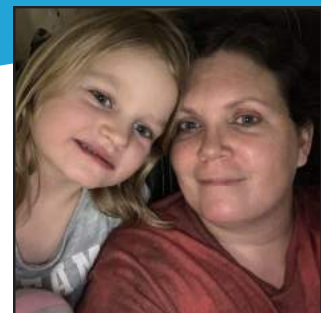


“Fostering safety, hope, and healing through advocacy, intervention, and education.”

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www.lakescrisis.com



Imagine.....

Our mission, at LCRC, is to foster safety, hope, and healing through advocacy, intervention, and education. In carrying out that mission, sometimes we feel the weight of our clients' despair. BUT, at the same time, we are always thinking, "We can't imagine not being here."

We can't imagine not being able to help adults and children seek refuge from their violent offenders. We can't imagine not showing children that there are caring adults. We can't imagine not giving families the time and space to rebuild their relationships. We can't imagine being unable to link arms with men, women, and children as they navigate the tragic and unexpected turns life has thrown at them. We can't imagine not having generous, continued support from you, which enables us to help so many.

Without your support...

Imagine the void in this community without Lakes Crisis and Resource Center.

A Word From LCRC

Get to know staff—Chanda Olson

I have been the Children's Advocate at LCRC for five years this September. This position brought me to LCRC, allowing me to help families who have been through domestic violence and trauma. It gives me room to be creative and think out of the box. I assist mothers with anything child related. I teach and model different parenting skills to mothers, along with providing access to resources for their children such as WIC, Health Resources, Mahube-Otwa, DLCCC, local childcare providers, Kinship, mental health services, and other activities in the community. I also help children enroll in Head Start or school; getting their medical, dental, and vision needs/records updated. I assist mothers in setting up routines/schedules for their children now that they're in a safe place. Through LCRC, I provide any necessary hygiene items, clothing, school supplies, and/or equipment needed for the children—making sure they have age-appropriate toys and books.

The most rewarding part of my job is working with the children. It's great to see them grow and progress while here. In some cases, getting to see the light come back in their eyes when they start to feel safe and secure, and have consistent routines and schedules. The most challenging part of my job is getting the mothers to a place where they can trust me and are willing to accept my help with their children.

I joined the ND Army National Guard after graduating from high school, serving six years as a Chaplain Assistant with the 1/112th Aviation unit based out of Bismarck, ND. I graduated from Minnesota State University-Moorhead with a bachelor's degree in Special Education, focusing on emotional behavior disorders and learning disabilities. Preferring not to work in a school setting, I worked at Solutions Behavior as a Mental Health Practitioner for over three years, helping children with behavioral issues and children with autism. I have known since I was little that I wanted a job helping people.

My mom and dad are the most influential people in my life. They modeled how to be independent and work hard, teaching me strong morals and values. They encouraged me to get an education so I could get a good job. They continue to give me support and listening ears when I need it. A favorite childhood memory was Halloween. We did not have a lot of money, but my mom made up for it with creative pumpkins and outfitting my three siblings and I with the most imaginative handmade costumes. One such costume was when I was a robot, made from a cardboard box, painted silver, accessorized with a light switch and dryer tubes.

Things I love are chicken alfredo, DQ cherry floats, the movie, *Mama Mia*, because of all the ABBA songs; and I enjoy dancing. A vacation spot on my bucket list would be the ocean; walking on the smooth sand of the beach, collecting seashells, and wading in the water. But also, to be able to swim with the dolphins, scuba dive, and parasail.



Chanda & daughter Alaira

Spring Fundraiser

Drive-Thru Event

2021 SPRING FUNDRAISER

In keeping with the times, this year we are modifying our very successful Annual Banquet and Auction by hosting a **Drive-Thru Event** on **Thursday June 3rd from 4 – 6 pm** at our agency. In addition, we are holding an online auction featuring baskets filled with **Self-Care** items as well as selling **Raffle tickets** for items that can be on anyone's wish list.

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

Raffle tickets are on sale with 10 prizes [donated by generous supporters] ranging in value \$500 to \$1200. Only 500 tickets are being sold! Tickets may be purchased at LCRC, 1339 Pelican Lane, Detroit Lakes, MN or online at

www.lakescrisis.com/donate

(Indicate "Raffle" in the note area)

Drawing will be held at our Spring Drive-Thru Event **Thursday June 3rd 6:00 pm**.

(Need not be present to win.)

Winners will be notified by email/phone)

ONLINE AUCTION SHOWCASING SELF-CARE

We have many items [donated by generous supporters] up for auction at <https://lakescrisisresourcecenter.betterworld.org>. All items follow the theme fitting for these times...SELF-CARE! This can be whatever provides care for any man, woman, young person, or even our furry friends. The auction goes live at **12:00 noon Thursday May 13th** and ends **12:00 noon June 2nd**. Items will be available for pick up at our Spring Drive-Thru Event Thursday June 3rd 4:00 - 6:00 pm. We will kick off this event with a **Facebook Live video 12:00 noon Thursday May 13th** at

<https://www.facebook.com/lakescrisis>.



Power Max® 826 OHAE (37802) snow blower (\$1200 value)
Donated by *BTD*

Four-course wine pairing for four (\$800 value)
Donated by *Spanky's Stone Hearth*

David Yurman necklace (\$800 value)
Donated by *Royal Jewelers*

OtterBox Venture 65 cooler & Best Choice Products 2-person outdoor steel-framed canopy swing glider with cushions (\$550 value)
Donated by *General Equipment & Supplies Inc and Meghan Riewer*

Gift card for lawn care, beach cleaning, seasonal cleanup (\$500 value)
Donated by *Beachcombers Lawn Landscape & Garden*

\$500 Cash
Donated by *Midwest Bank*

\$500 Cash
Donated by *Dan & Shawna Friesen*

\$500 Cash
Donated by *Bell Bank, CENEX Convenience Store, Lakeland General Store*

Recliner plus \$50 cash (\$500 value)
Donated by *Noah's Home Furnishings and Anonymous*

Historic Medora Vacation Package:
One night's lodging Elkhorn Quarters, Medora Musical & Pitchfork Fondue for two with \$40 shopping/dining gift card plus \$150 cash (\$500 value)
Donated by *Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation and Caufield Studio Inc*



SPRING DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for **June 3rd 4:00 – 6:00 pm** for an opportunity to see a stationary parade of games (reminiscent of our past Annual Banquets), information, snacks, fun, and gratitude. We hope to see you here at 1339 Pelican Lane, Detroit Lakes, MN.



Keep an eye on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/lakescrisis>, for pictures and information about all the items on our Raffle and Online Self-Care item Auction!



SPRING DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER

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IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES WITH YOUR SUPPORT

All proceeds from this three-fold event will help sustain and grow our advocacy services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and general crime as well as our parenting time center, Kinship, shelter, and mental health programs. Throughout these programs, we serve well over 2,000 adults and children every year.

Imagine how your support can help so many.

