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NEWS FOR CORNERHOUSE DONORS

SUMMER 2014

Our mission is to assure that the voices of children and adolescents are heard.

Thank you for supporting our mission!

CASE STORY

T stated several times during her child’s forensic interview that she had no idea “the people would be so nice and supportive” here. During a follow-up call last week, T stated that shortly after the interview, she and her child went on a vacation, and she heard her child’s giggle for the first time in months. T is now looking into therapy options, as her child told her after the interview that “talking made me lighter.”

CornerHouse Home Visiting Program Helps Support Families in our Community

The CornerHouse Home Visiting Program provides targeted families with intensive support, parent education, and referral services to promote safe, healthy, and stable environments for their children.

When caregivers bring their children to CornerHouse for an interview because of a concern that someone has abused their child, they are often experiencing a number of stressors, such as homelessness, isolation, limited English skills, or domestic violence, that make accessing trauma-informed services difficult. Providing services in the home or community allows the qualified families we serve to access trauma-informed support that would not otherwise be accessible.

The CornerHouse Home Visiting Program is offered in English and Spanish and includes weekly visits focusing on building the six protective factors that promote the health and well-being of children in the presence of stress.

The six protective factors include:

1. Nurturing and Attachment
2. Concrete Supports for Parents
3. Parent Resiliency
4. Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
5. Social and Emotional Well-Being of the Child
6. Social Connections

CornerHouse has served a total of ten families through the Home Visiting Program thus far in 2014. The Family Services Director has worked with these families to gain access to basic needs and medical and mental health resources.

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CornerHouse has a NEW website!

Visit us at www.cornerhousemn.org and let us know what you think! We are hoping that it’s “friendly” to all and has the information which you will find helpful.



Help us meet our goal of 1,000 likes! Please forward requests to your friends on Facebook.

Let's Dance

5TH ANNUAL

A great cause, fabulous food, fun folks, a dance off (with professional dancers and local celebrities), and drinks? How could we say no?! Aaron and I are thrilled to be co-chairing CornerHouse's 5th annual Let's Dance gala. The 5th annual Let's Dance will be an elegant evening that combines the glamour and excitement of Dancing with the Stars with engaging attendees in the mission of an outstanding organization -- CornerHouse.

Aaron and I are deeply committed to the mission of CornerHouse and we

love a great party. When Patricia approached us and asked if we would co-chair the Let's Dance gala it was an absolute no brainer for us -- the answer was yes, yes, yes! We want all of you to join us for a an exciting and important fundraising event. We've attended a ton of fundraisers and galas over the years in Washington, DC and Minneapolis/St. Paul none of them hold a candle to CornerHouse's Let's Dance gala. As we left the event last year Aaron looked at me and said, "You've brought me to hundreds of events and I can honestly say that this is the first time I didn't want the event to end." I know you'll feel the same way when you attend this year.

Ask yourselves this question: Have you ever attended a truly fabulous, fun and exciting evening that also helps to ensure that the voices of abused children and adolescents are heard? Until now, I suspect your answer was never. Please join us for a first class, fun evening and fill our tables with your friends, family and colleagues--you won't regret it.

Lisa B. Bonds, Ph.D., Minneapolis, MN
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— save the date —

Saturday, November 8, 2014 @ Loews Minneapolis Hotel



Pohlاد Family Foundation Grant Helps Raise more than \$20,000 for CornerHouse



A few months ago, CornerHouse was honored with a grant from the Pohlاد Family Foundation. This was a challenge for CornerHouse to acquire

new individual donors. The grant challenged us to raise \$10,000 in new donor gifts by October 28, which the Pohlاد Foundation would then match.

We are delighted to say that we achieved our goal at the end of July – three months early! CornerHouse raised more than \$10,000 from a total of 86 new donors.

A big thanks to the Pohlاد Family Foundation for the grant and THANK YOU to our donors for supporting this effort!

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Welcome, Jennifer!

Jennifer Witt joined CornerHouse in May 2014 as the Training Director. In this role she is responsible for the management of training services including marketing, curriculum design, planning and development of training offerings, and evaluation.

Jennifer holds a Masters in Social Work and brings to this position a twelve year history of developing and managing applied research and educational projects at the University of MN for professionals engaged in ending violence against women and children. She is particularly interested in adult learning, the praxis between learning and practice, and blended learning approaches with particular interest in using inverted classroom models of education in adult education.



take me out to the ball game!



On July 24, more than 800 supporters of CornerHouse and devoted Twins fans gathered for the 23rd Annual Twins Event. For the first time, the event was held at the Minneapolis Farmers Market and the venue was a definite hit! Events included kid's activities, silent and live auction, cold beverages for a warm day donated by Rock Bottom Brewery and yummy food from Divine Swine and Hudson Bakery.

As a result, more than \$123,000 was raised for the benefit of CornerHouse programs and services.

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With financial assistance from the CornerHouse Family Strengthening Fund, two families participating in the Home Visiting Program, who had one or more family member sleeping on the floor, gained access to services from a local furniture bank, Bridging. These families received an entire household of furniture and other household goods. This fund has also helped a family, who was living out of their car, secure stable housing. Helping families build concrete supports allows them to create a safe and stable environment for their children where healing can take place. Through your donations to CornerHouse we can ensure that more families get the support, information, and resources necessary for their children to grow up safe, happy, and supported. **In fact, a donation of just \$100.00 can make this difference for a family we serve.**

CornerHouse is a not-for-profit organization that was founded in 1989 out of a commitment to ensure that children who may have been abused are interviewed in a child-focused, safe environment. Since our inception, we have expanded services to include training of law enforcement, prosecution and child protection professionals.





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