

Youth Shelter News

A NEWSLETTER OF THE CLARK COUNTY YOUTH SHELTER & FAMILY SERVICES, Inc. (CCYS)

“Serving youth and families in a safe and caring environment”

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New Faces at CCYS

The next time you swing by, you may see some new faces! This past year has brought about some new hires at the Shelter. The management team welcomed two new members.

Amanda King, Youth Work Supervisor

No stranger to Jeffersonville, Amanda King is a graduate of the University of Louisville with a Masters in Justice Administration. Ms. King is a former Clark County Juvenile Probation Officer who initially joined the Shelter staff on a part-time basis as the Anger Management and Shoplifting Prevention facilitator. In the Fall of 2012, Amanda welcomed the new, full-time role of Youth Work Supervisor. Her personal mission is to broaden our resident's horizons and to encourage continuing education.



Ashley Nelson, Assistant Director

The second newcomer to the Shelter, is Ashley Nelson, also a native of Clark County. Ashley joined the staff as Assistant Director in March of 2013. Before coming to the Shelter, Ashley worked in Marketing, Communications & Development at Louisville Collegiate School and at Sullivan University in Financial Planning. As a graduate of both



Hanover College and Sullivan University, Ashley is eager to return to the non-profit realm and is ready to bring new ideas to the table.

Family Fun Festival

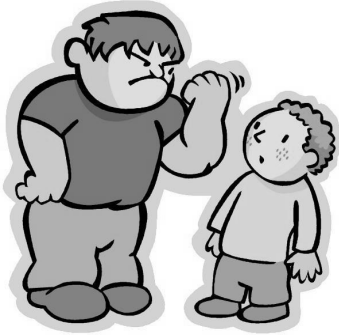
Despite the warm temperatures and overcast skies, the 2013 Family Fun Festival was a success! The Festival, was held on May 18, in conjunction with the Howard Steamboat Museum's annual Chautauqua. Carnival style games, dunking booth, bouncy house, and fried snickers were all a hit at the Festival. At the end of the day, the Festival raised over \$4,100 for the Shelter.

The event would not have been possible without all of our awesome volunteers, staff, and sponsors. Assistant Director, Ashley Nelson stated, “the support we have for this event is great, we really could not have done it without everyone's effort.”

Festival Sponsors this year included: Clark Memorial Hospital, Voss Clark, Altrusa of Jeffersonville, Bowles Mattress Company, Centra Credit Union, Charlestown Lions Club, First Savings Bank, KFC, Mills Biggs Haire & Reisert, New Washington State Bank, WARE and Your Community Bank. We would also like to thank Clark County REMC, The Marketing Company for their support, as well as Shoe Sensation and the New Washington High School basketball team for all of the volunteer hours dedicated to the event.



Youth Issue: Dealing with Bullies



If your child tells you about a bully, focus on offering comfort and support, no matter how upset you are. Kids are often reluctant to tell adults about bullying because they feel embarrassed and ashamed that it's happening, or worry that their parents will be disappointed.

Sometimes kids feel like it's their own fault, that if they looked or acted differently it wouldn't be happening. Sometimes they're scared that if the

bully finds out that they told, it will get worse. Others are worried that their parents won't believe them or do anything about it. Or kids worry that their parents will urge them to fight back when they're scared.

Praise your child for being brave enough to talk about it. Remind your child that he or she isn't alone — a lot of people get bullied at some point. Emphasize that it's the bully who is behaving badly — not your child. Reassure your child that you will figure out what to do about it together.

Sometimes an older sibling or friend can help deal with the situation. It may help your daughter to hear how the older sister she idolizes was teased about her braces and how she dealt with it. An older sibling or friend also might be able to give you some perspective on what's happening at school, or wherever the

bullying is happening, and help you figure out the best solution.

Take it seriously if you hear that the bullying will get worse if the bully finds out that your child told. Sometimes it's useful to approach the bully's parents. In other cases, teachers or counselors are the best ones to contact first. If you've tried those methods and still want to speak to the bullying child's parents, it's best to do so in a context where a school official, such as a counselor, can mediate.

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Lions Club Donation



The Jeffersonville Lions Club recently donated items from our Wish List. The items were collected at their meeting on our behalf. Pictured from left: Amanda King, Amy Schneidau, Bob Johnston, Conrad Storz, Marvin Potter, Laura Fleming-Balmer, and Sarah Jackson. We appreciate your support and generosity and we have put these items to great use!!

Shoe Sensation Collaboration

Unbeknownst to us, Shoe Sensation's Corporate Headquarters are located just down the road in Jeffersonville. Earlier this year they approached us looking to volunteer and support the mission of CCYS. What we thought was a one time effort has developed into a great relationship with a great company! Members of their corporate team have contributed numerous volunteers hours supporting the Shelter and donated several items to us for our residents.



We had been unsuccessful in finding anyone to update our dining room chairs that were in dire need of re-covering. After we expressed our need, Shoe Sensation learned a technique via Pinterest and went to work. In a matter of a few hours a small team came in and refinished our chairs; turning them from drab to fab!

In addition to the chair re-covering, Shoe Sensation had volunteers at the Fun Festival working our game booths, donated items periodically to the Shelter, and they plan to support our Celebrity Waiter Dinner in December.



Thank you to each team member at Shoe Sensation! You are a great group and we appreciate your support more than you can imagine!

Front Row, l-r Jessica Cherry, Ashley Nelson; Assistant Director CCYS, Reggie Williams, Dana Craig, and Clea Gibson. Back row, l-r Chrissy Quiggins, Becky Kochersperger, and Philip McElhinny.



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CCYS's governing board meets four times per year in July, October, January, and April. Smaller working committees meet monthly. For more Board information, contact Laura Fleming-Balmer.

Rock Creek Students Volunteer

In late April, students from the senior class at Rock Creek Community Academy volunteered at the Shelter. The students spent most of the day preparing our garden for our summer planting and also completed various projects we had prepared for them. From window washing, drywall repair, to shed clean out, the kids got the job done!

Executive Director, Laura Fleming-Balmer, stated, "Rock Creek has volunteered with us for some time and are always do great work! We always welcome their help!"





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