First Step Toward a Healthy Future for Our Kids

A Letter from the Chairman of the Board and the Director

Dear Friends,

Your help and support of St. Jude House over this past year has been invaluable to those we serve. The process of change and learning to create healthy, violence-free homes and environments for themselves and their children is vital to their survival and futures. Our team of dedicated associates continues to provide the compassion and support to make a difference in their lives. As a result, we have witnessed firsthand clients who have arrived at St. Jude House hopeless and insecure and transformed into assertive and confident survivors.

The life-changing assistance and services provided by St. Jude House are made possible through our supporters and donors who invest in our mission and ministry. Stewardship of these contributions is a core value and appreciated by myself; our team of associates and the clients we serve. Evaluations and outcome measurements are used regularly to ensure these investments are used wisely through our programs and services. Through these assessment efforts, programs are modified to inspire and realize client goals.

We at St. Jude House are grateful you have joined us as we continue to break the cycle of violence and help those who have made the courageous decision to leave their abusers and build their lives once again. Over the past 19 years, hundreds of women, children, and families have benefitted from the good that, with your help, we are able to provide. We ask for your continued prayers to end violence and your commitment to support our mission so we may continue to service our community and those in need.

Peace and Blessing,

Carol Highsmith - Chairman of the Board
Linda Perez-Gallegos - Director
St. Jude House strives to break the cycle of violence

St. Jude House
St. Jude House is a family violence prevention center and 30-bed shelter in Northwest, Ind. providing compassionate services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Our goal is to empower our clients with the tools and resources needed so they and their dependent children achieve self-sufficiency, breaking the cycle of violence in their lives and ultimately living free from violence. Our services are available free of charge and regardless of race, creed, religion or gender, 365 days a year. We advocate for awareness and education on violence in our homes and in our community. We are committed to reaching the public with the message that abusive behavior is unacceptable.

New Beginnings for Adults
New Beginnings is a comprehensive program for adult victims of domestic violence for both residential and non-residential clients. The program assists victims through all phases of their recovery journey that leads away from abuse. The program includes several specialized services that empower the victim to achieve self-sufficiency and become free of abusive relationships. This year we served 180 adults.

Community Outreach
Through extensive community outreach efforts, St. Jude House provides trainings and programs at no charge for local businesses, community organizations, churches and schools. These outreach efforts, coupled with collaborative relationships with community service providers, increase the agency’s visibility to those who need our services the most. In 2014, we educated 4,023 community members.

Sexual Assault Services
Many survivors of domestic violence are also survivors of sexual assault, rape, child molestation or incest. Our Sexual Assault Department offers men, women, and children support, education and advocacy through their healing process. Our 24 hour Rape Response Team of associates and volunteers provides immediate support to rape victims during the evidence collection process at local hospital emergency rooms.

Crisis Intervention
Our 24-hour Crisis Line provides support to survivors whenever support and assistance are needed. Callers may be in imminent danger and in need of immediate shelter, or they may just need support and information. Our trained associates are the compassionate voice for a caller in need of empathy, understanding and help for themselves and their children. A total of 1,166 callers to our crisis line received information, guidance and support in 2014.

Children of Abuse
Our team of child educators is sensitive to the needs of children of abuse. It is important to understand how children are affected by abuse. It is equally important to work with them through the healing process and provide conflict resolution education.

Life Builder for Children
Life Builder provides comprehensive services to children up to age 18. The program aims to decrease emotional distress, reduce violent behavior and equips children with critical life skills by providing crisis intervention and teaching non-violent alternatives. Focusing on a child’s unique needs represents our commitment to ending the generational cycle of violence. This year we serviced 169 children.

Ending the cycle of violence is the first step towards a healthy future for our kids
Thank You for Your Support

Thanks to the support and generosity of the following supporters, the HOUSE improvements and upgrades at St. Jude House were successfully and beautifully renovated in 2014.

Children’s Activity Room Remodel

Funders — Legacy Foundation, Crown Point Community Foundation, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Vendors — United Services, Ameri-Clean, Lansing Cleaners, Sweney Electric

Volunteers — Robert Miller, Eric Miller, Andre Hernandez and Miller Family Allstate Agency

“... was made to feel so welcome upon entering the shelter. The Children’s Department staff of St. Jude is caring, loving, compassionate, authentic, genuine and fun. They showed me daily that they cared about me and my children. They are pleasant and very professional.”

Client Testimonials

St. Jude House Fiscal Year 2014

Fiscal Year 2014 – Total Revenue $1,098,834

- Franciscan Sisters of Chicago Service Corporation 4.73%
- United Way 3.68%
- Government Grants 22.3%
- Contributions 12.25%
- Investment Income 22.50%
- Special Events 18.99%
- Private Grants 15.57%

Fiscal Year 2014 – Total Expenses--$969,562

- Administration & Support 11.28%
- Fund Raising 10.18%
- Sexual Assault Services 5.02%
- Children’s Services 5.70%
- Adult Client Services 58.92%
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Thank You for Your Support
St. Jude House is grateful for the support it has received in the form of State and Federal Grants, and corporate, community and family donations this year. Your financial and in-kind donations made a difference in the lives of victims of violence. On behalf of those we serve, thank you for all you do.

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Testimonials

“The case manager was very kind and available if I needed her. All of the staff members were helpful and tried to make everyone feel welcome. My children are adults and were not with me at St. Jude House, but the children’s staff was very good with the children here. They were patient, kind and professional. The staff members were “always” friendly and available for us. They were always there with a kind work and showed interest in our problems.”

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Celebrate Life
and Serve with Joy.

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Reflect God in all we do.
Dedication
Passionately carry forward
this ministry entrusted to us.
Stewardship
Responsibly use the gift
of our resources.
Joy
Give from our hearts.

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