

4th Annual Shower of Love



The 4th annual Shower of Love raised over \$77,000 in cash and donations thanks to the loving and generous response of St. Charles County residents! Residents from all walks of life donated their time, talents and resources to help young moms and babies in our community.



During the month of April, businesses, churches and individuals held collection drives for basic baby-care necessities. On May 6, 2010, over 300 volunteers collected donations from

residents at 16 grocery stores to include Shop 'n Save, Walmart, Schnucks, Mid Town IGA and Dierbergs. National donations totaling \$9,000 also provided many items to help these families.

The CCRB organized the first event in April 2007 in response to an increase in child abuse incidents. To date, the Shower of Love has raised almost \$220,000 to benefit moms and babies being served by The Crisis Nursery, Our Lady's Inn, Mary Queen of Angels and Youth in Need. "It just goes to show you the warm, caring residents around us and how they respond to needs of their neighbors," says Michelle McElfresh, Shower of Love coordinator. "The care and compassion of St. Charles County residents will be felt for many months as these families are able to get basic baby care items. By supplying these basic items, it is our hope that stress is minimized and babies will have a strong start in life."

The 5th annual Shower of Love is scheduled for May 5, 2011. To get involved, contact Michelle McElfresh at 636.939.6200 or mamcelfresh@sbcglobal.net.



Children's Trust Fund

Applications Available for 2011 Funding

The CCRB announces that applications for the 2011 Children's Trust Fund License Plate program fund are available on-line (www.stcharlescountykids.org) or by mail. Call 636-939-6200 for details. The deadline for submitting applications is 2:00 p.m. on December 31, 2010 (Friday). Funds must be used to support, develop, implement and evaluate child abuse and neglect prevention programs and services in St. Charles County.

CCRB is now on FACEBOOK!

Be sure and check out CCRB on Facebook as we begin designing our Facebook page. Stay up with our latest information and contact us with any questions or comments you might have.

Mid-Year 2010 Agency Reports (January-June 2010)

Over 29,000 St. Charles County children, youth, and families received services provided through CCRB funded-agencies during the first six months of 2010. This is an increase of over 3,500 children, youth, and families from the first six months in 2009. The following lists the types of services and agencies funded through the CCRB:

Respite services were provided to 314 children through the Crisis Nursery, Children's Home Society, and Family Support Services (now Community Living, Inc.).

School-based prevention services involved 26,272 children and youth in programs such as bullying prevention (Crider Health Center and Catholic Family Services), sexual abuse prevention (The Child Center), and substance abuse prevention (Preferred Family Healthcare).

Substance abuse outpatient treatment services engaged 171 youth in programs sponsored by Bridgeway Behavioral Services and Preferred Family Healthcare.

Home and community based services reached 1,453 children and youth in St. Charles County with programs offered through Saints Joachim and Ann Care Service, Crider Health Center, the Crisis Nursery, Eleventh Circuit Court, FACT (Family Advocacy and Community Training), National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI), and United Services. FACT provides a family-based component that works in conjunction with Crider Health Center's Partnership with Families program.

Crisis intervention, counseling, and psychiatric services were provided to 432 children and youth through Catholic Family Services, Crider Health Center, Salvation Army, Kids in the Middle, Lutheran Family and Children's Services, and Youth In Need.

Teen parent programs were provided to 176 youth through Our Lady's Inn, Mary Queen of Angels, and Youth In Need.

Temporary shelter services were offered by Youth In Need to 209 youth. **Transitional living services** were also provided to 13 youth by Youth In Need.

PARTNER AGENCY NEWS.....

United Services celebrated their 35th Anniversary Celebration with a special event held on July 17 at their St. Peters location. To help honor the event, a special booklet called "How We Spell Success at US" was designed that highlighted 35 success stories from alumni, former staff and members of the agency's board of directors. We also learned that United Services will be expanding their services to Warren County and will be working with the school district's early childhood special education programs. Congratulations United Services!

On July 1, 2010, Community Living, Inc. (CLI) and Family Support Services (FSS) formally announced the merger of their organizations. The boards of directors of both organizations pursued the merger in an effort to provide more comprehensive services, designed to better meet the evolving needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in St. Charles County. All of the services, programs, and operations of FSS have become a part of CLI's spectrum of services; the merged organization's name is Community Living, Inc. The CCRB is proud to provide funding for respite services provided through CLI to some of our community's most fragile children.

Kids in the Middle hosted their grand opening on June 17th for services provided in St. Charles County to children and families experiencing divorce. They occupy one wing of St. Joachim and Ann's Tri-County Outreach Center.

Ribbon cuttings and Open Houses are also planned for Crider Health Center as they reveal their new health and mental health center in Wentzville and the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) at their new center on Kingshighway in St. Charles.

In Memorium

The Community and Children's Resource Board was deeply saddened by the May 17th death of Gil Lauer, Ph.D. He was a dedicated community leader, husband and father. Gil served on the CCRB Board from February 2009. He is survived by his wife Joyce, three children and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Lauer was the Principal of St. Charles High School for 13 years (1963 – 1976) and the Assistant Superintendent of the City of St. Charles Public Schools for 14 years (1976 – 1990). He was a former President of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Mizzou Alumni Association, an usher at St. Cletus and was active in the Secondary School Association. He played in the College World Series with Mizzou Baseball.

Gil's passion for St. Charles County youth touched many lives. He will be deeply missed.



2010 Needs Assessment

The CCRB conducts an Assessment of Need every two years as a means to evaluate the strengths of our System of Care for children and youth and to determine outstanding needs for additional services. Local non-profit agencies provide data and statewide agencies that collect data on children are utilized to create the most current picture. Based on our 2010 population, there are 3,535 children and youth who are in need of services beyond our current system's capacity to serve. In addition, it is estimated that 29,000 children are not receiving school-based prevention services. The cost to fund these additional services would be \$8 million.

These figures are up from the same assessment conducted in 2008, where the unmet need was 2,569 children and \$5.2 million. It appears that both the economic downturn and the continuing growth in our population are the major factors in the increases we are witnessing.

To review or download the entire document, visit our website: www.stcharlescountykids.org.

Board Member Appointed

Steven Stahl has been appointed by the St. Charles County Council to serve on the CCRB and will fill the vacant position formerly held by Dr. Gil Lauer. His appointment will expire in October 2011.

Mr. Stahl is a retired teacher and coach in St. Charles County schools for 32 years. He holds a bachelor's and master's degrees from Southeast Missouri State and serves on the St. Charles School District Foundation Board and the Coaches Advisory Committee for the National Football Foundation.



NOTES FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

History and faith have taught us that in every tragedy there is an opportunity. The financial woes of our national, state and local economies have persisted and contributed to a heightened and lingering anxiety for many social service agencies. While these same economic struggles have contributed to even greater numbers of families seeking such services, the opportunity to strengthen our agencies still exists. Many agencies have experienced reduced state funding and others have reported that major donations have been down anywhere between 20 to 40%. Yet, despite these cuts, we remain amazed by the public's generosity during events like our Shower of Love and the Saturday Jubilee that collected over 127,000 food items in one day, which far exceeded our expectations.



Bruce Sowatsky, Executive Director

So where is the opportunity? We know that many agencies are leaning from heavy reliance on dedicated big donors to building an expanded base of volunteers and donors. Agencies are also working together on special events that will increase community participation, build collaboration and reduce competition. We believe that by working within our local communities to form stronger corporate, foundation, and individual partnerships, our nonprofit agencies will build a strong base that will support them during these difficult times.

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Child Center.....	636.332.0899
Children's Home Society.....	636.940.1119
Crider Health Center.....	636.332.6000
Crisis Nursery-St. Charles/Wentzville.....	636.947.0600
	636.887.3070
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F.A.C.T.....	636.949.2425
Family Support Services.....	636.949.2546
Kids in the Middle.....	314.909.9922
Lutheran Family & Children's.....	314.787.5100
Services	
Mary Queen of Angels.....	636.379.5070
NAMI	314.962.4670
Our Ladies Inn.....	636.398.5375
Preferred Family Healthcare.....	636.946.6376
Saints Joachim and Ann.....	636.441.1302
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