

## CRAINE HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2014

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Two young mothers living at Craine House

**Dear Friends of Craine House:** The newest edition of the Craine House newsletter is here now! Please read further to find out what Craine House has been doing these past few months and some of our plans for the near future. You will be surprised and pleased.

### Big City Farms

Big City Farms, located in downtown Indianapolis, is a local, for-profit Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), started in 2009. Owner, Matthew Jose, is committed to bringing farming back into the urban environment. This farming model sells "shares" of the anticipated harvest directly to consumers.

Craine House has benefitted from this model for many years. The North Meadow Circle of Friends, a local Quaker congregation, annually purchases a share from

Big City Farms for the families at Craine House. The harvest is seasonal and as vegetables ripen, the contents of the "share" or box changes. In spring, items in the harvest include lettuce, beets, scallions, cabbage and radishes. As the weather warms, boxes include beans, carrots, summer squash, tomatoes and peppers. Late in the season the boxes may include onions, turnips, broccoli and more.

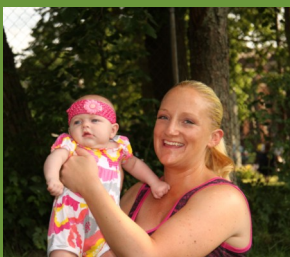
Thank you to North Meadow Circle of Friends and Big City Farms!



Above, Matthew Jose and Craine House chef, Cathy Schneider

**"But behind all your stories is always your mother's story, because hers is where yours begins."**

**- Mitch Albom, For One More Day**



### Exciting News for Craine House

Each month, the Women's Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) hosts a "Cocktails and a Cause" fundraiser for a charity in Indianapolis that serves women and girls.

The Women's Fund is a special interest fund through the CICF dedicated to women's issues and provides a "lasting impact for women and girls, today and always."

This month, Craine House is featured as the nonprofit set

to receive recognition and donations from the next "Cocktails and a Cause" on Wednesday, September 17 - 5:30 - 7:00 pm. The restaurant partner is Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery located at 10 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis. (317-681-8180) The suggested donation is \$20.

Please join this group to hear more about Craine House and learn how Craine House is transforming moms and their

families from the prison system; one family at a time.

For more information please visit:

<https://facebook.com/events/311345895706301>



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## Craine House Informational Breakfast

Please "Save The Date" for an informational breakfast highlighting Craine House and the good work they do in Indianapolis and throughout Indiana.

This free breakfast (donations accepted), is scheduled for Thursday, November 13 at the Montage Banquet Center located at 8580 Allison Pointe Blvd., Indianapolis (317-577-3663). Time: 7:30 am. to 9:00 am. Registration is necessary.

If you or your organization would like to sponsor a table, the cost is \$250. Each table seats 8-10 guests.

Featuring Karen Hensel from WISH TV as emcee and host, the program is called "The Challenge to Change." You will hear from our Executive Director, Suzanne Pierce as she tells you about the next phase of growth for Craine House; you will hear about life at Craine House from some of our residents and you will hear from the judi-

cial system and why they appreciate having Craine House as an alternative to traditional incarceration for these young women and their children. Also, there will be a special keynote speaker discussing the "The Challenge to Change" and the unveiling of our new video.

Please put this date on your calendar and register to attend this informative breakfast. Thank you.

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## WISH TV News Report

Craine House was recently featured on WISH TV news report (August 28) at 6:00 pm. Karen Hensel, WISH TV reporter, visited Craine House, met with Executive Director, Suzy Pierce and spoke with several residents about their lives at Craine House.

Kara with her son, Axel, are current

residents of Craine House. She is soon to be released from Craine House after serving her court ordered sentence. She told Karen Hensel about her life at Craine House and, although she is scared, she feels she is ready to move on to the next chapter in her life. With the intense programming offered by Craine House, Kara has learned

how to be a good parent and a good citizen of Indiana.

To see the interview, please visit the following web address:

<http://wishtv.com/2014/08/28/house-aims-to-reduce-generational-crime/>



## Thank you!

Craine House would like to offer a special thanks to those individuals and organizations that assisted with furnishing the newly remodeled Craine House. Here are some of the many that helped:

**May Mattress Company**

**University Loft Company**

**Sanborn Software Systems, LLC.**

**Blakley's Flooring**

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These are only a few of the many supporters for Craine House. We hope you will join them with your donation today!



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## New Section of Craine House Open

Craine House is pleased to announce that Phase II of our new building located at 6130 N. Michigan Road is now open for additional families.

The new building was purchased and remodeling began in 2013. Phase I was completed early in 2014 allowing us to house 20 families (up from 9 residents in the old home on Pennsylvania St.), but now with the addition

of Phase II we can have 40 moms with their pre-school age children residing at Craine House.

Since we take moms from all over the state, Craine House serves every county in Indiana. We appreciate your support for this vital program. Thank you!