

Donor Dispatch

Summer 2013

News for CornerHouse Donors

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

DONORS MATTER TO KIDS

CornerHouse cannot carry out its work without donors, like you, who share time and money in honor of kids.

Donors like you make it possible to help children and adolescents tell their stories, be heard, be believed.

Donors like you help make resources available to families in the process of healing from abusive situations.

Donors like you make it possible to train forensic interviewers who help kids across the country and around the world, with training programs in 49 states and 14 countries.

Donors like you matter to kids.

And for that, we thank you.

STAND FOR KIDS

Thank you to the wonderful donors who purchased blue kids to show their support of children during Child Abuse Prevention Month. Thirty-eight blue kids were sold and scattered around the Twin Cities. Visit the CornerHouse Facebook page to see a few photos at <https://www.facebook.com/CornerHouseMN>.



BASEBALL, HOT DOGS, APPLE PIE AND CORNERHOUSE



Please join us for an evening of summer fun at the CornerHouse annual Twins Event, when the Twins play the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. Pregame fun at the Epic Center includes food, silent auction, live auction, and cash bar. Find out how to get tickets here:

<http://www.cornerhousemn.org/twinsevent>.





A LITTLE EACH MONTH GOES A LONG WAY

Your donation provides the building blocks that support our efforts to help children. It allows us to budget and plan the year ahead to make the most of each dollar. It allows you to budget and plan for the year ahead as well. When making your donation, choose the sustaining gift option — and ongoing, monthly giving is set up that easily. We know things can change throughout the year. With a simple phone call, you can increase or decrease the amount charged to your credit card each month.

As little as \$10 a month makes a difference.

Visit our basics appeal donation page and find the amount that fits your budget.

<http://www.cornerhousemn.org/basic appeal.html>

I AIN'T TALKING TO NO DUDE!



Bill Koncar,
Forensic
Interviewer with
CornerHouse since
2010.

I ain't talking to no dude" Said the young girl as I greeted her in CornerHouse's waiting area as she covered her head and face with her hoodie, ran to her mother and buried her face in her mother's shoulder. To honor the wishes of that child, she was interviewed by one of our female forensic interviewers. As I approach the 100 interview mark as CornerHouse's only male forensic interviewer that has been the only time that a child has refused to talk to me because of my gender.

On other occasions, caregivers have expressed concerns about their children talking to a male. In all of those cases, after meeting with the caregivers they decided that I should interview their child and all went well. A few times our referents have expressed the same concern, but at CornerHouse the child's feelings come first. If a child says that they do not want to be interviewed by a particular interviewer, we try to honor that child's wishes.

Studies show, that the skill of the interviewer seems to matter more than gender. As adults, we have our own pre-conceived notions and biases that are not always the same as the child's. As a police detective, I investigated a case of a teenage boy who reported being sexually abused by an adult female. CornerHouse had recently hired a male interviewer, which I requested that he interview the child. The female interviewer learned that the child had no male figures in his life and was more comfortable talking to women. My pre-conceived notion was wrong. I learned a valuable lesson about listening to each child and paying attention to their needs.





2012 Let's Dance Committee (Left to Right)
Sharon McLaughlin, Conni Bjornnes, Sue Padilla, Ed Padilla,
Laura Oberg, Patricia Harmon, Rut Kessel



Ed & Sue Padilla

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

Thank you to our dancers, dancer studios, sponsors, donors, staff and volunteers for all their support and dedication to making the 2012 Let's Dance event a success!

Congratulations to our 2012 Let's Dance Champions Shawn Moren and Shane Haggerty!

Please check out our photo album, located on the CornerHouse website, to see pictures from the event.

See you next year!

Thank you!

<http://www.cornerhousemn.org/letsdance.html>



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Shawn Moren & Shane Haggerty

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