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Moren Finds Multiple Ways to Help CornerHouse

Business Woman's Goal is to Support Staff, Advance "Most Vital Mission"

Shawn Moren has been a CornerHouse donor and volunteer for many years.

She was first introduced to CornerHouse years ago, by another donor and friend. Since then, she has danced as a competitor in the Let's Dance gala; volunteered as an auctioneer at the Twins Event; contributed as a donor; and been steadfastly committed to helping the kids, vulnerable adults, and families CornerHouse serves – in whatever way she can.

Shawn is a business woman. Having earned her MBA at Eastern Kentucky University, she is Senior Vice President of Human Resources at the Bluestem Group. Her corporate career has also spanned companies like Supervalu and Best Buy.

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Her heart is with the staff members – and with the clients they serve.

"When I first visited CornerHouse, I was struck by how difficult it is for children and families affected by abuse. You can't just bring an innocent child into a police station and have her give a report, or expect that she has the words to describe her experience to a doctor during a medical examination. Sometimes children are caught in the middle between parents, too. There are so many complications in these types of situations."

Knowing that, she says, "I am so glad CornerHouse exists."

"What is more compelling than helping children who've been potential victims of abuse? I can't think of anything that is more important than that. Who would not want to help those kids out? CornerHouse is the most vital mission I can think of."



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You are receiving this newsletter because you have donated to CornerHouse one or more times in the last few years. THANK YOU! We value your friendship and support so much. Why? Because you make help and healing for kids and families possible. In particular, our Family Services program is supported entirely via charitable donations. What does that mean?

Families with kids who have experienced abuse and/or violence are often reeling, lacking the information, resources, or support they need to move forward. Our team of experienced professionals steps in to support them, providing them help they couldn't find elsewhere. Support, resources, advocacy. Someone to talk to when no one else is available or qualified. Someone to foster hope, to help them begin the healing process. These are the things the families we serve have thanked us for. These are the things YOU provide.

Thank you for caring for kids. Thank you for giving to CornerHouse!

25TH Anniversary Twins Event is Best Yet

June brought yet another successful Twins Event – the 25th Anniversary of this perennially successful fundraiser for CornerHouse, started and sustained by the commercial real estate sector in the Twin Cities.

Net Raised: \$110,000
Attendance: Over 600
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Plus, the Twins won!

BIG THANKS to event co-chairs Al Gerhardt and Kevin Fossum – AND to the dedicated committee that contributed hours of time and tons of effort to pull off CornerHouse's biggest and best Twins Event yet! Thanks also go to all of YOU who came and supported us!



Generous Donors, State of MN Give Big Gifts Family Services Department Finds New Stability, Growth

Abbie Diehl, Family Services Director

August was a very exciting month for the Family Services Department! First, I got the news that our agency had received an incredibly generous gift from an anonymous donor, \$60,000 of which will be designated for Family Services programming. In addition to supporting our direct services, this gift will allow us to update our Family Meeting Room at CornerHouse, to make it more welcoming and comfortable for families who walk through our doors.

Then, I received the news that our grant proposal to the Minnesota Office of Justice Programs was approved for \$206,702. This funding is available for renewal for the next five years, which gives the Family Services Department the stability we have been seeking to sustain our current staffing level, and it also provides funding for an additional Family Services Specialist.

Looking back over the past 3.5 years, it is incredible how far the Family Services program has come, and I am humbled by the dedication of our staff, partners, Board, and donors to ensuring that kids, vulnerable adults, and families impacted by abuse receive the comprehensive support services they need to move forward and heal. **Thank you for your continued support!**

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SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, November 19TH

Let's Dance Becomes SnowBall!

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After six years of Let's Dance, we felt it was time for a new sort of gala this year. There will still be dancing. But instead of a local "Dancing with the Stars," EVERYONE will get to get down!

The evening's main entertainment will be Belladiva, known as "the Twin Cities' most in-demand dance band." Belladiva features an electrifying ensemble of accomplished singers, dancers, and musicians. Covering a wide variety of music including pop, R&B, disco, rock, country, and jazz, Belladiva will both entertain and engage you.

The evening will also feature some talented kids dancing, in addition to fun surprises related to the theme of snow and ice – as your official kick-off to the winter holiday season.

Save the date and plan to come. We look forward to seeing you there!

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New Partnership Between CornerHouse, Southwest Lions Club Starts Fund to Honor Former Member



Pictured above are several members of the Woods family – including Bill's wife, his wife's sister, his brother, his two kids, and six of his grandkids – and several members of the club.

Recently, we had a very special evening at CornerHouse. Not only were we celebrating a very generous donation – \$8,400! – from the Minneapolis Southwest Lions Club. We were celebrating the man being honored by that donation – former longtime member of the club Bill Woods (who passed away last year). In Bill's honor, CornerHouse will now have the Woods Family Fund, available to help the families we serve with their emergency needs (which are often very difficult to help with, otherwise).

THANK YOU for coming and honoring Bill, everyone! Thank you for your generous support for CornerHouse and the kids, vulnerable adults, and families we serve! Your support is so meaningful and needed.