

## CRAINE HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Winter 2014

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I may not be perfect,  
but when I look at my  
children I know that I  
got something in my  
life perfectly right.

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### -Craine House Community Breakfast- What a Successful Event!

Thank you Sponsors, Guests, Speakers and Donors.

"The Challenge to Change" community informational breakfast was a tremendous success! Craine House hosted over 200 guests and everyone enjoyed a delightful breakfast catered by Kahn's Catering at the Montage near 82nd. Street and Allisonville Road in Indianapolis.

As everyone learned more about Craine House and the women and children served by this agency, the keynote speaker, Josh Bleill, official community spokesperson for the Indianapolis Colts, told his story of personal tragedy and recovery by answering his own "challenge to change."

The emcee, Karen Hensel from WISH-TV showed her enthusiasm for Craine House by expressing her support for this mission. She introduced the new Craine House informational video recently produced by Creative Street Media Group.

Another speaker, Judge Mark Stoner, one of the judges for Marion County Corrections that sentences these women, spoke of the judicial system and how so many women are not violent criminals; just those who made mistakes. He has offered an opportunity to many women to participate in Craine House and change their life and the lives of

their children.

Two of our residents from Craine House, Mylynn and Charlene, told the audience how living at Craine House has helped them overcome their past behavior and learn to be better moms and good, positive members of their own communities.

Most of all, we appreciate everyone that attended this exciting event. Your support is so encouraging as Craine House goes forward with the vision "to break the cycles of abuse, poverty and crime." The Craine House vision can be your vision - changing lives for the better, one family at a time.

#### Photos: Craine House Breakfast

##### "The Challenge to Change"



The emcee, Karen Hensel from WISH TV, introduces the new Craine House video produced by Creative Street Media Group.



Keynote speaker, Josh Bleill, official Community Spokesperson for the Indianapolis Colts, tells about his personal "Challenge to Change."

The guests hear Myra Selby, Honorary Chair of the Craine House capital campaign, speak about the success of Craine House in breaking the cycles of abuse, poverty and crime.



## Craine House Celebrates One Year!

On September 16, Craine House celebrated their first year anniversary at the new house on Michigan Road. The entire staff gathered to enjoy rededicating our new facility.



Phase I - in October they opened an additional 16 rooms and completed Phase II nearly six months ahead of schedule. Craine House can now serve over 40 families. Thank you to the community, the funders and donors and all those that helped to make this dream come true.

In 2014, the house has grown much more than originally planned at the beginning of

### Volunteers Needed

Would you like to do some volunteer work at Craine House? If so, please visit our website under "Volunteer Opportunities" and download our volunteer information sheet and application. You can make a difference at Craine House!

## Introducing the New Craine House Video



Recently, Craine House partnered with Creative Street Media Group to develop a new video that more fully explains the work Craine House does throughout Indiana and how we help so many women, women with children and pregnant women, within the criminal justice system grow

and learn to be good parents and positive members of their communities.

Creative Street interviewed numerous criminal justice officials, some of the residents within Craine House, and many of the staff to develop this wonderful video.

We hope you will take a few minutes to view this video and learn more about the Craine House vision, "to break the cycles of abuse, poverty, and crime." Please view "The Challenge to Change" Craine House video on our website or at Creative Street Media Group's YouTube channel.

## Year End Giving and Craine House

As we reflect on our many blessings with gratitude, our residents, their children, the staff and the board of Craine House count you among their many blessings.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are the special times for caring and sharing and reminds us to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. We hope you

will consider Craine House as one of your selected partners in your giving during this joyful season.

On behalf of the residents, staff and the Board of Directors, thank you for your gift and best wishes for the holidays and the coming year.



### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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## Craine House Alumni Updates



Jennifer C. and her twins

Craine House works very hard to maintain contact with our past residents. While contact information is private, we encourage each woman that resides at Craine House to stay in touch after she leaves.

We are happy to announce that Talesa H. and her daughter Kendra reported that they are doing fine. Talesa is employed and Kendra is now walking.

Jennifer C. called and wanted us to know that they are doing very well. The twins are now walking and mom has to move very quickly to keep up with them.

If you are an alumni or know of an alumni of Craine House, we would love to hear any updates. See our contact information below and please, let's stay in touch!

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