

# Youth Shelter News

A NEWSLETTER OF THE CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER & FAMILY SERVICES, Inc. (CCYS)

“Serving youth and families in a safe and caring environment”

**Fall/Winter 2014**

## Celebrity Waiter Dinner Hits Records!

We recently hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Celebrity Waiter Dinner at the Jeffersonville Knights of Columbus. The event kicked off on December 11 at 6pm with a silent auction and was followed by dinner and a live auction.

Assistant Director, Ashley Nelson stated, “This was my first year organizing the event and I could not be happier with the results! We are so lucky to have those dedicated to the Shelter. We were able to bring in a record number of attendees and hit a fundraising record exceeding \$18,000.”

Annually the event raises funds for the Shelter and brings together a variety of local celebrities to support a great cause. Auction items this year included a Beachcruiser Bicycle, awesome travel package, Christmas decorations, and much more. The celebrity waiters and table sponsors from this year’s event included: Lyda Abell, Tony Balmer, Bob Bottorff, Judge Vicki Carmichael, Kathie Danner, Clark Memorial Hospital’s Martin Padgett, Lincoln Crum, Dorothy Hickerson, Jeffersonville City Council, Dale Popp from the Jeffersonville Trustee’s Office, Susan Miller, Connie Minich, New Washington State Bank’s Mike Shaughnessy, Jamey Noel, MC Concrete Construction, Inc., Brian Meyer, Mayor Mike Moore, Ken Pierce, Chris Ralston, Sheriff Danny Rodden, Mac Spainhour, Lori Stinson, and Shoe Sensation, Julie Straight, and Jeff Sierota from UPS. Waiters at this year’s event embraced their table themes and came together for a great time!



*Chrissy Quiggins & Dave Schoengart  
from Shoe Sensation*

**Special thanks to all of  
our auction item donors,  
waiters, and the  
Jeffersonville Knights of  
Columbus for allowing us  
to hold our event there!**



*Chris Ralston & Greg Alexander*



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CCYS's governing board meets four times per year in July, October, January, and April. Smaller working committees meet monthly. For more Board information, contact Laura Fleming-Balmer.

## New Face at CCYS



The next time you call the Shelter, you may hear a new voice at the other end of the line. Mary Ann Moyer, joined us as our new Residential Director/Counselor in October. She makes a great addition to the team and offers an extensive background in a number of topics that will help each and every one of our residents.

Mary Ann is a licensed clinical addictions counselor and boasts an extensive background in substance abuse treatment. Mary Ann offers drug and alcohol assessments to each resident during their initial consultation and offers recommendations for a treatment plan after our youth leave the Shelter.

Not only does Mary Ann have a counseling background, she is knowledgeable in the residential setting. She brings great, new ideas to the table with past experiences and it will bode well for CCYS' residential program. Additionally, Mary Ann can provide training on a number of topics that would help our entire Shelter population. Her training certifications include: domestic violence (teen and/or adult), shaken baby syndrome, and DUI assessment. She is excited to be able to share her knowledge and skills with not only our residents, but their families as well.

## Volunteer, Karen Balmer Recognized

Former Board Member, Karen Balmer was recently recognized for her volunteer efforts at Jeffersonville Rotary Club's 2014 Gold Leaf Volunteer Recognition celebration. For over 7 years, Karen has dedicated time to a number of committees and supported the shelter in a variety of ways.

Karen and her husband Steve donate hours of their time at fundraising events and acting as house sitters for the Shelter. Notably, each year Karen ensures that all residents are prepared for the start of the school year by purchasing all the school supplies they need.



Thank you Karen for all that you do for us!

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# Holiday Generosity

It is times of the year such as Christmas when CCYS are ever grateful for the outpouring of support from our dedicated friends. The last place our residents want to be during the holidays are in a Shelter when they would rather be celebrating with friends and family. After the Shelter staff made a couple small requests for Christmas gifts and the support came rolling in!



Christmas Eve and Christmas day were a huge success thanks to our donors!

Santa must have heard what great things are happening at CCYS, that he even made a stop at the Shelter to deliver some presents!

We are thankful for all of those that contributed in some manner to the Christmas season at CCYS! We would like to thank our anonymous donors for the monetary and physical contributions made to the Shelter. Additionally, the residents would not have had such a great Christmas if it were not for the support of Glenn Dethy and friends (for all the board and game system games), Wellstone Regional Hospital (for all the sports equipment and hygiene items), Dolly Jenkins (for Christmas stockings), Rebellious Kouture (for board and game system games), University of Louisville School of Public Health (for gift cards and stocking stuffers), Lana McIntyre (for resident pajamas), and Shoe Sensation (for Christmas luncheon and gift cards).

## Lions Club Donation



The Jeffersonville Lions Club recently donated \$250 to the Shelter. Pictured l-r Judy Storz; Lions Club, Ashley Nelson, CCYS Asst. Director, Laura Fleming-Balmer; CCYS Executive Director, & Conrad Storz, Jeff Lions.



## Employee of the Year!

At this year's Staff Holiday Party, Dalevina Lawson was honored as 2013's Employee of the Year.

Dale has been with the Shelter for 11 years and currently serves as the Safe Place Coordinator. She was recognized by a peer as "one who always jumps in when necessary" and "who helps whenever she can!" We are so glad to have Dale as a part of our team! Thanks for all of your hard work with Safe Place.

## Special Thanks Wall Street UMC

The Ladies at the Wall Street United Methodist Church. Twice per year on Thanksgiving & Valentine's Day, the ladies invite our residents over for delicious food and holiday activities. They always stuff our bellies and send us home with great goodies for the Shelter and residents to take when they leave.



### Our Wish List:

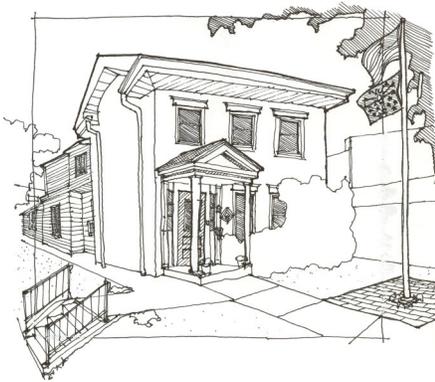
Dishwasher Tabs	Powdered Laundry Detergent
Large Ziploc Freezer Bags	Large Garbage Bags
Toilet Paper	Travel Size Hygiene Products
Paper Towels	1" Binders
Chapstick	Kleenex
Brushes/Combs/Picks	Cleaning Supplies



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This honorarium/memorial square was inspired by Kyle Vissing, a former CCYS resident who returned to the Shelter to erect a flag pole with landscaping as an Eagle Scout project. In 2006, shortly after the project was completed, Vissing was killed in an automobile accident. While Vissing's stay in the shelter was short, he acknowledged the services he received by choosing the shelter as the site for his Eagle Scout project.

# Hope Square

## Memorial & Honorarium Bricks

### \$75 per brick

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