



Where kids are loved and families are supported

MISSION:

The mission of Isabel's House is to provide immediate refuge for children ages birth to 12 whose families are in crisis. By partnering with families and the community, we will strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect.

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WHY DO YOU



MS. LEWIS delivered her fifth child two months before her March due date. With her newborn baby admitted to the NIC-U, Ms. Lewis had the support of her teenager to stay with her at the hospital, but needed a safe place for her three younger children to go while she focused on the newest member of the family.

The kids participated in Music Therapy and art class, attended our Valentine's Day party and had lots of smiles and fun with their friends and staff. Ms. Lewis was also able to visit her children in our brand new family visit rooms and had a pizza and movie night while they were here.

As a single mother, Ms. Lewis has always stood on her own two feet, and worked to provide for her family. Through this crisis, she found herself unable to work for several weeks. With the support of a very generous donor, Isabel's House was able to assist Ms. Lewis with covering one month of rent and utilities during the time she was unable to work.

She calls Isabel's House "a blessing" to her family.

Risk Factors for child abuse & neglect can soar during crisis. When children become the subject of abuse & neglect headlines, the damage is often beyond repair. In Greene County, trends say less than 3 out of 10 kids will return home to their parents. Few cases will result in stronger families.

However, with the commitment of you, our donors, to change headlines to hope, over 300 children will receive complete care at Isabel's House this year, and 9 out of 10 kids, on average, will go home with their families intact.

Preventing child abuse & neglect in our community requires a spirit of collaboration. This April, the calendar is filled with opportunities to join our community and GO BLUE for child abuse & neglect prevention.

APRIL AT A GLANCE

ALL MONTH #GoBlueSWMO

- Go Blue when you shop at Houlihan's, Macadoodles, Tropical Smoothie, QDOBA, and more!
- Light up your business or home with blue lights, let's turn the town blue!

TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND

- GoBlue Kickoff Event
- 9-11am Springfield Art Museum
- 10:30am Pinwheel Garden Planting

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

- Statewide day to wear blue!
- All day, wear blue, take a photo & tag us!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH

- MSU Trivia Night benefitting Isabel's House
- 6-8pm JQH Arena

THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH

- Makers Mark Whiskey Dinner
- Benefitting Isabel's House
- 6:30pm Top of the Rock Wine Cellar Event Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

- Night at Hammons Field
- 7:10pm vs. Frisco RoughRiders
- Tickets are \$10

TUESDAY, APRIL 30TH

- "Hope of Isabel's House" Day-of-Giving
- 8am-8pm Support 24/7/365 prevention by giving online throughout the day!
- 6-8pm Celebration Open to the Public @ Mudlounge

SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH

- Resilience Film Screening
- 6pm @ Burrell Auditorium

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH

- Resilience Film Screening
- 12:30pm @ MSU Strong Hall 0001
- 6pm @ MSU Glass Hall 0102

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AN UPDATE FROM

Holly



IF THERE WAS a theme to this past year or more I think it has to be deepening the impact. We mentioned in previous newsletters our Team has invested a lot of time and energy into aligning our practices with evidence-based practices to improve the services and deepen the impact of those services in the past year and a half. This has not happened alone. We have had a committed Program Committee with a range of professional backgrounds, serving as our experts. We are incredibly grateful for their continued commitment.

We also have a Future Needs Committee who has helped us navigate and address short-term needs and is discussing long-term plans. We recently completed a small renovation – going from one family visit room to 3, adding a shower to the lobby bathroom, and adding a short wall in our play area. While this renovation addressed some of the needs our parents and children have, it also improved our security and alleviated some challenges for our team.

This renovation couldn't have happened without having space for the four staff members whose offices were converted into family rooms. We are grateful to Ryan & Brandi O'Reilly and the Westward Alliance Team for sharing their space with our staff so this renovation could take place. Our Board & Team is discussing what is next.

The addition of the shower was appreciated by parents who were homeless and sleeping in a barn. I'm so happy to add that this family is doing so well now. They are all back

together and in a home! One parent's temporary job turned into a full-time job with benefits they have never had before. There has been a change in their outlook and hope has returned as they have felt the encouragement and support Isabel's House provides – that YOU provided! They are working hard to keep all of these positive things going and strengthen their family.

In this newsletter you will hear from Natosha about how we are working to deepen our impact and stay connected with families we serve longer to help those who need it continue to stabilize and grow stronger as a family and strengthen their circle of support. One way we are doing this is through Parent Cafes. We now have four team members trained to be Parent Café Facilitators. If you are interested in attending or hosting Parent Café, please contact us.

You may have heard about trauma and the short- and long-term effects it can have on children. This is an area that the Isabel's House Team and many members of the community have been learning more about and working to implement improvements to our services to mitigate these effects. Resilience is a 60-minute documentary that does a wonderful job illustrating the effects and showing us how we can address trauma. Isabel's House utilizes this documentary as part of our Team orientation. There are several opportunities to view Resilience during the month of April. If you are interested in hosting a screening and discussion, please contact me.

Please join us on April 26 for Isabel's House Night with the Springfield Cardinals! We are excited and grateful to have Associated Electric Cooperative sponsoring this night to raise awareness about Isabel's House. We are looking forward to celebrating our many volunteers this evening as well (more details to come on that.) Our volunteers do so much to make Isabel's House happen. We look forward to celebrating them!

Community Tour Day is April 13 from 9-12. We are excited to show you the areas renovated and share more about the program improvements and discussion about the future. Please join us! Our Team would love to show you around and hear your thoughts about how Isabel's House can have a deeper impact.

Yours in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Holly M. Beadle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Holly M. Beadle
– Executive Director

PLANNED GIVING: Leave a Legacy that ensures that Isabel's House can keep children safe and strengthen families in the future! When planning for the future of your assets, here are three easy ways to leave a legacy gift: 1. Provision in your Will or Trust; 2. TOD (Transfer On Death) designation on your motor vehicle; 3. POD (Pay On Death) designation on your bank account.

If you would like to know more about legacy gifts, contact hollyb@isabelshouse.org.

PARENT CAFÉ

We are always looking for ways to build and strengthen our aftercare and outreach services to families like the Lewis family. One of the ways we are doing this, is by partnering with other local services organizations to host Parent Café's in the Springfield area.

Parenting is a tough job! Many of the families we serve have expressed insecurities or uncertainty about doing the right thing for their children. We know our parents want to be the best they can be, but sometimes the daily stresses of life, or devastating unplanned events get in the way. Parent Café is an evidence-based, trauma informed approach to teach parents how to strengthen their families.

"Parent Café's provide a safe, nurturing environment for parents to have intimate, authentic conversations about their families and ways in which to strengthen their families and communities."

—Be Strong Families Parent Café Training Institute Participant Manual

As part of a Collective Impact Grant provided by Community Foundation of the Ozarks (CFO), Isabel's House partners with Community Partnership of the Ozarks, Diaper Bank of the Ozarks, Baby Hub, and Music Therapy of the Ozarks to host Parent Café's for families in our community. Families are encouraged to come and bring their children, share a meal, and participate in Café Conversations with a focus on the Strengthening Families Five Protective Factors that prevent child abuse and neglect. While parents, caregivers and family members connect with others, childcare is provided by qualified and well-trained staff, during which children are able to

engage in fun activities and learn to regulate their emotions through music.

Our next round of Parent Café's will be held at Turning Point Church on April 2nd, 16th and 30th. We hope to see you there! Plans are in the works for Parents Cafes beyond these to continue to connect with and strengthen families.

MUSIC THERAPY AT ISABEL'S HOUSE

We believe so much in the Music Therapy model, that we brought it to Isabel's House in the summer of 2018 through the Collective Impact Grant from CFO.

Music Therapy of the Ozarks, Board Certified Music Therapist, Taylor Hicks has been providing weekly Music Therapy for the children we serve.



Pictured above, Taylor Hicks, M.A., MT-BC, of Music Therapy of the Ozarks shares her experience at Isabel's House:

"I have greatly enjoyed my time at Isabel's House. In the music therapy sessions, I, along with the wonderful staff, are working toward improving the children's self-regulation including impulse control, learning positive



coping skills, reducing stress and anxiety, and interacting positively with peers and staff workers. We address these needs through musical interventions such as following play/stop cues on instruments, social music circle games, singing about coping skills, and breathing/stretching to music."

Here is what one of our staff had to say about music therapy:

"After watching several groups of children go through music therapy, it still amazes me how Taylor is able to pull the children in and allow them to forget about their current situations. She does a wonderful job of incorporating small lessons about various things like emotions and coping skills into the fun. I love seeing the children's faces light up, and use the knowledge brought from Taylor throughout the following days."

—Kylena Goodwin, Child Advocate

Your support allows us to continue providing these very enriching and life-changing experiences for the children and families we serve.

Sincerely,

Natasha Lancaster

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Natasha Lancaster
— Program Director



SPRING INTO ACTION

WWW.ISABELSHOUSE.ORG/EVENTS

HOPE OF ISABEL'S HOUSE DAY-OF-GIVING



TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 6-8PM
Mudlounge

Support 24/7/365 prevention by giving online throughout the day! More than 300 kids found safety and comfort at Isabel's House in the past year alone, and we are on track to keep 400 safe this year, thanks to you, our donors.

COMMUNITY TOUR DAY AND OPEN HOUSE



SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 9AM-NOON
2750 W Bennett, Springfield

Come see the love that fills our House! Please invite a friend, coworker, or celebrate your mom by bringing her on a guided tour of our facility and learning about our 24/7 programs to care for children and strengthen families in the Ozarks.

ISABEL'S HOUSE NIGHT AT HAMMONS FIELD



FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 7:10PM
vs. Frisco RoughRiders

Fill the stands for kids! Join Isabel's House for our annual night at the ballpark, including a one-of-a-kind Jersey Auction to benefit Isabel's House. Buy your ticket from Isabel's House for \$10 + get a free hat voucher! isabelshouse.org/events





WILL YOU JOIN OUR MONTHLY GIVING FAMILY?

It's no secret: by April 30 this year, we would love to welcome **15 new monthly donors** providing gifts of **\$10 or more** to our "Hope 365" Monthly Giving Family! Why?

- A Hope 365 member creates sustainable funds Isabel's House can count on as we meet the needs of 300+ children every year!
- The power of small, regular gifts really add up to provide 24/7 love, comfort, and care for local kids in crisis..

 **\$10 a month** adds up to complete new head-to-toe outfits for two kids

 **\$25 a month** adds up to a week of transportation to get kids to & from their own schools, doctors, and activities - giving them a sense of normalcy

 **\$50 a month** adds up to nearly three months of hygiene kits for every child, as well as bath-time supplies that soothe our kids before a safe night's sleep

And... it's easy! You can set up your monthly gift when you visit isabelshouse.org/donate and choose "Begin a new monthly gift."

"You just need to visit the house and see the children being taken care of and all the activities that they get to enjoy. I was always amazed they kept them in their same schools they were attending. Which can be varied and far between."

-SUSY BARR



The Isabel's Tree annual holiday giving campaign keeps reaching new milestones, thanks to the generosity of our amazing community. This year, with the help of more than 20 partnering & sponsoring businesses, we are able to continue to support families in crisis and prevent child abuse & neglect in the Ozarks!

Last year, Isabel's House provided 24/7 care to over 300 children from over 140 families who were facing a difficult crisis here in the Ozarks - ranging from homelessness and unsafe housing to domestic violence, medical emergencies, and overwhelming stress. Your efforts to light Isabel's Tree helped us meet the essential needs for over 20 of those children. Your light changes lives, promotes strong, stable families, and helps ensure brighter futures for every child in our community.



- A few members of the Boys Choir of Springfield enjoying the Isabel's Tree Lighting Ceremony.



- Springfield Metro Chorus singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" while Isabel's Tree was being lit.



- The Glendale High School Crimson Girls putting on a holiday themed routine for the audience.



- Houlihan's North, the location of Isabel's Tree and the annual lighting ceremony.



- Nick Venturella from Travellers House serving up drinks to Isabel's Tree guests.



- Tasty treats from Santa's Sweet Shoppe, donated by the OTC Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Department.

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD 2019

Our largest fund raiser of the year, was held February 24, 2019 at the DoubleTree Convention Center. Proudly presented by KSPR33 & Marquee Sponsors: Betty & Bobby Allison and Rosalie O'Reilly Wooten

PRESENTED BY



Thank you for helping us raise over \$200,000 in life-saving funds for the children and families of Isabel's House!



The new Double Tree Conference Room - The Glendalough



Dr. Nick Sanders working the room and helping Isabel's House raise over \$18,000 dollars from the live auction!



Diamond Chance winner pulled by Mindy Singleton and Abby Dryer



Angie and John Abraham, Aaron and Stephanie Jernigan, Cynthia and Todd Clark, Kate and Pete Bauer, Robert and Deborah Eaton

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

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Time to get your
"License to Care!"



Did you know? Isabel's House can benefit directly when you have a *Children's Trust Fund "Prevent Child Abuse"* plate on your car! It's easy to get started: just visit ctf4kids.org and click the "How to Help" menu, then **designate Isabel's House** as the beneficiary of your \$25 or more donation each year.



VOLUNTEER



Our team needs more helping hands... **that's you!** Applications for our Volunteer Program are online.

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SAVE THE DATE

THE Summer Party

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2019

Food & Drinks | Live Music
Raffle & Auctions



Come celebrate the safety you provide for kids and the strength you give to families in crisis. Watch for sponsorships, tickets & more details at:

isabelshouse.org/events