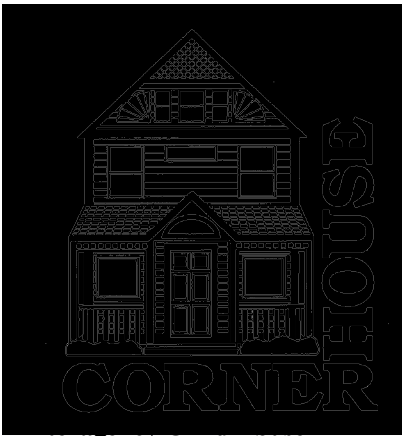


# Around the Corner

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### Keeping In Touch:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff members at CornerHouse, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of CornerHouse's supporters for your assistance in maintaining critical funding for CornerHouse through Hennepin County. This year has been a difficult time for many social service agencies, all of which provide vital services to children and families in our community.

The support CornerHouse received to maintain Hennepin County funding is an incredible compliment to the work we do, and we are grateful for the time and effort our supporters took to continue this invaluable financial support. Your telephone calls and letters to the Hennepin County Commissioners allowed CornerHouse to continue providing high-quality forensic interview and medical services as a coordinated unit with law enforcement and child protection investigators and prosecutors in Hennepin County.

Thank you again for supporting CornerHouse.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to Prevent Child Abuse America, by age 18 one in four girls and one in six boys will experience sexual abuse contact. Child abuse is reported – on average – every 10 seconds. And, the actual incidence of abuse and neglect is estimated to be three times greater than the number reported to authorities. CornerHouse, is hosting a **public event at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13** on the second floor of the Hennepin County Government Center for April Child Abuse Prevention Month and to celebrate CornerHouse's 15 years of serving the community. Please plan on joining us for this event.

Community leaders including Department of Public Safety Commissioner Rich Stanek, Hennepin County Attorney Amy Klobuchar, Hennepin County Commissioner Linda Koblick, Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin, Mayor R.T. Rybak, Bloomington Chief of Police John Laux and CornerHouse's Executive Director Amy Russell will show their support for child abuse prevention at the public event. The event also will include unveiling Brown College students' winning designs for a CornerHouse's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary poster and brochure. A \$500 prize from CornerHouse's board of directors will be awarded to the first place winner. CornerHouse will distribute the poster to government agencies and local businesses throughout the year. If you are interested in picking up a poster for your agency or organization, please call CornerHouse.

Brown College students participating in the poster and brochure competition include Carrie Anderson, Melissa Bachler, Eric Colvard, Raul Garcia, Christine Hedlund, Rhianna Larson, Stacy Nelvin. CornerHouse would like to thank Instructor Alan Pranke for coordinating this contest, as well as the following Brown College personnel for allowing this contest to take place: Visual Communications Department Chair Randy Olson; Chancellor and CEO Ron Swanson; and President Colleen McDermott.

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CornerHouse is coming to a state near you. In 2004 CornerHouse will provide training in:

Georgia  
Illinois  
Maryland  
Minnesota  
New Jersey  
Oklahoma  
Pennsylvania  
Tennessee  
Texas  
West Virginia

## New Training Classes

### Advanced On-Site Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training

Conducted at the participant's site. (3 days)

This is a shortened version of CornerHouse's Advanced Training. This course is for law enforcement and child protection investigators, prosecutors, and child interview specialists who have completed CornerHouse's 5-Day Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training Course (professionals who have completed the CornerHouse On-Site, First Witness or Finding Words forensic interview training course.) Participants must also have completed a minimum of 15 interviews utilizing the CornerHouse RATACTM forensic interview process. This course: teaches advanced forensic interviewing issues; summarizes research on memory and suggestibility; provides a mock cross examination demonstration regarding a forensic interview for court preparation experience; and provides students the opportunity to learn and utilize a videotaped interview assessment tool to critique their own interviews. This course is ideal for teams of professionals who may have a hardship traveling from their community to CornerHouse (CH) and for those communities needing several professionals (up to 10) trained. There are homework assignments each night and attendance of all 3 days is mandatory. The cost for this training is \$5400 (flat rate) and up to 10 participants may attend.

### Child Sexual Abuse Training for Mandated Reporters (1 day)

This seminar is designed for teachers, nurses, therapists, advocates, child care providers and other professionals who have responsibility for mandated reporting of suspected child maltreatment. It is also designed for patrol officers who may be the first responders to a report of child sexual abuse. A process is taught to utilize when talking with children or vulnerable adults suspected of being a victim of maltreatment. Training methods utilize skill-building through role-plays, lecture information to discern normal child sexual development from concerning behaviors, dynamics and disclosure of child sexual abuse, and the reporting process. CornerHouse facilitates collaboration with local child protection, law enforcement, and prosecution professionals to teach a portion of the course dedicated to local systems response. Attendance of the entire day is mandatory. The training can be conducted the participant's site for a cost of \$2,000 (flat rate) and up to 40 participants may attend. Individual registrations will also be accepted. For more information, call CornerHouse's Training Assistant at 612-813-8310.

## Welcome New CornerHouse Board Members

CornerHouse would like to welcome two new members to the CornerHouse Board of Directors. Suzanne Fedoruk, of Fedoruk Public Relations, joined CornerHouse in November 2003. Ms. Fedoruk co-chairs CornerHouse's Community Relations Committee. Also new to the CornerHouse Board is Chief William McManus, of the Minneapolis Police Department. Chief McManus served as the police chief in Dayton, Ohio, before being approved by the City Council to lead the Minneapolis Police Department in February 2004.

## Speakers' Bureau

Are you or someone you know a member of a group that would like more information on the problem of child abuse? CornerHouse clinical staff are available to speak with public groups regarding issues such as signs of child abuse and what to do if you suspect child abuse as well as what CornerHouse does. Please contact Jodi Lashley at 612/813-8310 or at [info@cornerhousemn.org](mailto:info@cornerhousemn.org) for more information on CornerHouse and speaking opportunities.

### Examples of public groups:

Rotary Clubs

Junior Women's Clubs

Day Care Centers

Parent – School Organizations

Professional Service Organizations

Student Service Organizations

## Calendar

### April

- **9** Case Review 8:30-10 AM
- **13** Child Abuse Prevention Month Event at the Hennepin County Government Center, 12:00 noon
- **28** Medical Tour for Pediatric Residents 1:30-2:30 pm
- **28** Interagency Team Meeting 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

### May

- **14** Case Review 8:30-10 AM
- **21** Annual CornerHouse Board Meeting 7:30-9:30 AM
- **25** CornerHouse Orientation 8:30-11:30 AM
- **26** Medical Tour for Pediatric Residents 1:30-2:30 PM
- **31** CornerHouse closed in observance of Memorial Day

### June

- **11** Case Review 8:30-10:00 AM
- **29** Twins Fundraiser 4:00-7:00 PM

## Volunteer Spotlight



Knots, neck kinks and sore muscles can be frequent complaints for folks in the social work world. Charlotte Anderson, of CenterPoint Massage & Shiatsu Therapy School & Clinic, graciously found a volunteer to come to CornerHouse once a week and give 10-15 minute chair massages. Thanks to **Elizabeth Rein**, recent graduate of CenterPoint, Wednesdays are the day that CornerHouse staff members do not want to miss. On this day, CornerHouse staff seem to smile a little easier and walk a little taller as a result of the amazing work that Elizabeth does to ease the tension.

Elizabeth trained in massage therapy because helping people has always been an important part of her life. Massage also appeals to her because it is a low stress job. No one is looking over her shoulder, there are no phones and time goes by quickly. She also enjoys the variety of people that she encounters and the effects that massage can have on them. "It's the one job where you want people to fall asleep on the table, because then you know you did your job."

When asked why she wanted to volunteer at CornerHouse she replied, "When I found out that it was a place that worked with abused children and their families, I wanted to help make staff feel their worth. After working in a day care for 18 years and seeing all sorts of abuse, I can only imagine the stress CornerHouse staff must be under. They don't show it to the families coming in, but it is always there. Not every family is going to say thanks, but [by receiving massages] at least staff can know they are appreciated. I look forward to it every week."

CornerHouse staff look forward to it, too. Thank you, Elizabeth.

by Kelly Sheehan  
Family Liaison/Volunteer Coordinator

## Recognition:

**CornerHouse wishes to recognize and express our sincere appreciation to all those who aided in the CornerHouse mission in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2003.**

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### Intern:

Emily Benson

### Volunteers:

Liz Anderson  
Elizabeth Rein

### Team Member Volunteers

Katy Stesniak

## Training

### CornerHouse Wish List:

*Below is a list of ideas for donations to CornerHouse. Due to the nature of the work done at CornerHouse, some donations unfortunately cannot be accepted. CornerHouse staff is happy to work with you as you select items for donation. If you have any questions or wish to make a donation, please contact CornerHouse at (612) 813-8300 or email [info@cornerhousemn.org](mailto:info@cornerhousemn.org)*

#### Infant/Toddler

See 'N Say  
Shape Sorter  
Stacking Cups

#### School Age

View Master Slides  
Etch-A-Sketch  
Magna Doodle  
Handheld Games

#### Distraction/Therapeutic

Bubbles  
Stress Ball  
Children's Songs  
Relaxation Music  
Silly Putty

#### Office Products & Supplies

Digital Camera  
Scanner & Software  
Coffee/Creamer/Sugar  
Paper Cups/Plates/Napkins  
Plastic Cutlery

#### General Repair & Maintenance Services

**Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training** for forensic interviewers and multidisciplinary teams (will receive priority registration) of law enforcement, social service and legal professionals. This course teaches an interview process to conduct credible, reliable, non-traumatic forensic interviews of children and vulnerable adults who allege sexual abuse. Openings are still available in the following sessions in 2004:

September 27 – Oct. 1      October 25 – 29      November 8 – 12  
December 6 – 10

*Five Days: Monday-Friday*

*Tuition: \$895*

**On-site Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training** is an intensive three-day training course. The course is designed for multidisciplinary teams of law enforcement, social service and legal professionals and teaches an interview process to conduct credible, reliable, non-traumatic forensic interviews of children and vulnerable adults who allege sexual abuse. This course, as compared to the five-day forensic interview course, is for teams of professionals who may have a hardship with traveling from their community to CornerHouse to obtain training and for those communities needing several professionals (up to 30 participants) trained. A CornerHouse trainer will travel to the host site community and utilize methods consisting of lecture and discussion; review of CornerHouse videotaped interviews; and skill-building exercises.

**Advanced Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interview Training** for professionals who have completed the CornerHouse Forensic Interview Training, First Witness training or the Finding Words course. Participants must have completed a minimum of 25 interviews utilizing the CornerHouse interview process. This course: teaches advanced forensic interviewing issues and research on memory and suggestibility; provides a mock trial demonstration of cross examination regarding an interview; and provides students with the opportunity to learn and utilize a tool to critique their own interviews. Openings are still available in the following sessions in 2004:

April 5 – 8

*Four Days: Monday-Thursday*

*Tuition: \$795*

**Child Sexual Abuse Training for Mandated Reporters** is a one day seminar designed for teachers, counselors, nurses, advocates, child care providers and other professionals who have responsibility for mandated reporting of suspected child maltreatment. It is also designed for patrol officers who may be the first responders to reports of child sexual abuse. A CornerHouse trainer presents a process to talk with children or vulnerable adults who they suspect may be victims of maltreatment. Call us about bringing this seminar to your organization or group for in-service training or to register as an individual.

**Orientation for Interagency Team Members in Hennepin County** is a three-hour session that includes: a tour of CornerHouse, the interview protocol, videotaped interview, and a team meeting demonstration. This training is provided for law enforcement, child protection worker and county attorneys who work in Hennepin County. There is no fee but pre-registration is required. Sessions in 2004:

May 25

August 10

November 2

***For more information on training programs or to register, contact the CornerHouse training department at (612) 813-8310.***

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*Do you have comments, suggestions or questions for future newsletters? Is your email address changing? We would love to hear from you! Please email CornerHouse at [info@cornerhousemn.org](mailto:info@cornerhousemn.org). Also, please pass this newsletter on to anyone who you think would be interested.*

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