

# THE 2017 GRATITUDE REPORT

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Family & Children's Place



All of us at Family & Children's Place are proud to be entering our 135th year of providing critical child abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment services to children and families throughout the Greater Louisville and Southern Indiana region.

Our mission is to protect and heal children and families from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and violence, but our commitment goes far beyond. While the name of the agency may have changed several times over the passing five generations, the focus has never veered – we work daily to build communities where children are safe, families are strong, and child victims of abuse and neglect become children again.

We offer a triad of treatments – education and information to help prevent abuse before it happens, intervention to stop abuse when we find it or it's disclosed, and recovery to help children and families to re-shape a negative cycle and establish a positive pattern in its place.

For many families in need, we are their only safety net, providing evidence-based and trauma-informed services to provide support and healing – not only for the injured, but also for the affected, non-offending siblings, caregivers, parents and grandparents.

For others, we're the primary partner in their success – at raising happy, healthy, and safe babies; securing safe, affordable housing and rebuilding their financial foundations; and helping students escape the grips of poverty, drugs, and economic malaise to succeed in school and in life.

We are the only source of help for many children and families. We help when the need is greatest, encouraging and empowering children and families to achieve a healthy and promising future.

This report summarizes the life-saving and life-changing outcomes children and families experienced through our help during our 2017 fiscal year, and it highlights the programs, achievements and accomplishments of our staff and volunteers. It's a record I am deeply proud of and pleased to share with you.

Our success is possible only through generous funding from Kosair Charities, Metro United Way, the Greens Foundation, WHAS Crusade for Children, and many other supportive foundations and corporations, government agencies, and individuals. To everyone who has invested in the critical mission of Family & Children's Place and the children and families that we serve, I wish to thank you for your willingness to make a difference with us.

Thank you for sharing our vision of children and families living and thriving in safe, stable, and nurturing homes, free of abuse.

*Pam Darnall*

Pam Darnall  
President/CEO







**EDUARDO WANTS TO BE AN ASTRONAUT**, or own a taco food truck; he hasn't decided yet. But one thing he knows for sure is that he loves his foster family. In his young life, Eduardo endured abuse and neglect, and witnessed domestic violence. He's working with therapists at Family & Children's Place to work through his trauma. He loves his foster parents and enjoys playing board games with his foster siblings.



## Therapist shares in emotional breakthrough

**LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER LIZ GOLDY** experienced a very special and emotional breakthrough with a client who has worked hard on her trauma narrative – the process of talking about a traumatic experience that helps the abuse victim organize memories and feelings and is a significant step in the trauma recovery process.

"She has experienced some of the most horrific trauma I've heard," said Goldy. "Today, after she worked some more on her trauma narrative, she said she won't forget the sexual abuse she experienced, but that the sexual abuse doesn't upset her anymore and that now she's OK talking about it."

"I was kind of blown away by her realizing and saying this, because as therapists, this is exactly what we want for our clients. We want them to process the trauma, not forget about it (because they can never really forget it, they can only try to repress it and it will come out in maladaptive ways), and be able to integrate their trauma in a healthy way so that it no longer causes them distress."

"I am so proud of my client for working so hard to heal. After lots and lots of little wins and several setbacks, this is a huge win for her!"



# 2017 Programs OUR SERVICES

## CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

Child & Family Services offers broad-based family and individual counseling to child and adult victims of violence with proven interventions. Without proper assistance, these children are more likely to commit crimes, abuse alcohol and drugs, and suffer from depression. Many children suffer lifelong effects without treatment.

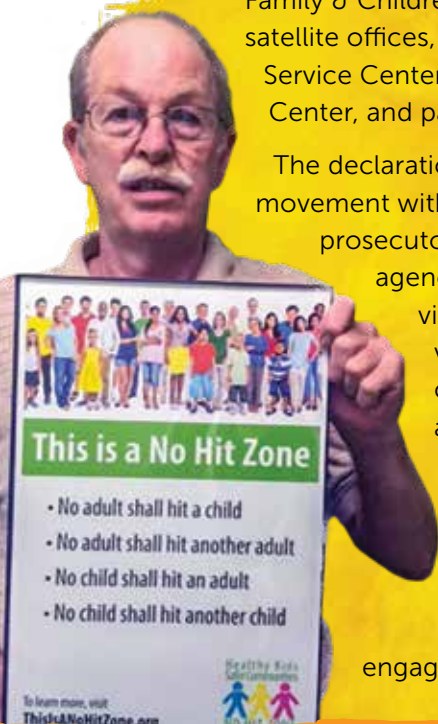
## HANDS

HANDS provides voluntary in-home visitation for new and expectant parents that begins during pregnancy or shortly after the child's birth and lasts until the baby is age two. Family Support Workers help new moms and dads foster healthy pregnancy and births, stable child growth and development, create safe homes, and self-sufficient families.

Family & Children's Place is proud to announce that its satellite offices, main campus, including the Family Service Center, Kosair Charities Child Advocacy Center, and parking areas are now No Hit Zones.

The declaration stems from a growing nationwide movement with hospitals, physician offices, prosecutors, law enforcement and child serving agencies to help reduce the incidence of violence. We understand that hitting — using violence, especially with or around children, contributes to negative outcomes such as increased risk of aggression, antisocial behavior, physical injury and even some mental health problems.

By being a No Hit Zone, the agency is helping reduce the risk that any given child — or anyone — will suffer abuse, or engage in criminal conduct as a child or adult.



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**NATALIE WAS ONLY 18** when she discovered she was pregnant. She and her partner Christopher realized they were not prepared to take on parenting alone so they reached out to HANDS.

The Family Support Worker helped prepare Natalie and Christopher for the birthing process, and helped them understand developmental milestones.

"The most important thing we learned was reading our son's cues, and really understanding what he was trying to tell us," says Christopher. "As first-time parents, we didn't know what he was trying to express, but we now have an idea of what's going on."

The FSW also helped the couple with their finances and money management so that eventually they could save for a car. "We really had no idea what to expect with parenting and HANDS has helped us overcome a lot of fear," says Natalie.

The program has given the couple a better understanding, equipped them with the skills they need to be the best parents they can be and helped them "not quit and keep on going."



A bright child, **RACHEL DREAMS OF BECOMING A VETERINARIAN**. Unfortunately, her parents are divorced and she's living with her mother and two younger siblings. Her mother is gone most days, working two jobs trying to make enough money to support her family. Rachel helped her mom by caring for her siblings, but her grades started slipping. After enrolling in our Collaborative Learning After School Program, Rachel is thriving thanks to committed staff and support from her new CLASP friends.



## KOSAIR CHARITIES CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

The best in class Kosair Charities Child Advocacy Center is dedicated to the intervention and treatment of child sexual abuse. The KCCAC includes forensic interviewers, family advocates and therapists from our staff, police, physicians, Child Protective Services, and the Commonwealth's Attorney office. Forensic medical exams, specialized interviews and mental health assessments help ensure families receive needed services.

## FAMILY & SCHOOL SERVICES

Family & School Services offers structured out of school programs to help students improve academic and social scores and increase parent and school engagement. We emphasize character building, learning, social competencies, and the building of a core support team between student, parent and school.



**WHEN I FIRST MET JOHN**, he was not at peace with himself, and he had a very hard time controlling his body. He was easily distracted, very impatient with himself and others, and had a hard time verbalizing his needs. He also would become very upset when something was challenging to him.

A therapist from Family & Children's Place provided him with support by meeting with him once a week. Over time I noticed a change in John's behavior and academics. John was able to focus more, make positive choices, verbalize his wants and needs, use an "I message" when speaking to other students, and took pride in his work. He was a totally different child than the first day I met him.

We need this program at Green Valley so that we can have more success stories like John's!

— A third/fourth-grade teacher at Green Valley Elementary School, New Albany, Ind.

## 2017 VOLUNTEERS

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS

409

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

5,170

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS (\$24<sup>14</sup>/hr.)

\$124,803<sup>80</sup>





## FAMILY STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Family Stabilization Program helps families and individuals that are homeless or at high risk of homelessness. We help families develop their own plan to become stable, self-sufficient, and remain in safe housing as well as providing crisis intervention.



**BY AGE EIGHT, MARCUS HAD BEEN ABUSED** for more than half his young life by his mother's former boyfriend. He tried to be a "strong boy," but felt ashamed, alone, and lost. He stopped paying attention at school, argued at home and threw tantrums – seeking attention, hoping someone would see and understand his pain. It was during one of these tantrums that he blurted out news of the abuse to his mom, who immediately called Child Protective Services and blocked any further contact with her boyfriend.

Marcus came to Family & Children's Place, but refused to discuss the abuse. He resisted art and expressive therapy and would not talk. Not until his therapist tried sand trap therapy – a sandbox where Marcus could use figures and toys to create and act out scenes.

Marcus discovered the sandbox had a blue bottom, so he pushed aside sand to create a shoreline, and then buried tiny seashells in the sand. He placed human figures near the shore, but said they didn't know the shells were there.

Abused children frequently bury and "discover" items in the sandbox, a metaphor for exposing the secret abuse. Soon, Marcus began to talk about the abuse and how it made him feel.

Marcus and his mom now play together in the sandbox, creating happier, hoped-for scenes. Progress is slow but steady. Marcus is doing better in school, more helpful around the house and less anxious. With help and behavior-influenced treatment, the family is mending from the trauma.



## 2017 YUM! IGNITES CHALLENGE

Seven of Hearts, an Ignite Louisville team that worked with the Family & Children's Place Family Stabilization Program (FSP), walked away with the top award in the 2017 YUM! Ignites Challenge. The group helped the FSP team recruit more landlords to provide even more homeless families and those at risk of homelessness a safe, affordable place to live!

Ignite is a program of Leadership Louisville, and Family & Children's Place was one of 10 nonprofits selected to pitch a project to the six participating Ignite teams. Each selected team was paired with a nonprofit, and the six – F&CP among them – collaborated on their project for seven months and then presented before a panel of Leadership Louisville judges, who recognized the Seven of Hearts team the winner.

### IGNITE TEAM MEMBERS ARE:

<b>Adam Price</b> <i>VoA Mid States</i>	<b>Katie Porter</b> <i>Norton Healthcare</i>
<b>Alec Risch</b> <i>Heine Brothers Coffee</i>	<b>Whitney Schulze</b> <i>Zirmed</i>
<b>Lisa Bellafato</b> <i>Passport Health Plan</i>	<b>Brad Savko</b> <i>Republic Bank</i>
<b>Tracey Johnson</b> <i>Brown-Forman</i>	

As part of their project, the Ignite team, along with the FSP staff, successfully met with 12 local property owners to create a database of more than 40 landlords the homeless prevention program could tap as needed. The Ignite team worked with Family & Children's Place to create a web portal – [www.hopetohomes.org](http://www.hopetohomes.org) – to connect with the landlords and to ease access, and secured a two-part series on the program on WDRB-TV.



## PAL COALITION

PAL Coalition is a Drug Free Communities Program serving the Park Hill, Algonquin and Old Louisville neighborhoods in Louisville. The program promotes resiliency and enhances a young person's ability to resist risks and make good decisions. Evidence shows these youth and community partners have a profound effect on preventing substance abuse and violence in the lives of children and families.

## PAL OPENS AFTER-SCHOOL CENTER FOR STUDENTS

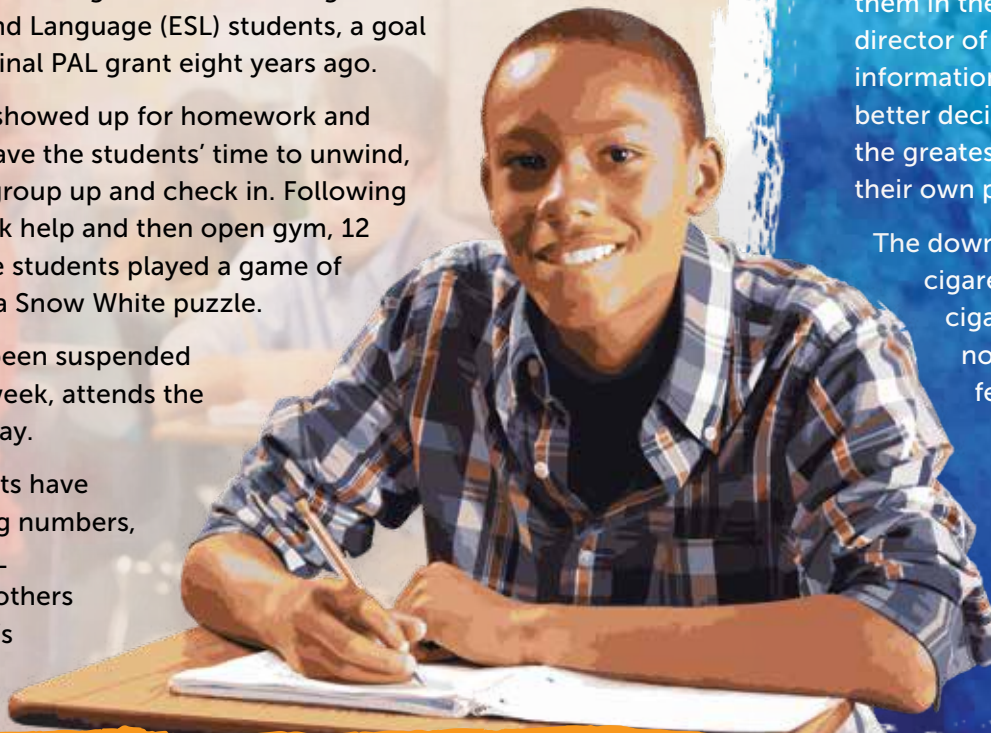
The PAL Coalition opened a center at Lynnhurst United Church of Christ, giving students a place to go after school, the hours that most young people are at risk of dangerous or disruptive behavior. At the center, students enjoy an evidenced-based curriculum and homework help, advocacy training (led by Kentucky state Rep. Joni Jenkins and PAL Board members) and open gym time for games and basketball.

The center is open from 2:30 to 5 p.m., school days, and daily welcomes up to 60 or so students, including a number of refugee students and English as a Second Language (ESL) students, a goal established in the original PAL grant eight years ago.

One day, 16 students showed up for homework and open gym day. Staff gave the students' time to unwind, eat a snack and then group up and check in. Following one hour of homework help and then open gym, 12 very high-energy male students played a game of Life and put together a Snow White puzzle.

One youth, who had been suspended from school for that week, attends the program most every day.

Since opening, students have shown up in increasing numbers, which delights the PAL team, volunteers and others supporting the center's operation.



## SURVEY SHOWS STUDENTS SUBSTANCE ABUSE DECLINING

For the seventh straight year, the percentage of surveyed students living in the 40208, 40210 and 40215 ZIP codes (all served by the PAL Coalition) who reported they used alcohol, cigarettes and marijuana decreased, according to the 2016 Youth Core Measures Report.

PAL is a Drug Free Communities Grant provided through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), of the federal Health and Human Services Department.

According to the 2016 report, students who reported using alcohol within 30 days of the survey had dropped from 14 percent in 2010 to 5 percent in the most recent measure. Cigarette use fell from 13 percent in 2010 to 3 percent; marijuana use dropped from 14 percent in 2010 to 6 percent, and students reporting using non-prescribed drugs remained consistent at 3 percent.

In all, 3,180 middle and high school students completed the 2016 Jefferson County Public Schools Safe & Drug Free Schools Survey.

"These results affirm that working with young people and involving them in their own outcomes makes a real difference," said Tomy Baker, director of PAL, a program of Family & Children's Place. "By giving them information about the dangers of substance abuse, helping them make better decisions, and providing alternatives to the street, where they face the greatest risk of getting into drugs or trouble, they become partners in their own progress. And it's paying off in real, meaningful ways," she said.

The downward trend holds true for both males and females for alcohol, cigarettes and marijuana, though a few more males reported using cigarettes and marijuana during the 30-day survey period. Use of non-prescribed drugs was the same – 3 percent – for male and female respondents.

"The best news out is that the majority of students – 90 percent – reported no use of any of the substances during the 30 days leading up to the survey," said Baker. "It's worth noting, too, that parents continue to influence behaviors. Most students said that their parents' disapproval had an impact on their decisions to use or not, so they are listening."



# CLIENTS ACHIEVING SUPERHERO SUCCESS

Karen Chapman, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for Family & Children's Place, fears people view the children we help too narrowly – as a troubled kid, abused kid, loner kid, goth kid, druggie, homeless, a troublemaker, or one who is always sick. She – and we – has a different opinion.

"The fact of the matter is that the kids we work with are superheroes," she says, offering as proof the story of a teen she has been working with for about nine months.

"She is a lovely 16-year-old girl who has grown up around repeated exposure to domestic violence, multiple, repeated experiences of sexual abuse and family drug use and alcoholism," she says. When she initially came for treatment she was suffering from severe symptoms related to the trauma she had experienced – vivid nightmares, unable to concentrate at home or school and intense guilt (in relation to disclosure of the abuse) that manifested in stomach aches, mood swings and irritability.

"She often would act out in or skip school entirely," says Chapman, but since beginning treatment she has done great trauma work and today, many of her symptoms have disappeared, although the trauma she has experienced throughout her life will take more than a short nine months to fully heal.

During a recent session, while revisiting a trauma memory that began with a domestic violence episode in her home, the girl said she remembered feeling sick all day that day, something that often used to happen.

"She said her stomach aches were a warning sign that something was going to go badly in her home that day," says Chapman, "so, I asked her when the last time was that she felt that sort of pain in her body. She said that it had not happened since the day she disclosed the abuse and was removed from her home.

"She then began talking about how wonderful it was not to have to feel that way anymore and then said something that struck me as so powerful and so sad at the same time – she said about the stomach aches, 'I feel like I have a superpower, but I don't have to use it anymore.'

"I think this struck me so hard because most people would look at the clients we serve in the wrong light when in fact, they really are superheroes!"

Just because we don't understand some of their behaviors at first glance does not mean that whatever the thing is that they're doing isn't saving their lives somehow, she says. Or maybe even saving the lives of other kids.







**DYLAN IS AN ENERGETIC SEVEN-YEAR OLD** who loves dancing and gymnastics. She's always in a tutu that her mother made by hand, performing new songs she's written and dance routines for her family. If you were to see Dylan and her family, you would never know they had survived a horrible ordeal. As a toddler, Dylan was abused by her uncle. Thanks to Family & Children's Place and years of counseling, Dylan and her family continue to work toward a happy, healthy life beyond the pain. Your gift meant the world to Dylan and others like her because services you make possible give her back her childhood and open up a world of possibilities for her.



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"And we, as service providers, have to remind ourselves that just because you take a kid out of a 'bad' situation doesn't mean they will be instantly healed." In a bad environment, these kids learn to survive, she says. They develop very real superpowers to help them feel powerful and to navigate issues that would make most adults cringe.

"We need to be flexible enough to see their 'problems' as strengths, to help others to see them the same way and to teach them how to redirect that energy for their own development in a healthier environment. What we don't need to do is try to rid them of their power – they already have had enough people try to do that," says Chapman.

Since beginning treatment, the girl has made a great turnaround. "She is at a new school and doing extremely well, socially and academically," says Chapman. "She has developed strong, trusting relationships with her guardians and their family and with me (not to mention everyone else she meets at the agency's Shively office)."

The teen no longer has nightmares or trauma-related stomach aches. She has faced and conquered the temptation to use drugs and/or alcohol to numb her pain and "is choosing instead to face it," says Chapman.

"She is determined to move forward with her trauma treatment even though it is extremely scary and uncomfortable at times."

"She continues to work through her discomfort and pain and has been inspired to start writing a book she hopes to publish one day for teens, taking parts of her experiences of abuse and sharing them in order to lessen the shame, stigma and fear that she has lived with for so long."



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## STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

## PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Metro United Way funding	\$1,028,789
Government Grants & Contracts	\$3,646,206
Private Contributions	\$1,204,275
Program Service Fees	\$97,053
Investment Returns	\$176,918
Other income	\$158,844

**Total Public Support and Revenue** **\$6,312,085**

## EXPENSES BY PROGRAM

Child and Family Services	\$1,824,695
Kosair Charities Child Advocacy Center	\$916,346
HANDS	\$1,604,788
Family and School Service	\$342,330
PAL Coalition	\$168,351
Family Stabilization Program	\$909,401
Shared Services	\$264,000

## SUPPORT SERVICES

Management and general	\$611,985
Fundraising	\$589,569

**Total Expenses** **\$7,231,465**

## EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

Salaries & Benefits	\$5,053,189
Occupancy Expenses	\$268,324
Professional Fees	\$336,183
Travel Expenses	\$97,030
Office supplies, copier, computer expenses	\$60,055
Special event costs	\$36,912
Telecommunications	\$91,889
Printing expenses	\$16,213
Staff training expenses	\$60,362
Interest expense	\$108,895
Other operating expenses	\$762,514
Depreciation and Amortization	\$339,899

**\$7,231,465**





FY2017  
**IMPACT DATA**

**36,839**

Total Direct Service Hours

**6,225**

Individuals Served

**3,444**

Families Served

**THE STAFF IS VERY WELCOMING AND INFORMATIVE.**

*I have learned about my daughter's progress, what I can do differently to help her, and I always feel that what she is learning is immediately beneficial. I am extremely thankful for the warmth extended to us during this difficult time and the amazing results that will continue for years to come."*

—Client caregiver



**Child  
& Family  
Services**

**OUTCOMES**

**COUNSELING & CHILD WELFARE**

**99%** established goals

**87%** improved functioning

**85%** progressed toward goals

**88%** was able to sustain changes

**CHILD & FAMILY TREATMENT**

**99%** established goals

**88%** progressed toward goals



**Family  
Stabilization  
Program**

**95%** tracking income to expenses

**97%** of clients know their assets/liabilities

**75%** of clients have a plan to improve credit

**62%** of clients reduced their debt or expenses



## HANDS

**98%** of infants current on immunizations

**95%** of homes free of abuse

**96%** of children achieving developmental milestones

**87%** of babies born with healthy birthweight

## Family & School Services

**83%** of youth and families engaged in structured, activity based programs to improve the child's academic, social success

**86%** of students improved social competencies and life skills

**81%** of students improved academic performance

**11** Average age of the student

## Child Advocacy Center

**1,254** children

**963** new cases (682 KY, 281 IN)

**65%** Caucasian

**18%** African American

**3%** Hispanic

## PAL Coalition

**6** Mental Health First Aid trainings

**25%** more participating youth believe advocacy is important

**12%** more participating youth believe advocating for their community is important

**13%** of participating youth feel comfortable saying no

**30%** Boys

**70%** Girls

**11** Child's average age





**ERIK BEGAN THE FAMILY & SCHOOL SERVICES PROGRAM** when he entered Meyzeek Middle School. His special needs required a great deal of structure and staff commitment to his learning plan. Erik's home environment was unstable and there were times when he suffered medical neglect. Staff worked with Child Protective Services and his family to remedy some of his health problems. Erik went from throwing his book bag and refusing to follow instructions to participating in activities and preparing an act for the talent show at the end of the year. Last year was Erik's graduating year from Meyzeek.

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## AGENCY TO HAVE THERAPIST OFFICE SPACE IN NEW YMCA

Family & Children's Place has a great opportunity to co-locate some of its therapists at a new West Louisville YMCA, which begins construction this year. The new 62,000 square foot building will be built at the corner of Broadway and 18th streets.



For many years, Family & Children's Place leased space near 31st and Broadway in West Louisville, but in 2013 the lease ended and West Office staff relocated to the Kosair Charities Child Advocacy Center. Because the agency wanted to maintain a presence in West Louisville, it began conversations with the YMCA about the new facility and possible co-location opportunities.

It has taken a while for the YMCA to finalize planning, but the project is moving forward with other partners, including Norton Healthcare, Republic Bank, and ProRehab.

The two-story building will include a state-of-the-art fitness center, 25-meter swimming pool, gymnasium, classrooms, modern locker rooms, an indoor track and childcare playrooms, in addition to the agency's tailored office space and other partners' offices.

## AGENCY LEADERS COMPLETE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

During 2017, Jo Cruz, director of Family & School Services, and John Taylor, director of Indiana Behavioral Health Program, were among a select few that graduated from the "The Art & Science of Growing, Managing and Coaching People" management program.

Both presented and led discussions on a difficult management scenario before graduating.

A graduation cookout celebrated the occasion at St. Joe's Children's Home. Graduates were served by senior leadership of the participating organizations, St. Joe's Children's Home, the Center for Women and Families, Volunteers of America, St. John's Center, and Family & Children's Place.

Cruz leads programming at Meyzeek Middle School in Louisville, and Hazelwood Middle and Slate Run Elementary in New Albany, Ind., and Taylor is responsible for a full range of services in five Southern Indiana counties.





# 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CAPER

Family & Children's Place leaders and staff were awed by turnout for the 30th annual CAPER fundraiser, held in mid-February at the Galt House Hotel following the UofL vs. Virginia Tech men's basketball game.

Support of participants was evidenced by their generosity, apparent in the silent and live auctions as well as general donations.

Planned by staff supported by a volunteer CAPER committee, CAPER featured foods from Comfy Cow, Famous Dave's Barbecue, McAllister's, Chuy's, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Elm's Catering, Mark's Feed Store and Drake's. Sponsors included presenting sponsor Delta Dental of Kentucky, along with Kindred Healthcare, Bingham Greenebaum Doll, Brown-Forman and Genscape.

Former UofL Coach Denny and wife Susan co-chaired CAPER, an event he helped start, and helped present the Denny Crum Community Service Award to Cardinal and NBA superstar Darrell Griffith. The Cardinals men's team joined, too, to celebrate the win over Virginia Tech and to talk with and sign autographs for their legion of fans.

Andrew Chernoff, of cn2 Sports/KSTV, emceed CAPER, and auctioneer Murray McCandless encouraged spirited bidding for the day of fun and fundraising.



## RALLY TO END CHILD ABUSE



Family & Children's Place, supported by partners such as Kosair Charities and the Face it Movement® held its annual Rally to End Child Abuse on a chilly morning in March. The Rally, on the lawn of the Big Four Bridge, drew several hundred participants, among them Glenna Bevin, first lady of Kentucky, and Jefferson County Attorney Mike O'Connell.

Speakers included agency President and CEO Pam Darnall, Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear, Deputy Secretary Tim Feeley of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Louisville Metro Police Chief Steve Conrad.

Kosair Charities Chair Jerry Ward, Medical Director and Chief at Kosair Charities Division of Pediatric Medicine at UofL Dr. Melissa Currie, and Kentucky Youth Advocates Executive Director Terry Brooks.

Other partner and peer agencies included Echo, Volunteers of America, Uspiritus, Home for the Innocents, Maryhurst, Sunrise Children's Services, Boys and Girls Clubs, NECCO, Community Coordinated Child Care, CASA, Jefferson Family Court, Bikers Against Child Abuse, and the Peace Education Program.





More than 250 guests attended the agency's annual Louisville Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast, demonstrating a significant commitment to safeguarding children against violence, abuse, and neglect.

Special guests included state Reps. Attica Scott and Jerry Miller, state Sen. Julie Raque Adams, Louisville Metro Police Chief Steve Conrad, Jefferson County Attorney Mike O'Connell, and Metro Council Members Barbara Sexton Smith, Pat Mulvihill and Bill Hollander. Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear joined as well, updating guests on office efforts to curb human trafficking and aid abuse survivors.

Lindsay Allen, anchor at WDRB-TV, emceed the program surrounding the hot breakfast at the Mellwood Arts Center.

Family & Children's Place President and CEO Pam Darnall presented four Gold Medals – the Mary Beth Doheny Volunteer Award to Shannon Siders, a former Ambassador and volunteer; the Partnership

Award to Brown-Forman, a longtime partner; the Individual Donor Award to Wakely Purple, a volunteer, supporter and friend; and the Community Impact Award to Kosair Charities for its partnership, friendship and support.

Bill Stangel, a Jefferson County Public Schools teacher and survivor of abuse, delivered the keynote. Stangel shared with the audience his very personal story of abuse, how he endured and survived it, and how it has helped shape the man he is today – a father, son, brother, husband, coach, mentor and more.

Larissa Reece, the agency's vice president of Development, spoke of the urgency of the situation – the significant increases Kentucky is seeing in reported cases of child abuse and neglect, driven by the relentless opioid epidemic and increases in community violence. She explained how the issues affect the mental, emotional and physical safety of children, pointing to shy the agency's services are so timely and critical.



It was wonderful seeing old friends and making new ones at the 2017 Southern Indiana Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast, held in mid-March at Kye's in Jeffersonville, Ind.

In addition to learning more about the agency as well as some success stories, guests heard from Brian Kehrer, principal at Green Valley Elementary School in New Albany, about the challenges students face in learning and in life, and how teachers and administrators provide personalized attention to help students succeed.

Kehrer talked about the relationship his school has with Family & Children's Place, through an in-school therapist who meets and works with students confronting challenges in their lives stemming from poverty, abuse, and violence.

Following Kehrer, agency board member and Humana executive Kevin Meriwether shared how and why he got involved with the agency – hearing a friend speak about his own abuse at a previous event, abuse Meriwether was unaware of, and some very personal child-care related challenges he and his family are going through.



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## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO KOSAIR CHARITIES

In December, I was reminded of the powerful truth of Bruce Springsteen's song, "From small things (big things one day come)."

December is an especially busy time for nonprofits, including Family & Children's Place. In addition to our end of year fundraising push, juggling appointments to make sure our clients get the best and most enduring attention and care possible, we were buried – quite literally – by the generosity of donors sponsoring children through our Brighter Holidays program.

Our lobby, boardroom and meeting rooms looked like a Toys R Us franchise.

We were all crazy busy, but when we received an invitation to a lunch hosted by Kosair Charities, there was no question we would happily accept. Kosair is a mainstay supporter of Family & Children's Place.

From the capital campaign for our new campus and namesake Kosair Charities Child Advocacy Center, to support for our annual Rally to End Child Abuse and Child Prevention Breakfast, Kosair Charities is a constant, committed partner and friend. We were delighted to be among the 50 or so represented agencies at this very special holiday luncheon.

And surprised to receive, along with others, a red gift-wrapped box that when opened reminded me of Springsteen's lyrics. Nestled in the box was a check. Tears immediately filled my eyes when I saw the very generous gift from Kosair. I was overcome with emotion and gratitude. Every agency received a check that day that will help make life better for children in our community.

I've never seen a more selfless demonstration of love for and commitment to children. Ever.

I want to thank Kosair Charities – especially President Randy Coe and Board Chair Jerry Ward – for this gift, which will give help and hope to children who have known only hurt and hopelessness. Your leadership, compassion, and heart for children inspire us all – as Springsteen might say, "like a boss!"

Thank you.

Pam Darnall





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