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Happy Holidays!

It is amazing how quickly another year rolls around. Didn't we just finish putting away trimmings from 2007?!

In addition to seasonal and faith-related reflection and some amount of hustle and bustle, this time of year brings an opportunity to give thought and attention to family, friends, and community.

I feel so fortunate to live in a community like Evansville and to work with the caring, talented professionals at Lampion Center. Our engaged, mission-focused Board of Directors is also amazing. Lampion Center is truly a great agency - passionate about meeting the needs of children and families in our community. Every member of the staff and Board feel privileged to have the opportunity to help change lives for the better every day.

Some of the highlights of our service in 2008 include:

- Strengthened counseling services – Adding additional staff training and counseling for children and adults who have had traumatic events rock their world.
- Adoption services – Lampion Center is now providing home studies for Step-parent adoptions in addition to domestic and international adoptions.
- Preventing Child Sexual Abuse – A new community-wide initiative to prevent child sexual abuse has just been launched (details inside).

Best wishes this season to you, our compassionate and generous donors and friends, and thank you for supporting us as we continue to care for our community. May the year ahead bring you joy, peace and fulfillment.



A Chocolate Affair

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Stewards of Light

1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthdays, but it doesn't have to happen. YOU can help lower those numbers and protect the children in our community.

Stewards of Children is a revolutionary, research-based sexual abuse prevention training program developed by a non-profit group called Darkness to Light. Tuesday, September 30, ten Lampion Center therapists, staff, one MSW student and 14 volunteers from agencies across the community were trained to become facilitators of the *Stewards of Children* program. Community partners include: Albion Fellows Bacon Center, CASA, Vanderburgh County Dept. of Child Services, Deaconess Cross Pointe, Youth Resources, EVSC, United Way, Youth Service Bureau, and IVY Tech Community College. This 'train the trainer' event was held at IVY Tech. *Stewards of Children* is a program for adults, to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

Stewards of Children is available in two formats: In person and Online. (For the online version of the training, visit www.darkness2light.org). Individuals or organizations that would like to schedule in-person training are invited to contact Vicki Nelson, Director of Development, at **Lampion Center 812-471-1776**. Vicki will schedule an authorized trainer to come to your organization to conduct the training and let you know of

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community training sessions that are planned. Lampion Center is also equipped to consult with your organization about child protection policies and procedures.

Adults who participate in *Stewards of Children* training will learn how sexual abuse affects communities nationwide. They will learn about the long-term and often devastating effects that sexual abuse has on individuals. Most importantly, participants will leave with simple, proactive strategies for protecting children from sexual abuse.

Only 10% of child sexual abuse cases are committed by strangers; 90% of these incidents involve an adult known by the child and/or the child's family. This is a chilling statistic, but one that is important to know. As adults, it is our responsibility to protect the children in our community from sexual abuse so that they can grow up to lead healthy, productive lives. They are our most precious resource.

For more information about the *Stewards of Children* program, visit our website at www.lampioncenter.com or www.darkness2light.org.



New Voices at the Civic Table/ National Family Week

Lampion Center recently received a "New Voices at the Civic Table" grant from the Alliance for Children and Families through the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Our New Voices at the Civic Table project is a continuation of our successful 'Even Start' Family Literacy Program at Cedar Hall Elementary School (*Even Start is a federally funded program that assists undereducated parents in gaining literacy, education, parenting assistance, and age appropriate services for their children. Lampion Center is the designated non-profit collaborative partner for the program).

The structure of the "Voices" initiative is set by the adult literacy participants and Even Start staff. Civic engagement was initiated in many ways throughout the election process. First through

education on government and democracy, then voter registration, and finally through voting in the general election. This initiative has already heightened awareness and positive action from these new voices at our community's civic table.

National Family Week

National Family Week (November 23rd through November 29th) embraces the premise that children live better lives when their families are strong, and families are strong when they live in communities that connect them to economic opportunities, social networks, and services.

This year's event was held on November 19th at Cedar Hall School. The event included a press conference announcing the week of November 23-29th as National Family Week in Evansville, Indiana. State Senator Vaneta Becker was honored with Lampion Center's Annual Advocacy Award for her service on behalf of children and families in our community.

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A Chocolate Affair 2009

"A Night of Generous Giving"

Mark your calendar for February 7, 2009 for our 12th Annual *A Chocolate Affair*. We are planning a very special night to remember! The event will start at 7:00 pm at the Old National Bank Wayne Henning Atrium. Old National Bank is again our Title Sponsor for this great event. Many thanks to Old National and our other amazing sponsors!

Of course... we could not have *A Chocolate Affair* without great Chocolatiers. This year's sweet list includes: Kirby's, Maxine's, Lib's Finer Chocolates, Piece of Cake, Brenda's Chocolate Fountain, Granola Jar, Firefly Southern Grill, and a new addition this year, Just Rennie's.

This year we are expanding the event to the second floor mezzanine. We are inviting select Evansville's artists to show off their talents. Our event has always included promotion of local talent, whether in food, music or art!

A Chocolate Affair will provide an evening to remember, with proceeds supporting our important work in the community.

Tickets are available by calling Lampion Center at 471-1776 or by credit card on-line by visiting: www.lampioncenter.com. Tickets are \$50 per person. If you are interested in serving on a committee for this event, please contact Vicki Nelson at 471-1776.

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Ruth's House

Lampion Center therapists, Vicki Wright and Dawne Crane, provide counseling services weekly at Ruth's House. Dawne works with residents individually and Vicki leads group therapy. This is an excellent example

of community collaboration – meeting the mission of each organization and meeting the needs of women in early recovery from addiction.

Holly's House

Many organizations are working together to ensure the smooth support of families and community success of Holly's House. Lampion Center works with Holly's House to provide crisis counseling and support when a child is interviewed. Other involved agencies include: Albion Fellows Bacon Center, Department of Child Services, Evansville Police Department, Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Department, Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office. Holly's House opened in September.

Head Start - CAPE

Lampion Center therapist, Jeff Simmons, is now providing therapeutic services at CAPE's new Caldwell Learning Center classroom. Through this new special classroom programming, Jeff works with children, parents, and teachers to respond to the emotional and behavioral needs of the children. Progress is being tracked to measure how the children respond to new interventions. The Caldwell project is in addition to the behavioral intervention and consultation services that Lampion Center therapist Heather Woods MSW, provides for all regional CAPE locations.



Jennifer's... Giving Through Cooking!

Jennifer Korb was given a love for cooking by her mother... But that is not all Jennifer was given... she

was given a love for giving back to the community. In her words, "there was no one who wrote more \$5.00 checks to non profits than my mother." So when Jennifer started her own business she knew that part of it would include giving back to the community. Jennifer has selected Lampion Center to be the recipient of \$5.00 for each cookbook or coffee cake she sells. If you are interested in making a difference through her cooking, she can be reached through her website at www.cookingbyjennifer.com or call 812-319-1502. Giving never tasted so good! Thank you, Jennifer.

Wendy's

Thank you to all who participated in the WENDY'S annual fundraising event September 23 in support of Lampion Center's adoption services. The event was a huge success, bringing a great deal of media attention to our adoption services, and over \$5,000 of monetary support. Wendy's and our other media partners and corporate sponsors deserve a great deal of thanks for their tremendous effort on our behalf. Go to our website to see our great donors!



Adoption

Beginning in July, 2008, Lampion Center began offering home study services for step-parent and grandparent adoptions in addition to our already existing domestic and international adoption services. We are proud to add to our continuum of adoption care, and to have the opportunity to solidify family ties. Thanks to funding assistance from the United Way and Wendy's, we are able to offer these services on a sliding fee scale. Stepparent and kinship adoption are the most common forms of adoption. We have already completed three stepparent home studies and anticipate working with many more in 2009.

Community Involvement:

Lampion Center staff members continue to be a vital force in our community by working on various task forces and committees: Cindy Owen and Dawne Crane continue their good work on the Vanderburgh and Warrick Co. Domestic Violence Task Forces. Mary Pat Hatley and Lynn Kyle represent Lampion Center on the EVSC School Community Council. Emily Morrison is part of the Early Childhood Development Coalition. Gena Turner is involved with the Gerontology Network. Jeff Simmons is actively involved in the Suicide Prevention Task Force, and Lynn Kyle is Chair of the Bridges Collaborative Group and is very involved in United Way. Involvement in these groups helps keep us connected to the needs of the community so we can be responsive to those we serve.

GRANTS

Vectren

Lampion Center was one of the non-profit agencies chosen to receive a Vectren grant for energy efficiency assistance. First, an energy audit helped us identify low efficiency points in the building and systems. Next, the agency received \$10,000 to correct and upgrade our systems to be more energy efficient. This Vectren project presented an amazing opportunity to upgrade the efficiency of our facility, enabling us to reduce our energy costs on an on-going basis.

Our friends at Energy Systems Group (ESG), a subsidiary of Vectren, graciously helped us prioritize our facility needs and manage the project. Through this grant, inefficient heating and air systems/zones were modified, additional insulation was added, and a new tankless water heater was installed. Thank you, Vectren and ESG!



City of Evansville Endowment Fund

Lampion Center was given a grant by the City of Evansville Endowment Fund for expanding counseling space by transforming unused space. This room was long awaited and will be used often for adoption meetings, family counseling, and other sessions with families. In addition to the Family Room, the grant included renovations to our multipurpose room, four public restrooms, the hallways and front office. Thank you, **City of Evansville Endowment Fund Board of Directors** for making our dreams a reality!

Vanderburgh County Community Foundation

EMDR, a specialized treatment for trauma, continues to be highly utilized in treating children and adults who come to Lampion Center for help with trauma. Lampion Center was awarded a grant from the **Vanderburgh County Community Foundation** for additional training and equipment for this state-of-the-art therapy. Linda Roth, Linda Evers, Jeff Simmons, and Dawne Crane are master level therapists trained in EMDR. Funds were also used to purchase EmWave equipment. EmWave is a bio-feedback treatment for reducing anxiety and stress. Thank you to the Vanderburgh County Community Foundation.

Warrick County Community Foundation:

Parents facing special circumstances need the best possible tools in order to help their children heal and thrive. Lampion Center reaches out to parents and their children through many programs. The "Nurturing" program provides basic parenting skills that many parents have never known. The Warrick County Community Foundation has given Lampion Center a grant to purchase updated audio-visual materials. Thank you, Warrick County Community Foundation!

People's Trust and Savings: Christian Science Irrevocable Trust

Mark Hendrickson, CEO of People's Trust and Savings, recently handed a check from the People's Trust and Savings: Christian Science Irrevocable Trust to Lampion Center in Warrick County. This is the second grant given to Lampion Center in support of services for families living in Warrick County. Thank you People's Trust and Savings for caring about our community!

Verizon Grant Gives New Look to the Lampion Website!

Our website has changed and we owe it to the Verizon Hopeline Grant! Verizon has a passion to reach out and help communities dealing with domestic violence and related issues. Lampion Center received a grant to update our website to become a resource tool for those needing counseling, help, and support. Please take a few minutes to check out the website and see what Lampion Center is doing in our community! While you are looking, please feel free to try the new on-line donation page! www.lampioncenter.com

**Log on to our newly redesigned website at
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lighting their path to stability and hope through
counseling, adoption services, and community outreach.

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