

## Reflections of Hope

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### Save the Date!

Save the date for LCRC's Annual Banquet & Auction, **Saturday, April 7th** at the Holmes Theatre Ballroom! Our dedicated committee of volunteers has already been hard at work selecting tempting auction items, planning exciting games, and booking entertainment for this wonderful evening. Please let us know if you have an item(s) you would like to give for the silent and/or live auctions!

Some of the amazing items that will be available include: weekend get-aways, beef from a local ranch, golfing outings, Fargo Force tickets, autographed NDSU National Championship football, and much, much more!!

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### In The Know

#### Our Very Own Inspiring Youth of Today

We are excited to share this inspiring and encouraging demonstration of support and generosity by a local group of young men!

Every Christmas season we are approached by generous groups and individuals who offer to sponsor families for Christmas. We are always overcome with gratitude for how this community steps up to care for others. This particular group has made its own special impact on our hearts.

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### A Word From LCRC

#### Spotlight on Staff

Each quarter we will highlight an LCRC Staff Member. This quarter, we receive a heartfelt greeting from our new Executive Director, Anna Sellin.

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# Making a *Difference* Continued...

The results are in! And, we are again challenged to find the words to adequately express our gratitude!!



Incredible!! We raised **\$38,395** on Give to the Max Day!! The very generous \$10,000 match offered by BTM Manufacturing and an anonymous last minute \$10,000 match meant that gifts would be tripled!

Thanks to all who **participated!**

I'll Tile & Stone out did themselves this year by sponsoring an incredibly enjoyable event and doubling the proceeds from this year's Festival of Trees compared to the inaugural event last year. From the fantastical Christmas trees to the charming auction items and door prizes, to the delicious food from Brygge Taps & Tastes, and the delightful entertainment. The evening produced over **\$21,000** to support our programs and mission. **Thank you!**



Candles and Carols hosted by Trinity Lutheran in December delivered a warm and meaningful evening full of music and the message of the light and hope of Christmas. It was topped off with a delicious traditional turkey dinner. We are so fortunate to have been the beneficiary of this standing room only event with proceeds of **\$1,400** received. A special "shout out" to our board member, **Mark Berg**, for leading the charge on this event.

**The residents of Detroit Lakes and the surrounding communities continue to be generous and supportive, and for that we are genuinely grateful. Donations and sponsorships for Thanksgiving and Christmas are too many to list individually. Thank you for making a difference!**

## In The *Know*

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For the last two holiday seasons, Justin Hanson of the Cormorant area has approached us about sponsoring families for Christmas...but what makes him stand out? Justin represents a unique group of young men from the area – the "CBoys" who have their own channel on YouTube.com. Folks can subscribe to their "CBoysTV", in fact, 222,205 people already do! As a result, this thrill seeking group receives revenue from sharing videos of their adventures.

Here comes the inspiring part. These young, industrious men chose to spend a generous portion of their "extra" income making a difference for women and children who had escaped domestic violence and were living in our shelter, Mary's Place.

What inspired them to do this? Justin says they had a desire to give back to the community where they grew up. He went on to say, *"It means a lot to give to an immediate need and know it has an immediate impact. We are just helping good people who are in a bad situation. It doesn't matter who you are and where you are from...anyone can be in that situation any time. We just think when you can, if you can, you should help. If you have the opportunity to do it, do it."*

While the CBoys were doing something meaningful for families we serve, they may not realize what they did also has had a lasting impact on staff at LCRC. Anna Sellin, Executive Director, shares, *"When Justin contacted me two years ago about sponsoring a family in shelter, I was shocked – they aren't the typical demographic I hear from. But, I gave him some needs for a family that had recently arrived in shelter. When they arrived the next day with the gifts they had purchased for the mother and daughter, their sincerity and care was overwhelming. I've told the story of meeting them and the impact that it's had on me many times and it still makes me tear up. Their intention may have been to help individuals in a bad situation, but they accomplished far more than that."*

The CBoys include Justin Hanson, Ben Roth, CJ Lotzer, Jake Sherbrooke, Grant Matthees, Ryan Iwerks, and Micah Sandman.



## A Word From *LCRC*

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Dear Friends,

I am honored to greet you as the new Executive Director of Lakes Crisis & Resource Center. I've been fortunate to have served LCRC in several capacities since 2005 when I joined its Board of Directors. I enjoyed my time on the Board and grew to appreciate the services provided and developed a real passion for the mission in my six years of service on it.

Because of that passion and belief in the cause, I elected to take a leap of faith to combine my passion with my profession and left my management position in the for-profit sector. I was willing to serve in whatever position was available and started my LCRC career by utilizing my psychology degree as a parent coach in the parenting time center. Since then, I have served as program director for Positive Connections, Development Director, and most recently as Assistant Director which I held for over three years.

It has been incredibly rewarding to have been a part of the growth of the agency including additions to programming and services, while also enhancing the strong foundational services that have been LCRC's core since its inception in 1978. The staff at LCRC remain some of the strongest, most dedicated, skilled, and hard-working staff I have ever had the pleasure of working alongside. I am privileged to lead and support them all as we continue to work every day to accomplish our mission.

We could not do it without the support of the community who we are responsible to serve. I thank you for your interest and support in the work we do. My intention is to continue to lead our agency with the highest standards to uphold and honor the work that has been done by those who came before me. We will continue to grow and evolve, to meet the needs of the community, and ensure LCRC continues to be a solid community resource for generations to come.

In Service,

*Anna Sellin*



## Lakes Area *Kinship*

### Lakes Area Kinship...30 Mentors in 30 Days Campaign

**Lakes Area Kinship** of LCRC improves lives by helping establish quality relationships between youth ages 5 to 16 and caring adult volunteers for the purpose of promoting stability, support, friendship, and community. To honor National Mentoring Month in January we held our first **30 Mentors in 30 Days** campaign with the hope of creating a waiting list of mentors instead of maintaining a waiting list of children. *Success!* We gained 10 new mentors who will be matched with children who have been waiting for months; and, we also conveyed more awareness of the Kinship Program. Also, in January we were able to host our 2nd Annual Tubing Party at Detroit Mountain. Sponsorship of this event was graciously provided for by the Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary and Detroit Mountain.

We continue efforts to recruit mentors as the undeniable need for volunteers continues to grow. It is a minimal commitment for an invaluable and immeasurable experience for both the children and adults who participate. For more information on joining Kinship and changing two lives contact Ashlie at **218-847-8572** or [ashliew@lakescrisis.com](mailto:ashliew@lakescrisis.com)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Break the Silence Tours

**11 a.m. to noon: Mar 13, Apr 17, and May 22**  
**5 p.m. to 6 p.m.: Apr 26**

Join us for a free, one-hour tour of LCRC. Participants learn about how the work we do fosters safety, hope, and healing in response to violence happening in our community. You will hear several staff members describe the services we provide. Please R.S.V.P. to Lisa at **218-847-8572** or [lisal@lakescrisis.com](mailto:lisal@lakescrisis.com). Space is limited, so sign up early!

### 28th Annual Banquet & Auction **Saturday, April 7th, 5:30 p.m.**

Our 28th Annual Banquet & Auction. This anticipated event will be held at the Holmes Theatre Ballroom. Tickets and table sponsorships are available!

