



## Chaucie's Place Newsletter



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### From Our President to You

#### "ARE YOU 'ALL IN'?"

Chaucie's Place is steadfast in its dedication to reverse the alarming statistics of child sexual abuse... 400,000 children are sexually abused each year, 1 in 10 children experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday, and 90% of child victims know their abuser.



But we can't do this without your help. The Chaucie's Place "**ARE YOU 'ALL IN'?**" campaign is now under way to ensure that all school personnel in Hamilton County receive *Stewards of Children* child sexual abuse prevention training. **Just \$15.00 will train a teacher, coach or support staff.**

*Stewards of Children* is a national evidence-informed child sexual abuse prevention program that educates participants on the breadth and depth of child sexual abuse in the community; then they learn how to prevent child sexual abuse, how to recognize the warning signs and how to respond to a disclosure or suspicion of abuse. This is essential training for all school personnel who spend so much time with our children.

The Chaucie's Place community cares beyond words about the safety and well-being of its children and entrusts Chaucie's Place to provide prevention programs to end the cycle of abuse and youth suicide. **"ARE YOU 'ALL IN'?"**

If you are **'ALL IN'**, please visit [www.chauciesplace.org](http://www.chauciesplace.org) to pledge your support!

Best wishes for a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Richard F. Taylor III  
Board President

## Brick Garden

Two years ago, we decided that we wanted a Brick Garden on our property to honor all the people in the community that Chaucie's Place has helped in any way at all since opening our doors in 2001. That dream is now a reality. You purchased bricks in



honor and in memory of people special to you, you purchased bricks with meaningful sayings and verses, and you honored the people in our community who have been impacted by Chaucie's Place's work. Thanks to your generosity and that of Bone Dry Masonry, who installed the Brick Garden as a gift to the community, we now have a beautiful legacy for all to enjoy. Please stop by any time to see your brick, or please join us for the "Unveiling" on March 19, 2016, hosted by Darryl and Tammie Hall. More details on the Unveiling to come!

**Thank you to our Prevention Program  
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Hamilton County Community

*Stewards of Children*



Boone County

*Smart Steps: A Body Safety Program*

*for Children™*



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Program Update - from Toby Stark, Executive Director

I'm sure you've already heard this a hundred times, but, 'can you believe this is the end of 2015?!' As I've reflected on the work that Chaucie's Place staff and volunteers have accomplished in the last 12 months, I have to catch my breath. It is astounding! Let me share some highlights with you:



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

***Children™***: This school year we will - once again - educate and empower a record number of children to say "NO!" to unwanted touches from anyone and to tell a trusted adult about any touches that make them uncomfortable.

- To date, Chaucie's Place staff and trained volunteers have taught **11,451 students and reported 10 disclosures of abuse** to the Indiana Department of Child Services and law enforcement. Last year at this time, we had taught 10,308 students and made 5 reports.
  
- New school districts this year: Western Boone Community Schools, Community School Corporation of Southern Hancock County, Anderson Community Schools, Indiana Math & Science Academies, and Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School.
  
- Many of Hamilton County school district's Life Skills classes are now getting our *Smart Steps™* program. These are students who aren't mainstreamed into regular classrooms, and possibly our most vulnerable population.
  
- We now send information to every parent in every *Smart Steps™* school following our presentation that will help them continue the body safety conversation with their child.

**Stewards of Children®** child sexual abuse prevention program for parents and adults who work with children:

- This year, we have trained 1,286 adults on how to prevent child sexual abuse, how to recognize the warning signs and how to respond appropriately to a disclosure of abuse. This time last year, we had trained 1,074 adults!

- New youth serving organizations that have brought in Chaucie's Place to facilitate *Stewards of Children* with their staff are:

- Noblesville Schools
- Indiana Bulls Baseball Organization
- USA Gymnastics
- Boys and Girls Club of Zionsville
- Hamilton County Juvenile Services Center
- Midwest Academy
- Sheridan Community Schools new employees
- Westfield Washington School Corporation new employees
- Midwest School of Voice
- Northview Church
- St. Luke's Early Education Program
- St. Paul's Mothers of Multiples
- Zionsville Childcare Program - GROW (Getting Ready for Our World)

Please attend one of our community trainings in 2016...and invite a friend...it's that important!

**Lifelines® Youth Suicide Prevention Program:** Thank you Hamilton County

Commissioners and County Council for funding *Lifelines* in all Hamilton County school districts this year! *Lifelines* is a youth suicide prevention program for an entire school district that has four components: administrative readiness, teacher training, parent training, and in-class curriculum for 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders.

Schools that have started or completed the 1st year of Lifelines:

- Westfield Washington Schools
- Sheridan Community Schools
- Hamilton Heights School Corporation
- Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Additionally, Brooke's Place has partnered with Chaucie's Place to implement *Lifelines* within the organization - working on crisis readiness as it relates to youth suicide; training of staff and volunteers; parent training.

Chaucie's Place is able to reach more children and adults with our evidence-informed and high-quality prevention programs for two reasons...and two reasons only: Your support and the amazing staff at Chaucie's Place. So, THANK YOU for all *you* do support our efforts, and THANK YOU to Amanda Bow, Lisa Ridder, Chelsea Shelburne, and Patti Warren, our Prevention & Education Coordinators and support staff for all you do...every day!

**Save the Date!**



**Friends of Chaucie's Place Breakfast**

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

7:30 am

Ritz Charles

12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel, IN

## Welcome Chelsea Shelburne

Chelsea joined Chaucie's Place in July as a Prevention & Education Coordinator implementing *Lifelines® Youth Suicide Prevention Program*. She grew up in Fishers, attended Indiana University and then moved to New York City to work at a law firm.



After returning home to Indiana, Chelsea discovered her passion for child advocacy during law school where she spent time working for a juvenile court judge and later researching children's issues. Chelsea graduated from McKinney School of Law this year and passed the bar exam. She's excited to be doing prevention work in the community.

## Welcome Patti Warren

Patti is the newest Prevention & Education Coordinator at Chaucie's Place. Patti is a newlywed, who married Tony Warren in October of this year. She combined her family of three sons with his family of three daughters and could not be happier being the modern day Brady Bunch!



Patti has 9 years of experience in victim assistance and is thrilled to be a part of the prevention side of social work. She will be expanding our prevention programs in Hancock, Madison, and Tipton counties.

## 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.

- Small office printer and ink for it (HP Pro 8620)
  - or Canon ink tanks for our current printer (241XL &240XXL)
- A paper cutter
- Toilet paper
- Decaf coffee

- White copy paper - 28 lb
- Home Depot gift cards
- Monetary Donations

If you don't have time to pick up and deliver anything but wish to donate, these items can be ordered through our Amazon wish list, which can be found [HERE](#). Remember to use [AmazonSmile](#) and choose Chaucie's Place as a beneficiary!

## You Shop, Amazon Gives to Chaucie's Place

When you shop at [AmazonSmile.com](#), the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to a charitable organization of your choosing.

How does AmazonSmile work? When first visiting [AmazonSmile](#), you will be prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. By choosing Chaucie's

Place as the beneficiary, you will help support our child sexual abuse and youth suicide prevention programs each time you shop, while still enjoying the same selection of products and low prices as on Amazon!



**[SHOP NOW](#) and support Chaucie's Place!**



### Board Member Spotlight: Jeremy Cox

Chaucie's Place Board of Directors member Jeremy Cox, of Crowe Horwath, was introduced to Chaucie's Place by Kim Lane, a former board member. Jeremy had expressed an interest in finding an organization that he could volunteer with to become more involved in his community.

Upon learning more about Chaucie's Place and then making the connection that the organization was already providing **Smart Steps™** in his children's elementary school, it was a natural fit.

With three young boys - Carson (10), Collin (8) and Cooper (4) - Jeremy is involved with and around young kids all of the time, so

once he learned the shocking statistics related to child sexual abuse and youth suicide it was a no-brainer for Jeremy to get involved and become an advocate. "I can't say enough about how important the Chaucie's Place prevention programs are to helping both the youth and adults in our community better understand how to prevent, identify and stop abuse. We should all feel called to protect the kids in our community."

Most people are pretty surprised to learn how much of a "country boy" Jeremy is or at least was growing up. "I was a 10-year 4-H member in Boone County, and I spent all 10 years participating and showing livestock such as cattle, sheep and pigs. Those were 10 great years, filled with lots of time spent with my family doing something that we all enjoyed."

A native of Indiana, Jeremy grew up just outside of Lebanon, IN. Jeremy shares, "All of my family is here and my wife Missy's family lives in northern Indiana. We love to travel and visit other places, but Indiana will always be our home. It's a great place to raise a family, and we just couldn't imagine being anywhere else."

On a personal note, Jeremy enjoys reading books and articles on things like leadership, team development, and personal finance. "The books I tend to read most often right now, though, are of the Curious George, Clifford and Thomas the Train variety to my 4 year old son."

Chaucie's Place is privileged to have Jeremy serving on its Board of Directors. On behalf of children and families in central Indiana:  
Thank You!

## **Board of Directors:**

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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 of central Indiana to live to

their highest potential.

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