



# Care House News

A quarterly update on what is happening around the House

## Summer Updates

### It's Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

We know that we would not be here today without the dedication and hard work of many wonderful people in the community who made the vision of a Care House to serve kids and families a reality in 1996.

We are very sad to say goodbye to one of those people: Care House Founding Board member and Vice President Roger Petri, who passed away on July 21<sup>st</sup>.



We will miss Roger's contagious laugh, his eagerness to assist and his passion for helping not only child victims of abuse, but also the Care House staff who serve them. Roger will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.

Planning has already begun for the biggest holiday fundraiser in the county: **The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Care House Christmas for Kids event on Thursday, December 1, 2016.** We are excited to announce a brand new venue for this year's Christmas for Kids event: The historic Packard Proving Grounds in Shelby Township.

We have also been focusing on Give Back events at several local restaurants and retailers. Our recent Alex & Ani and California Pizza Kitchen fundraisers at Partridge Creek were a lot of fun and very successful.

**Please join us** at Boston's on Hall Road in Shelby Twp on **Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.** Care House will receive 20% of the profits to Care House between 4pm and 8pm. If you are interested in future fundraisers and Give Back events, please let us know. We would love to hear from you!

### Dates to Remember

**Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Care House Golf Classic*

**Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Boston's Give Back Night*

**Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

*Christmas for Kids*

### What We Do at Care House

*Our mission is to prevent and reduce the incidence and trauma of child sexual and physical abuse in Macomb County, Michigan through collaborative, multi-disciplinary and family-centered activities.*



# Care House Events

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Care House Golf Classic



Location: Burning Tree Golf & Country Club at 22871 Twenty One Mile Road, Macomb 48044

Time: Registration/Lunch at 11:30 a.m. and Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

You can help us make our golf outing a success by purchasing a foursome to golf, or by making a sponsorship commitment or a donation for our raffles or golfer goody bags.



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### Exciting New Venue!

*Packard Proving Grounds*

49965 Van Dyke Avenue, Shelby Township

**Tickets:** \$100 per person or \$175 per couple

**Group price:** \$850 for ten tickets

**Thursday, December 1, 2016**

**5:30 pm – 10:30 pm**

## The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Care House Christmas for Kids Fundraiser

A holiday benefit for Care House, helping child victims of sexual and physical abuse in Macomb County. Join us at Packard Proving Grounds in Shelby Township for a taste fest of scrumptious cuisine provided by the area's finest restaurants! The evening also features specialty beers, wine and spirits, live entertainment, extravagant raffle packages and a dazzling live auction!

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, a sponsorship or ad, making a donation, setting up a restaurant or beverage station at the event or possibly even volunteering your time, please give us a call at 586.463.0123 or email Cara Ciraulo at [carac@mccarehouse.org](mailto:carac@mccarehouse.org)

**Fact: 1 out of 4 girls and 1 out of 6 boys will experience some form of sexual abuse before the age of 18.**



## Around the House:

*We wanted to send out a special thanks to a few of our wonderful volunteers and donors.*

Lorri Coughlin, for making the Care House patio look absolutely beautiful two years in a row. These are sometimes the projects that get overlooked due to the increasing number of child victims we see and services that we provide every day.



Our long time neighbor, Jim Kopas, who makes sure that every season we have beautiful flowers to welcome the families that come to Care House.



**Duo Care Carpet Restoration** for donating their services to clean all of the carpeting throughout the entire House.

**Greater Detroit Building Trades** for their annual donation of Meijer gift cards.

**Complete Interactive Technologies** for donating Care House phone lines and providing IT support.

**Sal Cuccia** for hosting an appreciation dinner for Care House staff and volunteers.

**Macomb/St. Clair MichiganWorks!** for their Casual Day event to raise money for Care House

**Chrysler Morale Team** for holding quarterly pizza lunch fundraisers for Care House.

**Powerhouse Gym** held fundraising events in April to raise money for Care House.

**Thank You!**

*We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all past, present, and future supporters. Without your generosity we would not be able to accomplish our mission of helping*

### THE CARE HOUSE VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Sandy Kush  
Jan Blanchard  
Tamarie Willis  
Janet Widrig  
Carolyn Tracy  
Pam Viviano

Harvey & Augie Bonner  
Anna Marie Roediger  
John Bierbusse  
Catherine Annoni  
Debbie Geib  
Kevin O'Leary

Dino Morelli  
Sheri Milson  
John Bierbusse  
Sue Goll  
Lorri Coughlin  
Sal Cuccia

This group dedicates so much of their time and hard work to make sure that all of our Care House events are a smashing success!

*If you are interested in volunteer opportunities at Care House, please contact us for details.*

## What exactly do we do at Care House?

### Working together...

Care House works with law enforcement, child protective services and the prosecutor's office to reduce trauma for child victims of abuse by coordinating a forensic interview. A child need only disclose about his or her abuse one time, with one person, instead of multiple times in a number of unfamiliar and sometimes scary places.

### Healing the pain...

Care House child victims and their families heal by providing a child friendly place for services, including forensic interviews, crisis counseling, child safety assessments, individual and group therapy, family advocacy and referrals to community resources. Child abuse is devastating. With the right kind of help, children and their families can heal and move on with their lives.

### Stopping abuse...

Care House serves as the Designated Local Council for the Michigan Children's Trust Fund, offering child abuse prevention, education and training in the community. By educating parents and caregivers, we can empower them to protect their children, teach them how to recognize child abuse and inform them where to find help.

All Care House services are provided at NO COST to the families we serve.



Did you know **3/4 of victims** will not tell anyone about their abuse for at least one year. One reason why is because they do not think anyone will believe them.

## We couldn't do this without you

*One of the main things we depend on as a nonprofit organization is community support. Big or small, it all makes a huge difference. Whether you are volunteering your time or providing a service, donating money or something from our wish list, your generosity is what helps us to continue to provide vital services to the most vulnerable citizens in our community: our children.*



### Care House services include:

- Coordination of child forensic interviews
- Parent and child support groups
- Individual and group therapy
- Family Advocacy
- Crisis Counseling
- Child Abuse Prevention Education/Training

Since 1996, Care House has conducted over **5,300** child forensic interviews and provided support services to over **7,500** families.

**Care House** is the only non-profit organization in Macomb county that provides a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary response to child sexual and physical abuse.

**Care House** coordinates over 400 interviews for suspect child victims of abuse, and provides services to over 500 families annually. All services are provided at no cost to the families we serve.

### For Kids

- New Stuffed Animals (with tags attached)
- New Books
- Individually packaged snacks, such as Goldfish, Cheez-Its, and Animal Crackers
- Juice Boxes (Orange, Apple, or Lemonade) No juice bags or red colors please, it stains!

### Gift Cards

- Meijer
- Target
- Walmart
- Kroger
- Staples or Office Depot
- Michael's or JoAnn's Craft Stores
- Gas Cards

### For Families

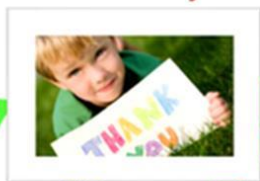
- Kleenex
- Paper Plates
- Plastic Silverware (heavy duty)
- 12oz. Foam Hot/Cold Cups
- Cream & Sugar Packets
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper (single-ply)

### For the Office

- Post-It Notes of All Sizes
- 1G Flash Drives
- Copy Paper - 8 1/2 x 11
- Garbage Bags Large & Small
- Antibacterial Surface Spray
- Toilet Cleaner
- Antibacterial Wipes

\*Of course, cash donations to assist families and for general operating expenses are always needed and appreciated!

*Care House is fortunate to have strong support from our community. Your generosity has been an integral part of our success. On behalf of the children and families we serve, thank you for your support!*



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**Fact:** Care House has provided services to over **7,500** families and interviewed over **5,300** children since our opening in 1996.