

Youth Shelter News

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"Creating a Nurturing Environment for Youth and Families to Realize their Potential."



From the Desk of the Executive Director . . .

This fall brings new changes to the Shelter, from staffing changes to Board changes to program changes. The past month has been a time for both learning and a time for reflection—where we have been and where we are going.

Our September Board of Directors meeting introduced a new Executive Committee. Those members are Patti Cooke (President), Judith Butler (Vice-President), Susan Knoebel (Secretary), Bill Scott (Treasurer), Kyle Williams (Past President), and John Kaiser (Ex-Officio Member). We look forward to the leadership this group of volunteers will bring to the Shelter.

October 20 began a new tenure of administration at the Shelter. After a great commitment to the Shelter and the youth of Southern Indiana, Candice Barksdale retired from her position as Executive Director. We wish her well in her new adventures, whatever they may be. This time begins my new tasks as Executive Director. In addition, Shara Wilson has been promoted to Assistant Director. Shara was previously the Residential Director/Counselor. We look forward to continuing the great work of the Shelter into the future.

This year, the Shelter will provide services to youth and their families through the following programs: Residential, Counseling, Betting Against Drugs, Aftercare, Independent Living Classroom, Independent Living Home-Based, Family Education and Support, and Safe Place. Each program has been evaluated and goals are set for the fiscal year. We are excited about the work that is done in the Shelter and look forward to aiding the youth and families in our community.

Two of our programs will be continuing in the community under different auspices. The Teen Court program began two years ago as a partnership between the Shelter and Clark Superior Court #1. Over the past two years, the program has evolved and flourished. It is now continuing under the supervision of the Superior Court. The Children's Sexual Assault Services (CSAS) program began one year ago as a joint effort between Clark Memorial Hospital, Clark Co. Child Protective Services, and the Shelter. There has been significant growth in the numbers served

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A Sincere Thank You!

We'd like to thank the following people for their generous contributions:

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Under Construction: The Kitchen Gets a Facelift

When the Shelter first opened, 13 years ago, the facility had been completely renovated. Time and the wear-and-tear of over 4,000 teenagers has taken its toll on various parts of the building, and repairs have been made as needed. Last fall, when one of the kitchen drawers fell out onto my foot, I realized the time had come to replace the kitchen cabinets. Last fall, I went before the WHAS Crusade for Children's grant committee and made my request. In response, one member noted, "Now we've been asked for everything including the kitchen sink!"

The Crusade came through and with a generous grant from the Crusade and a very generous donation by an anonymous source, as well as the volunteer efforts of Southeast Christian Church, Larry Fogerson, and John look. The facelift includes Norton's Plumbing, Larry Carrow, Biesler our kitchen has a brand new brand new kitchen cabinets and countertops, a new paint job, and yes, a brand new kitchen sink! Staff is currently reviewing tile and floor samples in anticipation of a new floor to complete the new look. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this project possible!



Employment Opportunities with the Shelter

The Shelter is currently accepting resumes and applications for the following positions:

Residential Director: Master's level social worker (or degree in related field) needed to provide counseling and case management to youth residents of the Shelter. Full-time, Monday-Friday with some on call. Salary starts in the mid-20's.

Youth Work Supervisor: Supervise Youth Workers in a small residential facility. Bachelor's in social work, psychology, or a related field preferred. Salary commensurate with experience.

Youth Workers: Responsible adults needed to supervise youth residents of the Shelter aged 11-18. Must have a high school diploma or GED. Salary starts at 8.00/hr.

Open Positions: *Third Shift (10pm to 8am) *Part Time (6pm to 10pm) *On-Call

You must be at least 21 years of age, have a clean driving record, and must submit to police and Child Protective Services background checks. For more information, call Shara at 284-5229.

It's A Boy!!

Congratulations to staff Sherita Lee on the birth of her second son, Daniel Ira Watson. Daniel was born 10-2-00 and he weighed in at 7 lb., 13 oz. He follows big brother David Jean who is almost two.

Both mother and son are doing well and Sherita will return on November 1st . . . and not a moment too soon for us!

Congratulations Sherita and Ronnie on your new addition!



Wish List

The following items are needed by the Youth Shelter:

- Crock Pot
- Combs and Brushes
- Unisex Deodorant
- Kitchen Towels
- Kitchen Utensils
- Gas Grill
- Small Appliances
- Paper Products
- Pots/Pans
- Baking Sheets
- Plastic Glasses
- Tupperware
- Canned/Packaged Food
- Laundry Detergent
- Brooms/Mops
- Underwear/Bras
- Bath Towels
- Washcloths
- Cleaning Supplies
- Polaroid 600 Film
- Arts and Crafts Items
- Winter Clothing for Boys and Girls 11-17
- Laundry Baskets
- twin mattress covers

Report Gives Startling Statistics About Sexual Assault

Last week, the U.S. Department of Justice released "Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement: Victim, Incident, and Offender Characteristics." Even after working with abused and neglected youth for 10 years I was surprised by what I read, including the following facts:

- 67% of victims of ALL sexual assaults is under age 18 (50% of those are under 12)
- 1 of ever 2 victims is under the age of 12
- 1 of every 7 victims is under the age of 6
- The age a male is most likely to be sexually assaulted: 4 years old.
- The age a female is most likely to be sexually assaulted: 14 years old.
- 77% of all sexual assaults on juveniles occur in a residence
- The peak time for sexual assaults on juveniles is 3pm—right after school
- Only 3% of offenders who assaulted a child under 6 was a stranger
- Only 5% of offenders who assaulted a child between 7 and 11 was a stranger.
- 29% of sexual assault offenses resulted in an arrest.

Please remember these are not just statistics, they represent actual CHILDREN who have been victimized. It is our responsibility to make our community safe for all of our children. For more information about this report, call Lucy at 284-5229.

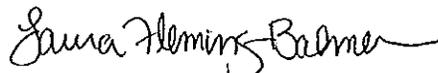
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in this program. We are proud that CSAS will now continue under the direction of Clark Memorial Hospital.

As I end this first letter, I hope the upcoming Holiday Season finds you and your family well and counting your blessings.

Sincerely,



Laura Fleming-Balmer,
Executive Director



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Any youth or youth's family member with a problem is encouraged to contact the Clark County Youth Shelter and Family Services at 284-5229.

The Clark County Youth Shelter is a member of:

- Clark Co. Step Ahead Council
- Clark Co. Youth Coalition
- IARCCA
- Metro United Way of Clark County
- Floyd Co. Youth Coalition
- Indiana Youth Services Association
- Southern Indiana Providers Alliance
- National Network of Runaway and Youth Services
- Prevent Child Abuse, Floyd/Clark Council

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

James Matthew Barrie

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 deductible

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_____ \$10

_____ \$25

_____ \$50

_____ \$100

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