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NEWS FOR CORNERHOUSE DONORS

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The mission of CornerHouse is to listen and offer hope and healing to those silenced by trauma and violence.

Thank you for supporting our mission!

Blue Plate Partnership Exceeds All Expectations

Blue Plate Restaurant Company does more than raise funds.

In CornerHouse's 28 year history, very few partners in the business community have matched the level of commitment of the Blue Plate Restaurant Company. They don't just raise funds for CornerHouse, but they also raise awareness of child abuse and the work of CornerHouse to help keep kids safe in our community.

Blue Plate was started by David Burley and Stephanie Shimp in 1993 when they opened their first restaurant, Highland Grill, in the Highland neighborhood in St. Paul. They now employ over 600 people and have eight brick and mortar restaurants in Minneapolis, St. Paul and the metro area including: Highland Grill, Groveland Tap, Edina Grill, Longfellow Grill, 3 Squares, The Lowry, The Freehouse, Mercury Dining Room, as well as an event space in downtown Minneapolis called Shindig and The Blue Barn at the Minnesota State Fair.

Since our partnership with Blue Plate began in 2015, they have contributed more than \$50,000 towards CornerHouse through their support of the annual Blue Kids Campaign each April. Each April, Blue Plate donates a portion of sales as well as collecting donations on behalf of CornerHouse. The total amount they have

donated has increased each year, with Blue Plate raising almost \$23,000 in the 2018 Blue Kids Campaign.

While the consistent and generous funding from Blue Plate is critical to CornerHouse achieving its goals, the awareness Blue Plate raises is equally important to our work in the community. For our annual Blue Kids

Campaign, Blue Plate promoted the work of CornerHouse by having servers explain a bit about our work to customers at their eight restaurants around the Twin Cities. Additionally, Blue Plate puts our blue kid cutouts and table displays in

each of their eight restaurants, as well as promoting our work on their social media pages. This effectively communicates the urgency of keeping kids safe by amplifying our message far beyond who CornerHouse could reach on our own.

By combining a reliable funding stream with the promotion and awareness of child abuse and the work of CornerHouse to the community, Blue Plate has proven to be an exemplar of support from the business community. Blue Plate is helping to ensure that CornerHouse can continue keeping kids safe in the community now and into the future.



Patricia Harmon, former CornerHouse Executive Director, and Stephanie Shimp, Blue Plate Restaurant Company



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Successful Blue Kids Breakfast and 27th Annual Twins Event



CornerHouse is excited to report that with the help of supporters like you, we have been able to raise more than \$150,000 at the Blue Kids Breakfast this past April and nearly \$180,000 from the Twins Event this past June.

The Blue Kids Breakfast had record attendance with nearly 400 community members attending the event at the Golden Valley Country Club. Our keynote speaker, Patty Wetterling, spoke about her experience of trauma and how she has coped and grown in her life since then.

At the Twins Event we sold close to 1000 tickets, with hundreds of folks attending the pre-game picnic.

Thank you all for your support!



Katherine Campos (UMN), Amy Sweazy (HCAO), Dr. Suzanne Starling (Chadwick Center), Dr. Nancy Harper (UMN), Lauren Berenguel (UMN), Dr. Jada Ingalls (UMN), Dr. Kate Sbafto (UMN), Nancy Seger (CornerHouse), and a conference attendee.

Training in Bolivia

This summer, CornerHouse's Forensic Services Director, Nancy Seger, accepted an invitation from Dr. Nancy Harper (University of Minnesota Center for Safe and Healthy Children) to travel to Bolivia with a multidisciplinary team of professionals to present at the

very first conference on child sexual abuse in that country. The conference was sponsored by A Breeze of Hope Foundation which provides free legal, social, and psychological services to victims of sexual violence in Bolivia.

Bolivia has the highest rate of child sexual abuse in Latin America. 34% of girls and 23% of boys in Bolivia have been sexually abused before age 18. The foundation's team of lawyers, psychologists, and social workers has set out to make sweeping legal changes and create a more sympathetic justice system. To date, the team has won 98% of the cases they have taken to court.

This four-day conference, held in Cochabamba, provided about 400 professionals from all over Bolivia with data and training to dispel myths associated with child sexual abuse, and to help improve the legal process for survivors. We will continue to seek funding to support a continuing partnership with A Breeze of Hope, because children all over the world deserve a chance to be heard.



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Executive Director Transition

After nearly nine years as Executive Director of CornerHouse, Patricia Harmon retired from full-time employment on Tuesday, July 31st. In her time as Executive Director, Patricia implemented a Development Department, expanded programming to include a Family Services Department that helps families get back on their feet after their child makes a disclosure of abuse, and opened the first CornerHouse satellite office in Rogers, MN which will help serve an additional 100 clients per year. In lieu of gifts, Patricia asks that folks make a contribution to CornerHouse, and we have a \$5,000 match from an anonymous donor for all contributions made in Patricia's honor.

Patricia Harmon is succeeded by Mitzi Nelson Hobot who comes to CornerHouse from American Indian OIC in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mitzi comes to CornerHouse with more than 17 years of nonprofit experience, with her most recent position being the Executive Director of Programs & Organization Development at American Indian OIC, where she has worked for the last 11 years. In her role at American Indian OIC, Mitzi helped implement innovative workforce strategies that resulted in the advancement of thousands of individuals.

“This is an exciting opportunity to build on existing momentum to expand the positive impact of CornerHouse and its value to our constituents,” commented Mitzi.



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