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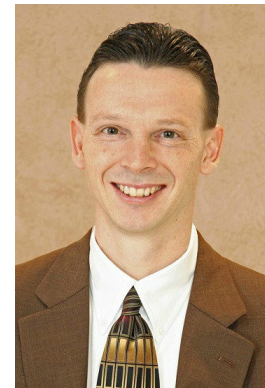
About Chaucie's Place

From Our President to You

Chaucie's Place Provides Far Reaching Programs

"One hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, how big my house was, or what kind of car I drove. But the world may be a little better, because I was important in the life of a child." - Forest Witcraft

At the recent Friends of Chaucie's Place Breakfast, we learned from the panel of child sexual abuse survivors and parent of a survivor that the abuse does not define them, but it certainly leaves a lasting effect. Their words were inspiration to some and a reminder to others



just how important Chaucie's Place's child sexual abuse prevention programs are. That is why we are so pleased that our programs are beginning to spread regionally and across the state.

As youth-serving organizations around the state learn about Chaucie's Place's prevention programs, they are beginning to inquire about how Chaucie's Place can educate and empower their communities. During the 2012-2013 school year, Chaucie's Place partnered with the Boone County Child Advocacy Center to provide body safety programming in the Lebanon school system and in the coming year will be offering body safety in Zionsville schools. And Chaucie's Place is training the state-wide staff of Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY). Chaucie's Place has already trained the staff and their community partners in South Bend and Merrillville.

Through a contract awarded to Chaucie's Place in August by the Indiana Department of Child Services, parents in Madison, Hancock and Tipton Counties will now have the opportunity to participate in the Center's Stewards of Children® prevention program. Chaucie's Place will teach parents how to prevent, recognize and react appropriately to child sexual abuse.

Chaucie's Place is committed to meeting the unmet needs of our community and educating children and adults to end the cycle of child sexual abuse. If you know of anyone in need of child sexual abuse prevention programming please have them contact Chaucie's Place.



**Treasure Our Children
Beach Bash** says *Aloha!*

LUAU BUFFET DINNER, PINA COLADAS
PLUS LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013
SURF'S UP AT 5:30PM BUT CLEAR THE BEACH BY 9:30PM
RITZ CHARLES | 12156 N. MERIDIAN STREET | CARMEL

TICKET PRICES: \$75.00 PER PERSON
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(which means "Please Join Us" in Hawaiian)

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Program Update

Chaucie's Place Expands and Updates its Body Safety Program

In partnership with our amazing volunteers, Chaucie's Place is reaching record numbers of children and adults *throughout the region* with our prevention

programs!

In the last school year, Chaucie's Place staff and volunteers taught nearly 10,500 elementary school children in Hamilton, Boone and Marion Counties that their bodies belong to them, it is okay to say "NO!" to unwanted touches...from anyone, to tell a trusted adult, and abuse is never, ever their fault. These messages of empowerment will affect these children for a lifetime, as well as their friends and siblings, and their own children one day.

To make sure we are imparting the most up-to-date and proven messages to our community's children, Chaucie's Place staff, in partnership with the Carmel Police Department, has updated our body safety program to better reflect the most current national research findings. And as part of these updates, the program will now be called: *Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children*. The core messages won't change - because research shows these messages work - but we will incorporate messages that address the challenges our children face when it comes to child sexual abuse. We've added information on technology, kissing (a part of the grooming process for child abusers) and increasing the emphasis on the fact that these messages apply to anyone - not just strangers. We couldn't be more excited about these updates! We believe these updates will take an already fantastic program and make it even more impactful.

And as our Board of Directors President, Jon Kizer, reported in his President's Letter - many more exciting things are happening with our prevention programs. It's going to be an great school year!



Board Member Spotlight - Steve Schwartz

Steve Schwartz, a native Hoosier and Hamilton County Councilman, is a worm salesman by trade. Yes you read correctly, a worm salesman! In addition to serving our community, Steve has owned Schwartz's Bait & Tackle since 1979!

First hearing about Chaucie's Place many years ago from then Hamilton County Prosecutor, Sonia Leerkamp, Steve believes in the Center's mission statement... to end the cycle of abuse and to empower children and adults to ensure children of central Indiana have the opportunity to live to their highest potential.

Married to his wife Lori for almost 35 years, Steve and Lori have two boys, Pete and Eddie, and a brand new spoiled granddaughter, Emma Lee. Steve's favorite reads are John Grisham, and his favorite restaurants are Bonges Tavern in Perkinsville, IN and The Local Eatery and Pub on Gray Road.

Steve looks forward to working with the Chaucie's Place Board of Directors and

describes them as embracing a "great amount of positive energy and forward thinking. Serving on the Chaucie's Place board is a great way to give back to our community."

Chaucie's Place is fortunate to have Steve serving the children and families of Hamilton County and beyond. Welcome and Thank You!

Brick Garden Fundraiser

Chaucie's Place invites you to leave a lasting tribute by purchasing a personalized brick in the Center's Brick Garden. With a donation of \$100.00, you can engrave your custom brick with your favorite quote, family name, business, organization, or in honor/memory of someone.

Click [HERE](#) to place your order today!



Greetings!

I am Cortney Bowen, new Program Manager here at Chaucie's Place. As Program Manager, my primary responsibility is to manage our child sexual abuse prevention program for adults, *Stewards of Children*®, and our youth suicide prevention program, *Lifelines*. Luckily, I have also had the opportunity to be involved with coordinating the child sexual abuse prevention program *Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program for Children* and planning the *Treasure Our Children* fundraiser coming up on October 10th.



I have been at Chaucie's Place as Program Manager for a little over a month, but I've had some big revelations and reassurances . . .

- I'm amazed at all the wonderful community support that Chaucie's Place receives from volunteers, sponsors, and donors. It's very overwhelming!
- There is a great need for child sexual abuse and youth suicide prevention programs, and Chaucie's Place answers that need through *Smart Steps*, *Stewards of Children*, and *Lifelines*.
- My background, in both teaching and professional development, has prepared me for many aspects of my job as Program Manager, and even though the learning curve is steep, I feel I am making my way.
- As Program Manager I can continue pursuing one of my passions, helping to improve the lives of children in our community, and for that I am grateful.

I look forward to interacting with you all in one way or another here at Chaucie's Place!

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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.

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