2004 CornerHouse Staff

Laura Arellano Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Anderson Training Director

Sara Blahauvietz Child Interview Specialist/Trainer

Julie Ellefson Program Director

Chandra Hall Video Technician **Amanda Harrington** Program Assistant

Sandy Heitkamp Training Assistant

Jodi Lashley Training Coordinator

Sharon McLaughlin Business Manager

Anne Nuernberg Child Interview Specialist/Trainer

Amy Russell Executive Director

Kelly D. Sheehan Family Liaison/ Volunteer Coordinator

Judy Weigman Child Interview Specialist/Trainer

2004 Consultants

Actors:

Aaron Liebo Edward Linder Trudy Monette Dana Munson Stacey Poirier Heather Wilson

Training Faculty:

Susan Carstens Judy Johnson Mike Lynch Mindy Mitnick Sqt. Kelvin Pulphus Carol Rennerfeldt Katy Stesniak Susan Watchman

Consulting Physicians:

Dr. Jud Reaney Dr. Linda Thompson

2004 Volunteers

Family Service Volunteers: Project Volunteers:

Liz Anderson Carissa Dotseth Sue Nyberg Sara Owens

Andrew Brenner Heather Hlavka Dr. Ross Macmillan Sophia Miceli Elizabeth Rein Rebecca Schafer Nuria Sheehan

Event Volunteers:

Twins Fundraiser (31) Josh Hartnett Movie Premiere Event (9) Kind to the Earth Landscaping (4)

Interns:

Emily Benson Ryan Parsons Michele Sadowski

We are grateful for the approach CornerHouse takes especially in making children comfortable. We also appreciated the people we spoke with, everyone was respectful, compassionate and easy to talk with. It helps to know that there are such caring people that work with families in these situations. It certainly eased the pain and stress we were feeling.

-Parent

Dear Friends,

Fifteen years ago, Hennepin County professionals started a journey to improve the system's responses to children who may have been sexually abused. Companions on this trip included the Hennepin County Attorney's Office, Hennepin County Child Protection Services, the Minneapolis Police Department, Children's Hospitals and Clinics - Minneapolis, the Hennepin County Medical Center and members of the community.

While this trip has not been without its roadblocks and detours, together we have all moved closer to our destination. We have built strong teams in Hennepin County that respond in a coordinated manner to children who may have been victimized. We share resources and expertise with each other, and work to educate the community on child abuse awareness and prevention.

With an end-goal of reducing trauma, eliciting uncontaminated statements, and achieving more positive outcomes for children and families of alleged sexual abuse and violence, obstacles still lie ahead. However, our travels have seen positive signs and significant mile markers. In our 15-year history, we have provided forensic interview and medical services for more than 8,600 children and vulnerable adults, and have trained over 12,000 professionals in recognizing and responding to child abuse. CornerHouse Board of Directors and paid and volunteer staff members demonstrate full dedication to the CornerHouse mission. In collaboration with our interagency team members and donors we push forward on the road to ending child abuse.

Working together, and overcoming the challenges along the way, we build a stronger community, better systems and supportive outcomes. As we travel down this road, we see the best sign of all: **Caution - Children at play**.

Amy Russell

MSEd, NCC, Dip CFC
CornerHouse Executive Director

When the doors first opened at CornerHouse, it was virtually an untested concept. Now after 15 years of service to the children of our community and through the hard work of a very dedicated staff, it is recognized as an unequivocal success. No longer are children dragged (almost literally) from a homicide detective's desk, to a hospital emergency room, to a child protection interview, to the County Attorney's office. It was a tragic thing that we did back then, and CornerHouse was the solution.

-Tom Johnson, CornerHouse Board Chair 1989-1990

CornerHouse is celebrating its 15th Anniversary. I feel privileged to have been a part of its caring for children for 14 of those years. Prior to my being invited to join the Board of Directors in 1998, I helped to initiate and lead a fundraiser with the Minnesota Twins that has become a major source of income for CornerHouse annually. My involvement in this event continues to this day.

Two years ago I was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board and have loved carrying out this duty. Throughout my tenure I have seen a Board that truly enjoys being together and achieving great things. It's been a true blessing to watch. Attitudes have been positive, very caring and productive.

A couple of the goals during my tenure were to raise awareness of CornerHouse in the community and to build a comfortable relationship between our outstanding staff and our energetic Board. Through renewed Board commitment and leadership, we have rallied together to raise community awareness about child abuse. Thousands of dedicated professionals have developed new skills for assessing children's trauma and providing a safe place for children to be heard.

In an attempt to enhance relationships between Board and staff members, the Board hosted fourteen noon luncheons for the staff over the last two years. The luncheons provided us with the opportunity to set all business aside and get to know each other as individuals. This support has been warmly received and has been fun for everyone. We begin our next 15 years with no barriers or limits to the things we can accomplish working together.

Arlene Clapp Gumingo

CornerHouse Board Chair 2003-2005

CornerHouse Forensic Services

- CornerHouse staff conducted 476 forensic interviews of children and vulnerable adults identified as possible victims of sexual abuse or witnesses to violent crime in 2004. Each child's interview was memorialized on videotape, provided as evidentiary material to law enforcement, and archived at CornerHouse for a period of fifteen years.
- ❖ 59 children were provided sexual abuse medical evaluations at CornerHouse as a follow-up service to their forensic interview. Each child's health assessment was facilitated by one of two specially trained physicians on contract with CornerHouse: Dr. Linda Thompson and Dr. Jud Reaney.
- The Case Review Team process begun in 2003 enjoyed continued growth throughout 2004. Professionals across disciplines engaged in a formal process at 10 monthly meetings to share facts, observations, and make recommendations to enhance the case resolution and outcomes of 47 new cases.
- Program staff responded to 486 telephone requests for professional support, information and referral, and case consultation during 2004.
- Clients and caregivers have received additional emotional and community support since the addition of a Family Liaison/Volunteer Coordinator beginning in September, 2003. Caregivers receive support navigating through referral resources and child development issues in light of sexual abuse allegations.
- CornerHouse saw a leap in technological capability in 2004 as well. Through a grant from the National Children's Alliance, the purchase, training and implementation of a new DV-CAM recording system was accomplished. In addition, new video editing hardware and software were purchased, which provide CornerHouse the ability to edit video clips in-house, for use in its professional training programs.
- CornerHouse was graciously supported by volunteer gifts of time, creativity, free-will and skill-sharing. Volunteer opportunities included direct service to families, special events and projects, board membership, fund raising, and professional study internships. An estimated 1092 volunteer hours were vested in reaching the CornerHouse mission in 2004.

I am the longest standing board member of CornerHouse with one exception. That alone speaks for my enjoyment as a member of the board. CornerHouse has a mission very worth working for, and a staff unparalleled in talent and commitment. I have learned much working with public office officials and private corporation staff. Issues discussed at board meetings are well thought out and helpful to CornerHouse services. I am looking forward to another 17 years on the CornerHouse board.

-Mace Goldfarb, M.D., CornerHouse Board Chair 1994-1997

The years that I was a board member and later Chair of the Board of Directors of CornerHouse were the most rewarding times of my law enforcement career. I have never before or since been a participant in an effort that brought together law enforcement leaders, elected leaders, prominent business persons, medical doctors, and social services persons in such a meaningful way.

The concept and practice of one interview for children who are alleged victims of physical and sexual abuse during the investigative and legal process by professionals is wonderful. The children are interviewed by caring, sensitive CornerHouse people. The various interests are satisfied and the child is not forced to relive the event(s) over and over.

I must add that I am in awe of the interviewers and doctors of CornerHouse. I have seen and spoken to only a relatively few child victims in my career. They have affected me deeply. I am certain it is deep commitment to the children and professionalism that allows CornerHouse to continue.

-Allen Garber, CornerHouse Board Chair 1997-1999

I was keenly aware of the safe and peaceful atmosphere at CornerHouse. The people who have organized this place have genuinely catered to the child, who is the most innocent victim that society has. Thank you for such a place!

-Parent

CornerHouse Training Services

- In 2004, CornerHouse trained a total of 2508 child abuse professionals and mandated reporters in the United States, Uruguay, and Kosovo.
- 686 law enforcement and child protection professionals, prosecuting attorneys, forensic interviewers, other child abuse professionals and mandated reporters furthered their skills through participation in the following CornerHouse training courses:
 - Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training
 - On-Site Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training
 - Advanced Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training
 - On-Site Advanced Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training
 - Child Sexual Abuse Mandated Reporter Training
 - Orientation Training
- Approximately 1702 other professionals were trained in addition to the above-mentioned core training programs. CornerHouse trainers were honored to present at 28 special request training sessions including lectures at several prestigious national conferences.
- * Through a partnership with the American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI), CornerHouse has developed a model curriculum for a five-day forensic interview course based upon the CornerHouse forensic interview protocol. The CornerHouse protocol promotes a coordinated system response to child abuse and elicits statements from children in a way that is developmentally appropriate, non-leading, and ensures the rights of the accused. Due to the tremendous need for this training, CornerHouse and APRI have worked intensively with faculty and administrators from across the nation to establish their own locally-run forensic interviewing courses based on this curriculum. Since the inception of this train-the-trainer program in 2001, CornerHouse has mentored ten states through this process.

[The] course was very enlightening and showed how to interview as opposed to interrogate. Made me realize that as a police officer that I would too often tend to interrogate the child. More officers need this training.

-Police Officer

Train a Community Teach Professionals • Listen









Number of Professionals Trained: 12,000 Number of MN Counties Instructed: 87 Number of States Educated: 45

Number of Countries Impacted: 4

Number of Children Protected: Limitless

*Maps are not shown actual size

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REVENUE

Total Revenue	\$1,138,789
Other Revenue	\$2,382
Training Contracts	\$336,818
Foundations & Donations	\$342,797
Program Contracts	\$456,792



EXPENSES

Total Expenses	\$989,251
Fundraising	\$39,820
Management	\$76,808
Training Services	\$370,352
Program Services	\$502,271



As a founding board member of CornerHouse, I have been very impressed with the quality of service and the leadership shown by board and staff in the area of children's issues. The operation started in an unwanted building with a newly formed board and a couple of staff members. From these humble beginnings has emerged an organization that is recognized internationally for its ability to establish trend-setting protocols and a sought after training program.

Five years ago the National Children's Alliance approached the three established programs in the state with the hopes of forming a Minnesota chapter. This collaborative effort was formally recognized in October 2000 as the Minnesota chapter held its first official meeting. CornerHouse has set the industry standard as to how issues involving child sexual abuse should be addressed. CornerHouse continues to intervene in the lives of sexually abused children in ways that offer them a better future.

-John Laux, CornerHouse Board Chair 1990-1994

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Regrettably, two former Board Chairpersons were not able to include their comments in this report. Mary Tambornino chaired the CornerHouse Board from 1999 – 2001. Jay Cook served in this capacity from 2001 – 2003. Thank you to all CornerHouse Board members for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the children CornerHouse serves. The longevity of the Board, and their continued commitment to the mission and services CornerHouse provides are remarkable.

In 2002, Minnesota native and film actor **Josh Hartnett** became involved with CornerHouse. Since then, Josh has helped CornerHouse raise both funds and awareness for our vital services to children and families who may have experienced violence. In recognition of these very important contributions to the work accomplished at CornerHouse, Josh accepted an invitation to serve as an Honorary Board Member of CornerHouse. In addition, Josh was awarded CornerHouse's "SweetHearts for Kids Award" for hosting a fundraising event with the release of his film *Wicker Park*. This is the second benefit film premiere Josh has hosted on behalf of CornerHouse. We thank Josh for his involvement and commitment to children.

As CornerHouse commemorates fifteen years of serving the community, the Twins Cities Real Estate Professionals have sponsored thirteen CornerHouse fundraisers with the Minnesota Twins. The first event, held in 1991, raised \$5,000. Over the years this amount has increased, raising over \$100,000 in 2004. Thousands of volunteer hours have gone into making this event a great success each year. The auctions, door prizes, music, picnic and baseball game all offer a festive atmosphere while providing vital funds for CornerHouse.

