

# Donor Dispatch

Winter 2014

News for CornerHouse Donors

*CornerHouse assures that the voices of children and adolescents are heard.*

## YOU MATTER TO KIDS

The work we do here at CornerHouse can sometimes be a challenge. No doubt about that! Those challenges are offset by the knowledge we have that we are making a difference in the lives of children and teens and their families every day.

Awareness that we have the support of the community—you the donors—makes a huge difference as well.

When we receive your gifts, we know that we are going to be able to help children, teens, and vulnerable adults talk about what happened to them. We know that we will begin the path of healing for them here at CornerHouse—and we are doing so with your help!

Through your gifts, you helped assure that we were able to conduct 471 interviews, provide family support services to 265 families and expand the reach of forensic interviewing by training 1350 professionals throughout the world.

Donors like you matter to kids.

You matter to CornerHouse!

Thank you!



## STAND FOR KIDS

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. CornerHouse observes this tradition in three ways: by assuring that tools are provided to each caregiver of children and teens interviewed to help minimize the risk of abuse occurring in the future. We also invite our community to mark this event by participating in our Stand for Kids campaign. The “Blue Kids” are placed at our homes, businesses and the community as a symbol that we all must stand for the protection and safety of the most vulnerable people in our society. For more information, please go to [CHBlueKids.org](http://CHBlueKids.org).

For the third year, we will also be planting a pinwheel garden at CornerHouse. Come for refreshments, a tour and a chance to learn about the work we do. Why a pinwheel? Because it is a whimsical toy which represents the chance of a healthy, happy and full life that every child deserves. The pinwheels remain in our garden for the month of April.

Our open house will be Wednesday, April 16 from 5 to 6:30.

Hope you can join us!



## SAVE THE DATE!



The 23rd Annual Twins Event will be held on Thursday, July 24, 2014.

The usual fun, food and baseball will be there; hope you can join us too!

## CornerHouse is on Amazon!

If you are looking for a specific item to donate for the benefit of CornerHouse, consider going to Amazon.com to see what we have on our wish list.

*Once on Amazon click on Wish list then type in CornerHouse (make sure to click on the one with our logo).*

When you order, please be sure to include your contact information so that we can thank you and recognize you for this donation for tax deduction purposes. You'll notice a particular focus on items for adolescents—

## REACHING FAMILIES WITH CONCRETE SUPPORTS



CornerHouse Family Support Team:  
Stephanie, Jennifer and Abbie

One of six protective factors that promote child well being is concrete supports for parents. The development of the CornerHouse Home Visiting Program has allowed us to collaborate with clients in accessing concrete supports and resources needed to promote and ensure the safety and health of their children. One such resource was a car seat for a child who recently immigrated to the United States. As a result of the recent immigration, this child lacked many supports and services that are often taken for granted in this country. Without the car seat the family couldn't obtain the necessary immunizations for school enrollment. The CornerHouse Family Services Coordinator sought out a resource for a free car seat and helped the family gain access by providing coordination, transportation, and translation services. However, the grant funding that provided the free car seat is in scarce supply.

*Through your donations to the CornerHouse Family Strengthening Fund we can ensure that more families get the concrete supports like car seats, warm winter clothing and school supplies necessary for their children to grow up safe, happy and supported. In fact, your donation of just \$100.00 can make this difference for a family we serve.*



## CornerHouse in Thrivent Choice Program!

By Lisa Bonds, CornerHouse Board Member

I was thrilled to enroll CornerHouse in the Thrivent Choice program. Why? Thrivent Choice Dollars are a grant program that lets Thrivent members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach funds. By adding CornerHouse to the program as a designated charity, Thrivent members can direct money to CornerHouse with a simple click of the mouse or a phone call.

Few people know just how much good work happens in our community, across the country and around the world thanks to the philanthropic work of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Thrivent members. My husband and I are Thrivent members and we chose our Thrivent Financial representative, Ted Contag, because he's a great guy who offers us stellar financial guidance *and* because their incredible commitment to giving back makes Ted and Thrivent stand out from other financial firms and insurance companies. In 2012, based on the recommendations of benefit members, Thrivent distributed \$50 million to charities.

Eligible Thrivent members can designate Thrivent Choice dollars based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. These Choice dollars can be designated to thousands of non-profit organizations nationwide. My husband, Aaron, and I send all of our Thrivent Choice dollars to CornerHouse.

If you are a member of Thrivent or own Thrivent products, please think about electing to send your Thrivent Choice dollars to CornerHouse. Even if you aren't a member of Thrivent, please help us spread the word about this great program and the opportunity to easily direct donations to CornerHouse by letting your friends, family and colleagues know that they can give to CornerHouse via their Thrivent Choice dollars.

For more information on Thrivent Choice or to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars, please visit <https://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/>

## LET'S DANCE

### The Champs: Heather Polivka & Gordon Bratt



### The Judges Ember Reichgott-Junge, Deanne Michaels, & Archelle Georgiou



### CornerHouse Staff & Volunteers with Chris Staley and Tim Baer



**Thank you donors!**

**This is a sampling of our donors for the second half of 2013. A full listing will be provided in our upcoming annual report. Our gratitude to all donors!**

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