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LFCS Newsletter

***Happy New Year  
from Lutheran Family & Children's Services***

## **PUTTING KIDS FIRST IN BOONE COUNTY**

For the past two years, staff at Lutheran Family and Children's Services has worked with other social service agencies, school officials and concerned Boone County citizens on an effort called Putting Kids First (PKF). PKF was a grassroots effort to establish a Children's Services Fund in Boone County to provide for the thousands of children in our community who are growing up without needed services and supports. The coalition petitioned Boone County voters and collected over 8,000 signatures to place PKF on the ballot. On November 6, 2012, Boone County voters overwhelmingly said YES with a 58% majority vote in favor of PKF.

The measure that passed is one-quarter-cent sales tax (one penny for every four dollars) that establishes a Children's Services Fund for our community. This fund will generate an estimated \$5.4 million dollars annually to provide support for Boone County children and families. The services that can be funded include: crisis intervention; services to unwed, teen mothers; temporary shelter and transitional living; prevention of child abuse and neglect; school based prevention and intervention; outpatient substance abuse; outpatient psychiatric services; and individual, family and group counseling.

We would like to thank all who supported this effort whether you volunteered collecting signatures or canvassed in the community, shared the efforts of PKF with your family and friends, sent kind words, prayers, or donated money; we thank you all for kindness, generosity and unwavering support. Together we will make Boone County a safer, better place for families to live and children to grow. This will truly make a positive difference in the lives of many.

To follow the continued efforts of our committee and the establishment of the Children's Services Fund, visit our website [www.boonecountykids.org](http://www.boonecountykids.org).

**Do you have a facebook account and want to be informed about the great work of LFCS? Please take a minute and click here [Facebook](#) and like us! Many thanks for your continued support as we work together on the mission to help build families through adoption assistance, foster care and crisis counseling.**

# Thank You...



To all who supported our  
**16th Annual Festival of Trees.**

Your generosity and support allows  
Lutheran Family and Children's Services to  
continue our mission to grow hope for  
children and families in our community.



The Festival of Trees benefits Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Mid-Missouri help build families through adoption assistance, foster care and crisis pregnancy counseling.



**Photos of guests from the Holiday Tea and the Growing Hope Gala held on November 28th & 29th**



## LUTHERAN FAMILY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES WELCOMES ANDREA PAULEY

**Andrea Pauley began working at LFCS in May, 2012 and works with birth parents and pregnancy counseling, as well as helping to write home studies for couples hoping to adopt. Andrea enjoys seeing both perspectives and seeing things fall into place. She completed a practicum as a student at LFCS in 2005 and graduated from Mizzou with a Bachelors degree in Social Work. Andrea feels right at home at LFCS as she continues to work with many inspiring birth parents and many caring and loving adoptive couples. The staff and clients at LFCS are thrilled to have Andrea as our newest employee.**



**(Photo: Andrea, her husband Joel and their two girls)**

**Congratulations to the following staff in our Mid-Missouri Office**

**Christine Corcoran, for being selected by her peers from all four LFCS Regions as 2012 Supervisor of the year.**

**Michele Towns, for being selected by her peers from all four LFCS Regions as 2012 Employee of the year.**



**Our Christmas holiday party for the Successful Young Parents was held at Saint Andrews Church on December 8, 2012. Thanks to our Board Members, the group enjoyed a fun filled evening. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal in a beautifully decorated room complete with Santa and Mrs. Claus who brought presents for the children.**

**Pictured above the staff of LFCS, volunteers and mentors enjoying an evening of sharing the spirit of Christmas with our Successful Young Parents**

**LFCS Resource Parents program provides birth parents counseling and support for parenting teens to help them become self sufficient.**

Students from Hickman High School's Art 2: Studio Art class participated in the Festival of Trees "Growing Hope Art Competition" in support of the services provided by LFCS. After educating the students on the scope of LFCS's work, students prepared artwork on the theme "Growing Hope" and wrote a brief description of their work. Sophomore student Liza Martindale was selected as the first place winner in the contest, followed by senior Erin Rogers in second place. The top eight finalists were honored at the Holiday Tea and the two winning pieces were live auctioned at the Festival of Trees Gala bringing in \$500 for LFCS. Thank you to teacher Traci Bolda and the students of her Art 2 class for sharing their talents with us.



Left to right Lisa Martindale & Erin Rogers



## Growing Hope Art

First and Second place winner!

Many thanks to Lisa and Erin

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*God's love in Jesus Christ empowers Lutheran and Children's Services of Missouri to help families, children, and individuals experience greater hope and wholeness of life.*



## 2013 Lutheran Family & Children's Services Board Members:

**Beth Bailey, Kay Clarke, Vicki Hartwig, Catherine Lavitt, Pastor Paul Moessner, Geneen Morgan Carrie Paden, Stacy Peters, Leigh Spence and Jayne Young**

