

THE CLARK CO. YOUTH SHELTER AND FAMILY SERVICES

Celebrating the Past. Looking to the Future

From the Executive Director . . .

The Clark County Youth Shelter is celebrating its tenth anniversary this month. What began as a dream for many concerned Clark County citizens became a reality in September 1986 when the Shelter opened its doors to the troubled youth of our community. During our first month of operation we provided shelter care and counseling to 15 young people. Ten years later we have served 2,417 children and increased our services to include emergency and long term care, individual/group/family counseling, Safe Place, aftercare, independent living skills and initiatives, youth development, substance abuse prevention, pregnancy prevention, case management, crisis intervention, youth advocacy, community outreach and education, and information and referral.

We have been recognized by the State as the Youth Service Bureau for Clark County, awarded the Governor's Voluntary Action Award for Youth, accepted as a Metro United Way agency, become a full member of the Indiana Association of Residential Child Care Agencies, and received federal recognition for the excellence of our services to runaway and homeless youth.

The Board of Directors and staff have taken this occasion of our tenth anniversary to look at our past and plan our future. The Shelter was one of only a few

agencies selected by Indiana University to participate in a 2 year research project, "Strengthening the Non-Profit Sector." This project has helped us plan the agency's future course. Two major changes we are announcing in conjunction with our tenth anniversary are: a **new name and mission**. Our new name is **CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER AND FAMILY SERVICES**. The new mission is: **Clark Co. Youth Shelter and Family Services . . . Creating a nurturing environment for youth and families to realize their potential.** The new name and mission statement reflect our increasing services to youth and their families. To be successful in treating young people's problems you must involve the family. Our focus for the future will be not only on young people but also their families.

Please join the staff, volunteers, and Board of Directors of the Clark County Youth Shelter and Family Services in celebrating our tenth anniversary. We are hosting an open house on Friday, September 20th from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at the Shelter (118 E. Chestnut St., Jeffersonville). We hope to see you here to help us celebrate ten years of successful services to the young people of Clark County.

Candice Chaney Barksdale,
Executive Director

GOOD-BYE TO AN ANGEL

When Hazel Lovell first came to the Shelter as our secretary, the staff was thrilled to have someone help out. We could not have known that Hazel would touch our lives in the special way that she did.

Hazel's desk was always the center of activity. Staff and residents alike gravitated to her. Her desk was always the center of a crowd

RESIDENT REPORT

Jane (not her real name) first came to the Shelter in 1993. She was placed in the Shelter for incorrigibility. Jane was very well behaved and soon went home. She didn't stay home. Jane returned to the Shelter; more than once. Each time she returned, she was in a little more trouble and seemed just a little more angry. She began doing drugs. She got pregnant.

Jane came to the Shelter through Project SafePlace when she could not pay for the crack cocaine she'd begun to use. Her dealer was threatening her, her family, and her child.

Jane was given one last chance. She was approved for an intensive drug rehabilitation program in northern Indiana. She said she wanted that chance.

Jane stopped by the Shelter two weeks ago. It was the first time we'd seen her in almost the year she'd been gone for treatment. Those of us who knew the hurt and angry teen Jane used to be didn't recognize her. She beamed as she showed us her awards for staying sober. She beamed as she told us that she'd passed her GED with flying colors. She blushed when she told us she was going to college this fall so she could help others the way others had helped her.

BACON'S SALE

The Clark County Youth Shelter and Family Services will be participating in the Bacon's Benefit Sale, which will be held on October 5, 1996. Tickets are \$5.00 (\$4.00 will go to the Shelter and \$1.00 to United Way when tickets are purchased from the Shelter). This is your opportunity to help a troubled youth, get an early start on your Christmas shopping, and save money all at one time! For your ticket please contact Candy or Brenda at 284-5229.

Contributor's Honor Roll:

Ray Herdt Florist

Judy Storz

Center for Lay Ministries

Mrs. Kelton

Tubby's Pizza

Sacred Heart Church

Sandy Peyron

Ora Pettit

Schimpff's Confectionery

Community Kitchen

St. Augustine Church

Clarksville High School

Clarksville Middle School

Pillsbury Company

St. Paul's Church

Bridgepoint Elem. School PTO

Thomas Jefferson Elem. School PTO

American Legion

PSI

American Commercial Barge Lines

Taylor Drugs

Tom Lindley

Bill Fox

MAKE A WISH

We have received the following request from the Visiting Nurse Association of Southern Indiana and would appreciate your support.

Craig Sherwood is a 17 year old boy suffering from terminal cancer. His greatest wish is to enter the Guinness Book of World Records as the person with the most business cards. He can only accept one from each company.

Could you please send your business card to the following address?

Craig Sherwood

Make A Wish Foundation

Atlanta, GA 30356

A speedy reply is of the essence. Please do not send monetary gifts.

Thank you for your help.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Diana Johnson was the June employee of the month. As the Lead Youth Worker, Diana is responsible for recruiting, training, and supervising all youth workers. She also has the challenge of taking all of the different schedules our staff have and combining them together to ensure a schedule for the youth workers. Diana makes this difficult job look easy! Congratulations Diana!

There was not an employee of the month for July.

Chase Johnson is the recipient of the August Employee of the month. Chase recently became the Shelter's Program

Coordinator; responsible for running the aftercare program, Independent Living Initiative program, and the Independent Living Skills program. These programs have taken off under Chase's leadership. Congratulations Chase!

SAFEPLACE IN FLOYD COUNTY

In our last newsletter we announced that Safe Place had received a grant which will allow it to expand into Floyd County. We are excited to report that Project SafePlace has taken root and is growing!

SafePlace would like to welcome 13 new business sites and 5 new volunteers in Floyd County. We are still looking for new businesses and individuals to volunteer with the SafePlace program.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, becoming a SafePlace business site, or would like more information about Project SafePlace, please call Brenda at 284-5229.

WISH LIST

It is only through the generosity of the Clark Co. Community that the Shelter has been able to provide services for the youth of our community. Your generous donations make it possible for us to run a household of 10 teenagers!

On the back of the every newsletter is a list of items the Shelter needs. If you are interested in donating an item from the Wish List, are curious about items that you do not see on the Wish List, or would like to know more about the everyday running of the facility, please contact Jeannie at 284-5229.

Again, THANK YOU for your generosity, we could not continue without it.

NEW PROGRAM BEGINS

We are pleased to announce the Clark Co. Youth Shelter and Family Services was the recipient of a Youth Development grant from Indiana Youth Services Association. The grant will be used to promote youth development for Clark County adolescents. The young people involved in the Shelter's aftercare program are busy planning and implementing the program under the guidance of the Program Coordinator. The group first decided what area of the community they wanted to target for assistance. We are pleased to report they chose to conduct a community project benefiting senior citizens. Our youth development participants are now conducting a community needs assessment to determine what project they will undertake to benefit the seniors of Clark Co. (Anyone having ideas should contact our Executive Director). Once the needs assessment is completed the group will determine the project and begin work. They hope to complete their project by the end of the year.

This youth development project has been a positive addition to the Youth Shelter and Family Services gamut of services. The participants are learning leadership, democratic process, teamwork, community familiarity, the benefits of inter-generational contact, program planning, budgeting, and implementation. Along the way they are also building self esteem and community pride. We thank Indiana Youth Services Assoc. for having confidence in our agency and our youth in granting us the funds to make this project possible.

RECORD YEAR

At the close of our 10th fiscal year, the Shelter has served a record number of Clark County youth in need of services. A total of 420 youth were served by the Emergency Shelter. This number does not count the numerous other youth served through Shelter programs that are not tied to the Emergency Shelter. In comparison, during our first fiscal year, the Shelter served 211 youth in Clark County.

What does this number tell us? It tells us that yes, we are filling a need in the community. It tells us that yes, there are youth in the community who can benefit from our services. It tells us that yes, we are needed.

Unfortunately, this is not all that this record number tells us. This number also tells us that the problems the youth in our community face aren't getting better. It tells us that more of our youth and families are in need of help. It tells us that more needs to be done to help the youth and families of Clark County.

As we look to the next ten years, not only will we drawing from the past to meet the present needs of the community. We will be looking for ways to meet the needs of the future; to ensure that record numbers in the Emergency Shelter remain part of our past.

YOU CAN HELP MAKE OUR WISHES COME TRUE!

The following items are needed by the Youth Shelter and Family Services

Hygeine items (shampoo, soap, etc.)
Liquid dish detergent
Furniture wax
Pots, pans, skillets
Pillows
Poster board
Educational software

School supplies
Art/Craft supplies
Cooking utensils
Tupperware
Comforters
Movies (PG or G)
Socks

Brushes/combs
Plastic wrap
Aluminum foil
Polariod 600 film
Plastic glasses
Blank video tapes
Outdoor American Flag

**We Do Not Believe in Ourselves
e.e. cummings**

We do not believe in ourselves until someone reveals
that deep
inside us something is valuable, worth listening to,
worthy of
our trust, sacred to our touch. Once we believe in
ourselves we
can risk curiosity, wonder, spontaneous delight or any
experience that reveals the human spirit.

YES, I WANT TO GIVE A TROUBLED YOUNG PERSON A CHANCE BY BECOMING
A FRIEND OF THE CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER AND FAMILY SERVICES
WITH MY TAX DEDUCTABLE CONTRIBUTION OF:

_____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$200 _____ OTHER

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER AND FAMILY SERVICES
P.O. BOX 886
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47131

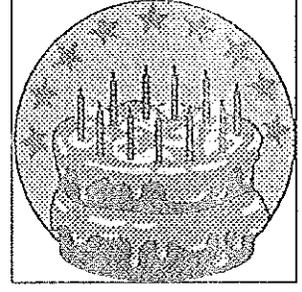
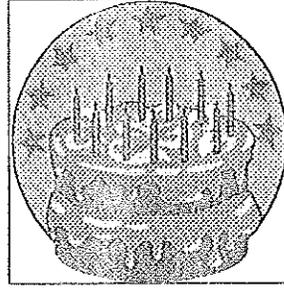
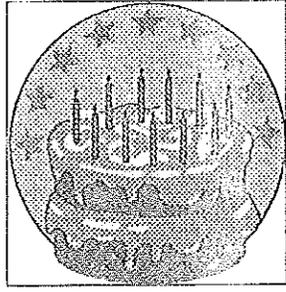
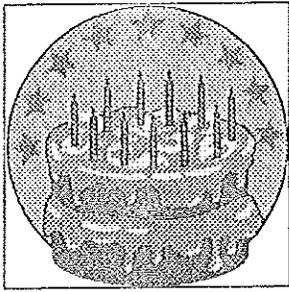
ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH SERVED BY THE YOUTH SHELTER, WE SAY
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

**ANY YOUTH OR YOUTH'S FAMILY MEMBER
NEEDING ASSISTANCE WITH A
PROBLEM IS ENCOURAGE TO CONTACT
THE CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER
AND FAMILY SERVICES**

284-5229

The Clark County Youth Shelter and Family Services is a member of:

- Clark County Step Ahead Council
- Clark County Youth Coalition
- Indiana Association of Residential Child Care Agencies
- Metro United Way of Clark County
- National Network of Runaway and Youth Services
- Prevention of Child Abuse, Indianan Chapter



OPEN HOUSE!

THE CLARK CO. YOUTH SHELTER
AND FAMILY SERVICES
10TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 20, 1996
4PM TO 7PM

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING 10
YEARS OF SERVING THE
COMMUNITY!

