

NEWS FROM THE CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER

AUGUST 1995

NEWSLETTER #4

**OUR MISSION: TO PROVIDE A SAFE ALTERNATIVE
WHEN THERE IS NO PLACE TO GO.**

NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

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The first half of 1995 has been busy at the Youth Shelter. In April we sponsored the county observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The kick-off was held at River Falls Mall and featured Honorable Judge Jerome Jacobi, Mayor Raymond Parker, and Sheriff Dean Marble. A poster contest for all school age children was made possible by generous contributions from NBD Bank, Liberty National Bank, and Tom & Nancy Kempf. The winners in each category received savings bonds. The Youth Shelter also presented several community education workshops throughout the month of April. Our efforts at working to combat child abuse were covered in the media by WLKY and WAVE television as well as The Evening News and Courier Journal newspapers.

Another feat we are extremely proud of is a federal review we received in May. A team from the Department of Human Services in Chicago came to the Youth Shelter and conducted a four day review of our services and procedures. At the end of the review our results were excellent! In fact, they found some of our programs to be so impressive that they asked permission to duplicate them in other residential facilities.

Both the success of Child Abuse Prevention Month and the federal review were made possible because of the Youth Shelter's dedicated and committed staff. The Shelter is indeed blessed to have such a high caliber group of dependable and hard working associates. Through the efforts of the staff the Youth

Shelter moves forward to meet the needs of the troubled youth of our community.

Candice Chaney, MS, CCSW  
Executive Director

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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Each December the Youth Shelter selects an Employee of the Year, the person selected for the 1995 honor was our Safe Place coordinator, Brenda Bramble. The selection of the employee of the year is truly an honor because the person is nominated by their co-workers. Brenda was nominated by four staff persons. Nomination comments stated:

- "Brenda has shown a commitment to the Shelter and to the residents many times."
- "Brenda is a joy to work with. When any one of the staff needs help, Brenda is the first to offer."
- "It's just obvious to me that the Shelter is very important to Brenda and I really enjoy working with her."
- "You only have to look at the growth in Safe Place to visibly see the results of Brenda's dedication and caring."
- "Brenda is the warmest, most emotional person I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Her concern for all of those people she comes in contact with is a rare and special treat for those of us who work with her."

With comments like these it is easy to see why Brenda Bramble is such a valuable member of the Youth Shelter team. Please join with us in congratulating the 1995 Clark County Youth Shelter Employee of the Year, Brenda Bramble.

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CONTRIBUTORS HONOR ROLL

The following generous individuals, companies, churches, and organizations helped to make our days brighter this past six months. Thank you to each and every one for all that you do for our children.

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MEMORIAL GIFTS

Contributions were given in memory of Susie Woznick by the following:

A. Gray K. McNelly
B. Morgan K. Hausner
Pat. MacDonald American Legion

To Ms. Woznick's family and friends you have our heart-felt sympathy in your loss. Please know that her memory will live on through your generous assistance to our youth.

YOUTH STATISTICS: JAN-JUNE 1995

Youths Residing in Shelter 150
(Girls 81)
(Boys 69)

Referral Sources:
Probation 66%
Div. of Fam. & Child. 8%
Parents 12%
Out-Of-County 14%

Aver. Age Served 14 years
Aver. Length of Stay 8 days
Aver. Daily Population 6 youth

Disposition Upon Release:
Return to Parents 63%
Enter Foster Care 8%
Enter Secure Fac. 18%
Ran Away 6%
Other Placement 5%

Counseling:
Individual Sessions 184
Family Sessions 31
Group Sessions 11
(Gp. Participants 57)

SAFE PLACE STATISTICS

Youth Using Program 9

Reasons for Using:
family conflicts 6
alleged abuse 2
substance abuse 1

Business Sites Opened 3
Zimmerman's Video
Shear Gallery
American Contracting

Business Sites Closed 1
Dairy Mart

Total Business Sites 82

School Presentations 7
Students Participating 1,426

Youth Using Since 1987 207

YOU CAN HELP TO MAKE OUR WISHES COME TRUE!
The following items are needed by the Youth Shelter.

Shampoo	Paper Towels	File Folders
Conditioner	Toilet Paper	Notebook Paper
Deodorant	Paper Napkins	Cookie Sheets
Toothpaste	60 Watt Light Bulbs	Small Envelopes
Toothbrushes	Polaroid 600 Film	Pillows
Liquid Dish Detergent	Aluminum Foil	Feminine Hygiene Products
Dishwasher Detergent	Plastic Wrap	Poster Board
Brown Paper Lunch Bags	Garbage Bags (30 gall.)	Drinking Glasses
Freezer Bags	Movies (Rated G or PG)	Blank Video Tapes
Furniture Wax	Brushes & Combs	Bleach
Bathroom Cleaner	Pots, Pans, Skillets	Knives, Forks, Spoons
Cooking Utensils	Plastic Food Containers	School Folders
Pencils	Kitchen Rugs	12 Comforters (twin size)
Educational Software (IBM Compatible)		

Runaway

Alone is the voice that no one would hear.
A young innocent face plagued with fear.
Fighting for life on a dark dreary street.
Selling herself for mere food to eat.
She was one who fell through the cracks.
Like many, a victim of her parents senseless acts.

Love was all she was looking for.
Someone who'd love her and nothing more.
You listened to her and helped her prepare,
For a life full of love and people that care.
With a newfound warmth, and a place to sleep,
The memory of you she always will keep.

From across the phone lines you reached out to a lonely girl,
Who with a doubt wouldn't have tried to survive.

As my life pours out of this pen,
I say thank you for giving me hope again.
Forever in my heart you always will be,
Because of the chance that you gave to me.

Love, Kelly

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

____\$10 ____\$25 ____\$50 ____\$100 ____\$200 ____OTHER

PLEASE RETURN TO: CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER
P. O. BOX 886
JEFFERSONVILLE, IN 47131

ON BEHALF OF THE YOUTH SERVED BY THE YOUTH SHELTER, WE THANK YOU.