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*Honoring the Dignity of Life by Serving as a Compassionate Community*



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## *What does St. Jude House need?*

As you are shopping amidst the hustle of the holiday season, perhaps your mind wanders from time to time and you think about how you can help those in need. Below you will find a list that includes common household products, supplies for core programs and even some big wishes! Please share this information with your friends, family, co-workers and the community groups in which you belong. Tell the important people in your lives why you support St. Jude House. Our work to provide assistance and services for victims of family violence and /or sexual assault relies on the generosity of our supporters and their willingness to share with others why they help St. Jude House.

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Please check for updates about what we need by calling (219) 662-7066 ext. 11 or visiting our website: [www.stjudehouse.org](http://www.stjudehouse.org).

Please call Amy at x15 with any questions about ways to support St. Jude House.

### WISH LIST **Monetary Donations** Kitchen Renovation Parking Lot Expansion

#### Critically Needed Items

TOILET PAPER  
PAPER TOWELS  
LAUNDRY SOAP  
WOMEN'S DEODORANT  
CANNED GOODS  
CEREAL  
BABY WASH  
BABY WIPES  
CRIB SHEETS

### Ongoing Needs

**Used cell phones** (please clear all data first)  
**Gift cards** -Wal-Mart, Walgreens, Target, Meijer, Strack & Van Til, Barnes & Noble  
**Gas cards & phone minute cards**  
**Household paper products**  
**Cleaning items**  
**Personal hygiene items/toiletries**  
**Ethnic hair care products**  
**Baby diapers** - especially sizes 4, 5 & 6  
**Towels— bath, hand & washcloths**  
**Linens** - twin sheet sets, blankets  
**New pillows**  
**New pajamas, slippers & socks**  
**New undergarments** – bras, underwear  
**Non-perishable, non-expired food**

### **PROGRAM SPECIFIC NEEDS:** *Please help provide these steps toward healing*

You can provide immediate comfort to victims during their time of immense difficulty by donating **new tote bags** - without writing or logos & **new sweat suits** – all sizes. These items will be brought to victims going through forensic examination at local hospitals by our dedicated Rape Response Team. This group is comprised of volunteers and is led by St. Jude House Adult Service Advocate, Niccole Anderson.

Many of you may have seen our Clothesline Project on Display at the Lake County Fair over the years. St. Jude House engages clients in this therapeutic activity that utilizes **new women's t-shirts** in size LARGE & colors: red, blue, green, white, yellow & lavender. Donations of such supplies directly aid clients in the process of discovery and rebuilding of their lives.

## Letter from the Board of Directors

Dear Friends,

The holiday season is a time filled with family and friends, gathered together giving gifts and rejoicing in the blessings of love, peace and good fortune. Gifts of joy, laughter and friendship are indeed priceless.

We take a moment to say that all at St. Jude House wish to thank you for your friendship

and support. That through your contributions we can serve compassionately and share the joy of living with our clients.

These battered souls are in such great need of caring assistance. We know that we are called to give respect and guidance to families in need of change. This change can be great, both in challenge and

result. We are proud of our staff, and the entire community for partnering with us in this critical work.

*From our House to yours...  
May you have a safe and  
Happy New Year!*

**Sister Diane Marie Collins**  
*General Minister of the Franciscan  
Sisters of Chicago & Chairman of  
the St. Jude House Board*

**Mary E. Govert**  
*Executive Director*

## Loyal Members of Our Team

St. Jude House is so fortunate to receive much needed help from our volunteers. They assist with so many tasks and projects throughout the year and truly provide invaluable support and hard work. From sorting donations, driving clients to appointments, covering the crisis line, working at events and assisting with administrative tasks, St. Jude House volunteers are a committed and caring group of individuals that make our organization stronger.

This is just a small gesture to recognize their big contributions.

With our deepest appreciation,



## St. Jude House Missioning

Every year, the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago come to St. Jude House to extend their personal blessings upon the agency and staff. It is also a time to reflect upon the dedicated staff and support of the Sisters. Employees are invited to attend and asked to pledge a commitment to providing hospitality and compassionate care.

This year's Missioning program highlighted the celebration of a special birthday for St. Jude House. The organization was 13 years old on November 13, 2008. Other recognitions included the ten year anniversaries of service for the employees pictured below. (Left to right) Mary E. Govert, Executive Director, Donna Donovan, Manager of Building Operations, Dana Femiak, Manager of Adult Services and Kathleen Grzych, Administrative Assistant.



## 13th Annual Candlelight Vigil

St. Jude House held its annual Candlelight Vigil on Thursday, October 2, 2008. Beginning with a silent march from the Lake County Fairgrounds to the Crown Point Old Courthouse Square steps, participants gathered in solidarity against domestic violence.

The vigil is held during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to honor survivors of domestic violence and to remember those who have lost their lives.

This year, two former St. Jude House clients, Sharon and Brianne, shared their stories of courage and discovery with the crowd. Others that spoke at the Vigil include: Chief Pete Land of the Crown Point Police, Lake County Sherriff Police Chief, Marco Kuyochich, State Rep. #19 Shelli VanDenBurgh, Deacon Brian Nosbusch, Dir. Pastoral Care/Mission at FSCSC St. Anthony Campus and staff member of St. Jude House.

Music and prayers added to the symbolic candle lighting and luminary display to present a powerful evening. We thank all who contributed to the Vigil, including Starr Entertainment for the donation of sound design.

Please join us next year and stand united against this pervasive problem that diminishes the quality of life for all in our community.

## Benefit Performance

### CHICAGO at the Star Plaza Theatre

*"Razzle Dazzle" them, they did!*

The opening night performance of Star Productions, *CHICAGO*, on Saturday, July 25, both entertained and helped the community. General operating funds for St. Jude House were raised through ticket sales, sponsorships and a raffle. The donated prizes of a Chicago White Sox tickets package, Kirov Ballet tickets for *Giselle*, at the Auditorium Theatre, and an overnight stay at Courtyard by Marriott Magnificent Mile with tickets to a Chicago Shakespeare Theater performance, provided additional excitement for the evening. We are so grateful for the generosity of the donors of these Chicago themed prizes and our sponsors of the event.

Set in the roaring twenties, the show takes a timeless glimpse at the oddity that is celebrity and the shades of human ego. This production of the classic Broadway hit for mature audiences, was well cast, staged and performed. A special recognition is in order for the orchestra. They were truly extraordinary and provided amazing support for the players as they gave impressive portrayals of their characters.

We thank Charlie Blum and team for creating this wonderful opportunity for our organization to receive financial support of over \$9,000. These funds have provided a mother and her two children with shelter and services at St. Jude House for 45 days; allowing them to complete our programs and find the stability needed to move for-

## Recent Donation Drives and Third Party Events

*The following stories are representative of the desire that so many community members have to support us. Thank you for your hard work and gifts presented to St. Jude House!*

**White Hawk Country Club Turkey Donation** - Saturday November 22. St. Jude House received, 21 turkeys from White Hawk Country Club members. Thank you to our dedicated volunteer Sharon Bawden for attending the event held at the club, to receive and then deliver the donation to the shelter. Also, thank you to Steve Smead, for organizing this annual drive and the club members who gave the lovely birds.

Led by Stephanie Ward, volunteer coordinator, **Bethel Church, Crown Point**, provided critically needed items for St. Jude House Programs. On October 6, Stephanie presented 36 t-shirts to be used for the ongoing St. Jude House clothesline project, and 17 sets of sweat suits to be used by the St. Jude House Rape Response Team. We thank Bethel for being an ally that continually responds to our urgent needs.

### It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

On November 12, members of Brownie Troop 113 dropped off 127 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies. The girls, third graders at Lake Street and Trinity Lutheran elementary schools in Crown Point, chose St. Jude House as a recipient of donations they collected to earn their "Gift of Caring" badge. As they sold cookies throughout the community, they asked people if they wanted to purchase a box for charity. What a creative way to have their fundraiser help other organizations at the same time - thank you girls and buyers! Our clients will greatly enjoy these generous treats.

### Colonel John Wheeler Middle School Pancake Breakfast

St. Jude House received \$428 from Miss Conover's advisory group's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Applebee's in Merrillville, Indiana. Their event held on Saturday, October 18th, provided the students an opportunity to serve food to attendees while supporting services in their community. The money given to St. Jude House will help provide a child a week of safe haven; complete with meals, personal care items, tutoring and therapeutic play. We thank Miss Conover and her students for organizing this event and choosing to donate to St. Jude House.

**Who do we call when there is a plumbing need?** LGS Plumbing, Inc. of Crown Point. We cannot fully express how grateful we are to LGS Plumbing, Inc. for all of their support over the years. In addition to monetary gifts, Larry Smith and team provide in-kind plumbing services to keep St. Jude House water systems running great!

**Cookbooks available for sale!**  
**They make great gifts...each book is \$10 and benefits St. Jude House.**



Call Kathleen at 219.662.7066 x10, or visit the following locations in Crown Point; Artful Garden, Harris Bank and Citizens Financial Bank to purchase one.

## Make a Difference Day, Portrait Benefit

On October 25, master photographers Edda Taylor, William Eaton and Royce Chenore joined St. Jude House to "Make a Difference" at the annual Portrait Benefit at Westfield Southlake Mall.

The professional photo package sold includes 2 - 5x7 prints and 8 wallets, for \$30. The event is

held every year on a Saturday before Halloween, and provides a great reason to use those costumes on another day!

This year proceeds totaled \$3,755. St. Jude House is able to raise money from the event due to the donation of professional services from the mas-

ter photographers and Burrell Colour Labs. We are so grateful for their generosity.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers and all others who made the event possible. Also, thank you to Westfield Southlake and their Marketing Director, Lisa DeVries, and Concierge, Senovia Bonner for

their support of the event. They provided marketing to their customers, use of the event space, goody bags for the attendees and the pick up location for photo packages.

A very special thank you to Edda, William, Royce and their assistants who gave selflessly of their artistry and hard work.

**We are still in need of email addresses to keep in touch with our supporters!**

**If you are interested in receiving correspondence from St. Jude House via email, please send an email with your full name and contact information in the message to**

**Amy at: [astepanek@franciscancommunities.com](mailto:astepanek@franciscancommunities.com)**

**Please tell your friends and family too!**

For the period June 16,  
through November 15, 2008

## Monetary Donations & Grant Awards

THANK YOU  
DONORS!

### Over \$10,000

Franciscan Sisters of Chicago  
Service Corporation  
Franciscan Sisters of Chicago  
The Don & Alice Burrell  
Family Foundation  
John W. Anderson Foundation  
First Look for Charity - FSCSC  
Lake Area United Way

### \$5,000 - \$10,000

Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation  
Target  
NIPSCO - A NiSource Company  
Ameriprise Financial - John W. Vidal

### \$1,000 - \$4,999

Visiting Nurse Foundation  
David Gallers & Angele Zebly-Gallers  
Legacy Foundation - "Make it Happen"

### \$500-\$999

Hanover Central Key Club  
Keith & Jane Nosbusch  
Janet Sisler  
Merrillville United Methodist Church  
Regional Streeters of Indiana Car Club  
Presbyterian Women - First Presbyterian Church  
City of Crown Point, Mayor's Office  
Addolorata Village  
Henry Bros. Co.  
Centier Bank  
Phillip & Mary Govert

### \$250-\$499

Kenneth & Lana Muir  
Colonel John Wheeler Middle School  
Great Lakes Orthopedics &  
Sports Medicine, P.C.  
The Executives' Council of NW Indiana

Crown Point Community Foundation  
Barbara Swanson  
Seehausen & Co., PC-CPA's  
Lake Of the Four Seasons Lions Club  
Henry Craig Sutton  
Kappa Kappa Kappa - Zeta Psi Chapter  
Superior Court of Lake County  
Universal Fitness & Training  
Range Line Presbyterian Church  
Dr. Joseph Kovach  
Ameristar Casino - East Chicago  
First Midwest Bank - Highland  
Phi Beta Psi Sorority - Theta Rho Chapter

### Up to \$249

Harris Bank - Crown Point  
Franciscan Village  
Presbyterian Women  
Christ Presbyterian Church  
Mary L. Marx  
Carsten & Georgia Falkenberg  
Diane Sadausky  
State Employees' Community Campaign  
Ponderosa Customers - Crown Point  
Gregory & Bobbie Jo Keller  
Brent Austgen  
Whiteco Industries, Inc.  
St. Mary's Church - Kouts  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
Foundation  
Kenneth & Elizabeth Walker  
United Steelworkers of America - Local 6787  
Shirer Insurance Services  
Fleming, Bates & Barber Insurance, Inc.  
Smith Chevrolet Pontiac  
Wayne & Lynn Malkowski-Slegel  
Shirley Manning  
Raymond & Karen Schultz  
Brenda Marie Rose

Angela Judy  
Jack & Joy Heminger  
Art Hill, Inc.  
United Methodist Women  
Frank V. Bukowski & Rose M. Klenn  
Robert Pollak  
Weiss Family Charitable  
Foundation - Wiseway  
Brent & Kristen Stash  
George Pyle  
Our Lady of Grace Church  
Terry & Karen McMahon  
James R. & Kallioppe Dedelow  
Mary Ann Buchler  
Wayne & Linda Baudhuin  
Crown College of Cosmetology  
Marsha Ellen Zaiko  
Coca-Cola Bottling Company  
Brianna Buckner  
Jim & Mary Vagenas  
Northwest Indiana Real Estate, Inc.  
Allstate Giving Campaign  
Rosa Shearer  
Ralph & Gladys Keilman  
The Trinity Corporation  
Jackie Swike  
St. Mary Church - Griffith  
James & Irene Saska  
Anne Pridala  
Elizabeth A. Dashiell

### Memorials

Frances Ballog  
Phyllis Barankiwicz  
Barbara L. Caparelli  
Nicholas Julius  
Elizabeth Lepucki  
Angela Sutton  
Robert Wilson

## The Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation continues its support of St. Jude House

Over the years, St. Jude has been so fortunate to receive funding from this generous, local foundation. This fall, St. Jude House requested, and was granted \$10,000 in general operating support for the agency, and \$10,000 for its Children's program *LifeBuilder*. We thank the Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation for providing significant aid to our organization so that we many continue to offer our community quality and professional services.

## St. Jude House Receives \$3,000 from Target

In October, St. Jude House received favorable funding for a grant proposal submitted in May. The \$3,000 will be used to support our core programs, *New Beginnings* and *LifeBuilder*. Together, these programs offer comprehensive services for adult clients and their dependent children. It is through these programs that victims become survivors and find a path of healing and a life away from family violence. We are honored to have Target join us in the success of these program in 2009.



# Join the St. Jude House Circle of Support

*Together we can help families transform*

With your support of St. Jude House, we can support survivors and their children on the path to living free from family violence. And by giving to this charge, support for living with the riches achieved through giving is yours.

Be sure to visit our website throughout the year to view recognition of our supporters and to learn more about St. Jude House, family violence intervention & prevention and our events & news.

*Please complete the slip below and mail with your donation to:*

**St. Jude House  
Attn: Development  
12490 Marshall St.  
Crown Point, IN 46307**



**Please make checks payable to: St. Jude House**

*You may give gifts without caring, but you can't care without giving.*

*~ Frank A. Clark*

.....  
Yes, I want to help local families in need of a safe haven with my gift of  
  \_\_\$100    \_\_\$200    \_\_\$300    \_\_\$500    \_\_other \$\_\_\_\_\_

This gift is from: *Please present name(s) as you would like it to appear on our public donor lists.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check as appropriate:     My check, payable to **St. Jude House** is enclosed  
   Please charge my    \_\_VISA    or    \_\_MasterCard

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Admin: 219.662.7066

We're on the web!

[www.stjudehouse.org](http://www.stjudehouse.org)

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Mailing Address Line 5

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## *Take Note: Upcoming Events*

For more information on these or other upcoming events, please call 219. 662.7066, ext. 15

### *Mother Daughter Luncheon*

SAVE THE DATE:

**Sunday, May 3, 2009**

The Radisson Hotel

US 30 , Merrillville

*Lunch, Entertainment, American Girl Doll Raffle,  
Silent Auction, Photographs, and More!*

For sponsorship/reservation information please call 219.662.7066 ext.15



**St. Jude House is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization serving victims of domestic abuse and/or sexual assault.**

We are located in Crown Point, Indiana, south of the Lake County Fairgrounds and St. Anthony Hospital campus.

***First Look for Charity***  
at the Chicago Auto Show - McCormick Place  
**Thursday, February 12, 2009**

**2009 Northwest Indiana  
House Raffle**  
**Friday July 24, 2009**



*St. Jude House is a Franciscan Community,  
sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Chicago.*

*St. Jude House is a participating agency  
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