Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children©

As the semester draws to a close, we are thrilled to say *Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children* continues to grow and we are reaching more children than ever before! So far this semester, we have visited 30 schools and

reached more than 8,200 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.



In addition to visiting all public elementary schools in Hamilton County, Zionsville, and Lebanon, *Smart Steps* has expanded into Tipton and Madison Counties. In November, students at Tri-Central Elementary in Sharpsville went through the *Smart Steps* program, and Chaucie's Place will return to Tipton County in February at Tipton Elementary for their first year with the *Smart Steps* program. Madison County has also warmly embraced Chaucie's Place and the *Smart Steps* program. Pendleton elementary schools will launch their *Smart Steps* presentations in January 2015, and multiple other districts are currently in talks about program implementation.

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:

"Great job of presenting the material without making the kids feel like it was funny or strange to be speaking about these things. The kids learned and responded as they would to any other lesson".

"Appreciate the positive and upbeat presentation!"

"Thank you for adding in the part about using social media and technology. So important for this generation!!"

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.

Thank you to our Prevention Program Sponsors!



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Stewards of Children, a nationally recognized child sexual abuse prevention program for parents and adults who work with children, is offered by Chaucie's Place staff to help protect our most important resource, OUR CHILDREN! Chaucie's Place facilitators have trained over 2,300 adults throughout central Indiana. In addition to the wonderful organizations we trained in 2014, we will close out the year by training the staff and volunteers at Carmel Clay Public Library. In 2015, we look forward to working with Indiana Bulls Baseball, Jewish Community Center, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, Northview Church youth volunteers and staff, Westfield and Sheridan schools. In addition to these youth-serving organizations, we will also have community trainings in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Madison, and Tipton counties throughout the year.

Please contact Cortney at 317-759-8008 if you are interested in training your youth-serving organization. Our next community training is . . .

January 21, 2015
5:30-8:00 pm

Carmel Clay Public Library
55 4th Ave SE
Carmel, IN 46032

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



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.

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.

We are excited to announce that Hamilton County has awarded Chaucie's Place \$25,000 to bring *Lifelines* programming to Hamilton County public schools. We are grateful for this support and what it means to our community.

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

Make a Difference!

DONATE >>

As 2014 comes to close, we ask that you consider Chaucie's Place in your end-of-year giving. Your generous donation will support our prevention programs that can make a difference in the lives of children in Central Indiana.

Thank you for your continued support!

Board Member Spotlight - Liz Childers and Aaron Atlas



Liz Childers, a Senior Manager in Marketing at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, first heard about the great work Chaucie's Place is doing from Board President Jon Kizer. Deciding to serve as a Chaucie's Place board member was an easy decision. Liz says, "Having children has given me a completely different perspective on what is important and how important it is to protect them. Also, my mother was a survivor of sexual abuse. She passed away 10 years ago from breast cancer and I never had the opportunity to really talk to her about it. I know it troubled her most of her life."

A native of Indiana, Liz is from Evansville. "I love being a Hoosier. The opportunity to really have an impact on my community and the opportunity to have a fulfilling life keeps me in Indiana." Liz and her family recently moved to Zionsville and love their new location including local Zionsville restaurants Noah Grants and Salty Cowboy.

Liz has been accepted into the 2014-2015 Lugar Series Women's Leadership program. The Lugar Series is a political leadership development program designed for fast tracking and mainstreaming outstanding Hoosier women into positions of influence in the public arena.

About her family Liz shares, "My husband, Grant, is amazing! He has always supported me in all of my many career and life opportunities." Liz is an identical twin, is the mother of twins and her mother-in-law is a twin!

Joining the Chaucie's Place Board of Directors was a good fit for Aaron Atlas, Director of Youth Services & Camp Director at the Jewish Community Center - Indy. "Once I began to understand more about why Chaucie's Place exists, and because my entire career has been



working with children, Chaucie's Place was a natural fit. I love what we stand for and how passionate everybody is about serving and protecting children. As a youth director, I wanted to be able to do more than what I do at work, and impact children and families in a profound way. The insights I've learned and conversations I've had since being a part of Chaucie's Place have simply been eye-opening. We really do make the community safer."

When Aaron was asked to share something that people would be surprised to know about him, he replied, "Several years ago I applied and became certified as a PBA pro bowler. I've been bowling since I was a young kid and I have always wanted to become a pro. I finally achieved it, and although I have not actually competed at the pro level, it's fun to know that I could!"

Aaron recommends the restaurant Jiallo's at 56th/Guion. "African and Caribbean cuisine served like you'd get in the Caribbean. Laid back, authentic, and you feel like you're in the Caribbean. The owner chats with you, offering samples while you wait. He's very proud of his food and it tastes like vacation!"

Born and raised on the Northwest side of Indianapolis, this is where Aaron's roots are. His parents and three brothers, aunt, and grandmother are all in town. Community connections have kept Aaron in the area, but one day, he plans to experience a major geographic shake-up. Aaron married his wife, Nicole, on Feb. 29, 2012 with their feet in the sand in St. Kitts. "Together we have traveled the world, and hope to travel much more. We love finding hidden gems in the world, spots where the locals go, and places where we can be immersed in the local flavor. While kids might be in the future, for now, we enjoy our Australian Cattle Dog, Koufax, and the freedom and flexibility to travel to new places!"

Chaucie's Place is fortunate to have Liz and Aaron 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.

- Decaf coffee
- Cleaning supplies - dishwasher detergent, toilet cleaner, toilet brushes, Swiffer wetjet mop pads,
- Garden hose (2)
- Postage stamps
- Canon ink tanks (Pixma MG6320 - 251 BK, 251 C, 251 M, 251 Y, 251 GY, 250xl PGBK)

- Monetary Donations

Welcome Josh Susie!

Josh joined Chaucie's Place in August, filling the newly created position of Prevention & Education Coordinator for Hancock, Madison and Tipton Counties. He comes from a legal background where he worked for the Indiana Department of Child Services and Kids' Voice. There, he saw the devastating effects of physical, emotional and sexual abuse on children, and was disappointed he could not do more to help. Looking to exit the legal field, Josh found Chaucie's Place, and he immediately attached to its preventative approach.



Dedicated to Chaucie's Place mission and eager to fulfill his duty to expand all programs, Josh has jumped in headfirst. He has successfully implemented the *Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children*© into several new schools, scheduled multiple *Stewards of Children* trainings at new sites, and networked to build community relationships. He has been pleasantly surprised by the amount of community support, but knows that there is still a lot of work to be done when it comes to raising awareness about and preventing child sexual abuse.

He looks forward to meeting and working with the wide range of talented and passionate individuals who keep Chaucie's Place afloat!

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