



# Judson Center

## Family Matters



2015 Fall Newsletter



### Home for the Holidays

Many of us are lucky and may not even recognize it as we embark on what at times can be a hectic holiday season full of traditions, laughter, love and home. And during this time of year, it does not matter which holiday we celebrate, what matters is that we are celebrating together - with our family. From decorating the tree with mom and dad to spinning the dreidel with siblings, we relish in our holiday traditions, memories, and look forward to spending time with our family every chance we can during this time of year and beyond.

For thousands of children in Michigan, this is a reality.



So, this holiday season, as you trick-or-treat with the grandchildren, make the turkey stuffing with your mom and open presents under the tree with your kids, please take a moment, reflect and most importantly, make the most of what you have because *you are home*.

And, during this season, please share the message of need for today and the need all year long, for the children in our care. Because, right now, there are over 13,000 children in Michigan who need someone to believe in them. Every child deserves a *home*, and with your help, we can give them one.

Just think for one minute, if you did not have anyone to share this time of year with. Now, extend that to an entire year.

There is no *home* for holidays, no *home* to go to after you leave school for the day, and no *home* to even celebrate your birthday.



Dear Santa-

I have the same wish this year as last year. It is a big wish and I really want it to come true. I want to have a family that will love me and let me live with them forever. I also want a sister or brother to play with. I promise, I have been very good! But, if that can't happen, I would like a doll to keep me company until someone can have me live with them.

Love,  
Leah

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## Kyle's Corner



It is a special time of year full of holidays, family and home. And for many of us, we also realize it is the season of giving, whether it be the gift of time as a volunteer or the gift of support as a donor, we recognize that Judson Center has a wonderful, generous *Community of Caring*. It is also important to share that even though *'tis the season of giving*, at Judson Center, our needs know no season and miracles can happen every day at Judson Center and our affiliate, Child Safe.

If you believe in the dignity of a child, then becoming a foster parent or even a mentor may be for you. Giving back a childhood to a boy or girl who has been abused or neglected is a priceless gift, no matter what time of year it is. I hope when you read Ally's story on page 10 and Mina's story on page 12, it will inspire you to learn more about helping the over 13,000 foster care children in our state.

Another priceless gift is dignity and self-worth. As you turn to page 6, you will read about Judson Center's Vocational Services partnership with Lowe's and how together, we are changing the faces of people working along-side us in the community. And, on page 8, as the need for Mental Health Services grows throughout Metro Detroit, so do we, with vitally needed care and support for individuals and families facing mental health problems.

I also want to highlight that a few months ago, Judson Center received a very generous anonymous gift of \$50,000 to Sean's Fund, which supports families in Autism Connections. Thanks to this individual, Cesar is receiving life-changing Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy. On page 4, you will hear from Gisela on what a difference Autism Connections and this donor made upon her son's life, and her entire family's life.

On behalf of your Judson Center family, thank you for being a part of our *Community of Caring*. We ask that you continue your support now and throughout the year, as together, *we are helping those in need succeed!*

Happy Holidays!

Kyle R. Hauberg  
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We did it! And by "we", I mean an entire community. We saved the Lahser Respite Home from closing! Watching the media, community members, children, employers, and Facebook friends rally and unite for such a worthy cause has been inspiring. "Helping those in need succeed." That's what we do at Judson Center. It is clear that we all recognize that it isn't just the children of the Lahser Respite Home in need, it is their families as well. Healthy families are critical to the health of our communities. Through this campaign, we have expanded our *Judson Community of Caring* - a community that gives so much to help others be successful in their communities. Thank you and welcome!

— Tricia Huneke, Board Member

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## Sean's Fund - turning challenges into triumphs for families at Autism Connections, a place where you feel at home.

It was only a few months ago, and we are still witnessing the impact today and will for many years - all thanks to one member of our *Community of Caring*, who wishes to remain anonymous. Thanks to this person's generosity, Judson Center's Autism Connections received a gift to **Sean's Fund** for \$50,000.

This very generous donation to **Sean's Fund** offers assistance to families, like Cesar's family, who face financial difficulties with the cost associated with providing life changing Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy for their young children and teens enrolled in our Autism Connections program.

"My son Cesar was two years-old when we learned he was autistic, and that is when he began his ABA therapy in our home country of Mexico. So, when the opportunity of a new job for my husband came, nearly three years ago, we were excited but also nervous because we wanted to keep him in ABA therapy. It was our understanding that our new health insurance was going to cover it, so my husband said yes to his job and we began the search for a program in Metro Detroit, that would help Cesar and our family.

It was very stressful and heart breaking.

And that is when we learned about **Sean's Fund** and the opportunity to apply for help. **Sean's Fund** was a life saver for Cesar!

Cesar has learned so much since going to Autism Connections. We know that ABA therapy is the best way he can learn. We have seen the difference since he began at Judson Center. He has a lot more patience. And even though he does not speak, he can verbalize what he wants and needs with the use of an i-pad. If it was not for **Sean's Fund**, we would not be able to provide him with the ABA therapy he needs. He would not be able to better connect with us, his family and the world."

– Gisela, Cesar's mom.

**Interested in learning more about Sean's Fund for your child:**

**Please contact Ann Patronik at 248.837.2021 or [ann\\_patronik@judsoncenter.org](mailto:ann_patronik@judsoncenter.org)**



**Sean's Fund** was founded in honor of Sean Taglione, one of our Autism Connections consumers.

In January 2012, Sean's life was cut short as he passed away tragically. To keep his memory and joyful spirit alive, **Sean's Fund** was established.

This Fund provides support to children like Sean and their families who do not let the diagnosis of Autism stop them from getting the help they need, by turning challenges into triumphs.

Septiembre, 3, 2015.

Estamos muy agradecidos con el personal del Judson Center y al patrocinio que nuestro hijo Cesar recibe pues esto hace posible que Cesar tenga mejores oportunidades para afrontar su vida cotidiana.

Dado su nivel de discapacidad su desarrollo es lento, sin embargo gracias a la técnica ABA impartida por el Judson Center, así como también por sus becas, César tiene ahora más oportunidades de salir adelante.

Gracias por esta gran ayuda que brindan a nuestro hijo.

Sinceramente  
César y Gisela De la Rosa.

Translation:

We greatly appreciate the Judson Center and the donors, as they are truly making possible for Cesar to have better chances to progress in his life. He exhibits little advances on his development, given his level of disability, but thanks to the ABA program at Judson Center, and this opportunity, he has lot more potential to grow.

Thanks a lot for the help that you give to our son Cesar.

Kind regards  
Cesar and Gisela De la Rosa.  
Cesar's parents.

## Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy:

ABA is an intensive therapy designed to help increase the quality of life for children and teens with Autism Spectrum Disorders. This is achieved by teaching developmental skills through therapy which decreases challenging behaviors through the use of positive reinforcement and environmental supports.

Each child's program is individualized to address his/her needs and may include:

- **Basic skills:**  
*Looking, listening and interacting with others.*
- **Communication skills:**  
*Receptive language, imitation, verbalization, Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) using technology, sign language and grammar.*
- **Academics:**  
*Matching, reading, writing, spelling and math.*
- **Daily living Skills:**  
*Meal skills, personal hygiene and social skills.*



**To make a donation to Sean's Fund:**

**Online:** [www.judsoncenter.org](http://www.judsoncenter.org), click the donate now button and reference Sean's Fund

**Phone/Email:** Contact Erika Jones at 248.837.2052 or [Erika\\_jones@judsoncenter.org](mailto:Erika_jones@judsoncenter.org)

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## His Smile is so Contagious



When you are shopping at your neighborhood Lowe's store, you may or may not even notice who is helping you. All what will really resonate with you, is the customer service you are receiving and how helpful the employee is. This is especially the case with seven Judson Center consumers who work at four area metro Detroit Lowe's stores.

Currently, 85-90% of people with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders are either unemployed or underemployed.

"At Lowe's, we understand a disability does not mean a person cannot be successful. We also understand that a disability does not define who the person is. We recognize that with 'assistance' many employees are better equipped to perform their daily responsibilities and excel in their career. Plainly put, we call the 'assistance' a workplace accommodation. We believe in providing opportunities to everyone, including people with disabilities.

When Judson Center contacted us about staffing solutions, it was a very unique approach, one that my team had not encountered before with a nonprofit agency. Daryl Ayers (from Judson Center), learned about our corporate culture, mission, business and employee needs. He asked in-depth questions and provided a training to my Human Resources Management team. It was not a sales pitch, but more of an open dialogue and it was so much more than what you can get out of a resume. Daryl presented video clips of qualified candidates to share with our team. It was at that moment, the partnership between Judson Center and Lowe's began to develop.

A stand out hire at the Bloomfield Township, MI Lowe's store is Rodney Perry. He joined the Lowe's team in

February and is doing well. I believe customers and employees are looking at disabilities differently because of him and his work ethic. His smile is so contagious. It also reaffirms what our leadership team believes, disabilities do not define individuals". - shared Gloria Raines, Area Human Resources Manager of Lowe's Companies, Inc.

"Judson Center's Vocational Services program strives to be recognized in the community by employers as a Human Resources partner first - not a charity. When I reach out to businesses, it is important to learn about them, their business objectives, their needs and how we can partner with them to meet their goals, save them time and money in recruiting and to really be their partner, all while seeing beyond the disability. We also keep open communication ongoing after placement. We strive to provide added value all while employing the underemployed. We value our partnerships, we value our consumers and we know we can help, if given the opportunity," shares Daryl Ayers, Job Developer at Judson Center.

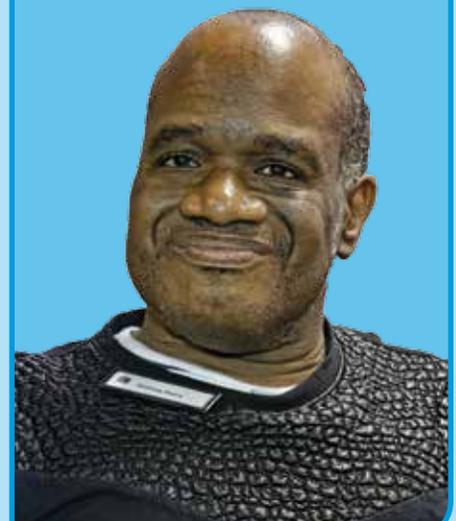
Are you in need of staffing solutions for your company and would like to learn how Judson Center can be of service, please contact:

Daryl Ayers at 248.837.1227 or [daryl\\_ayers@judsoncenter.org](mailto:daryl_ayers@judsoncenter.org).

Rodney Perry received the 2014 Vocational Employee of the Year Award last April and the title says it all! Rodney is not only a valuable member of the Lowe's team, but also a member of our Judson Center family, who you will always see with a smile on his face.

Rodney did not have the easiest childhood, as he grew-up in foster care, institutionalized since birth and had no family to call his own while growing-up. He also has cognitive and physical disabilities. But he does not let that define him. Today, Rodney lives on his own, is very independent and earns a good living.

If you are in the neighborhood, near the Lowe's in Bloomfield Township, please stop in to say hello.



## Home Sweet Home

We are so very pleased to announce that we have reached our fundraising goal to keep open our Lahser Respite Home Program through September 2016! To date we have exceeded our goal of \$120,000 and raised more than \$130,000!

This amazing achievement was made possible through the tireless efforts of our Lahser Respite Home families and Judson staff, with support from our community partners and Judson Center Board members. Through these collective efforts, we will be able to continue to offer to the families of children with developmental disabilities a much needed temporary home in Oakland County (the only one) with the special services they desperately need to care for their loved ones. Without this support, the parents and guardians of children with developmental disabilities would not receive the respite they need from the 24 hour, 7 day a week care demands of their special needs children, allowing them to 'recharge' and share their time, love and support with other family members.

We have reached this important milestone - but we are nowhere near the end of our fight. We need YOUR continued support to keep the momentum going, so we can secure the funding necessary to sustain operations for many years to come.

Thank you for all of your continued support in this important effort, and for helping us to spread the word to your networks.

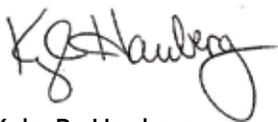
One easy way to continue the support is to donate *Respite Days* for use by our Lahser families. With government budget cuts, many families have lost many of their days of care that are paid for through government support. To help fill this gap and provide our Lahser families the support they need, we have established a special fund where you can purchase *Respite Days* to be used by our Lahser families. For \$155, you can provide one 24-hour period of care - a *Respite Day* - to allow parents to have one more opportunity to spend time with their other children or even take care of their own personal or medical needs.

To continue the conversation and to donate, please ask people to visit our website at [www.judsoncenter.org/get-involved/advocate](http://www.judsoncenter.org/get-involved/advocate).

Many thanks again for your vital support.

Lahser Respite is truly *home sweet home*.

Sincerely,



Kyle R. Hauberg  
Board Chair



Thank you from our Lahser Respite Home families



[www.judsoncenter.org](http://www.judsoncenter.org)



YouTube



## Mental Health has a New Home

Judson Center’s Mental Health Services is growing and to help meet the demands of our community, we moved! We did not move far, but our new location allows us to make a positive impact for *many* more people.

As of this month, we are now located right on 13 Mile Road in Warren. This will make it lucky number three on Thirteen Mile - Lahser Respite Home at 13 Mile and Lahser, Oakland County Regional Office (Headquarters) on 13 Mile and Greenfield and finally Macomb Regional Office on 13 Mile and Hoover. Many thanks to our community partner, The Sterling Group for this opportunity

And, with a new house comes more space and room to grow, and we have plans just for that.

In the future, we see our Macomb Regional Office as home to a primary care clinic with a team of medical assistants, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, case managers, therapists and psychiatrists who work together to ensure the mental and physical health care needs of children and adults that we serve are being met. Last but not least, there will also be room to expand our Autism Connections services in Macomb.

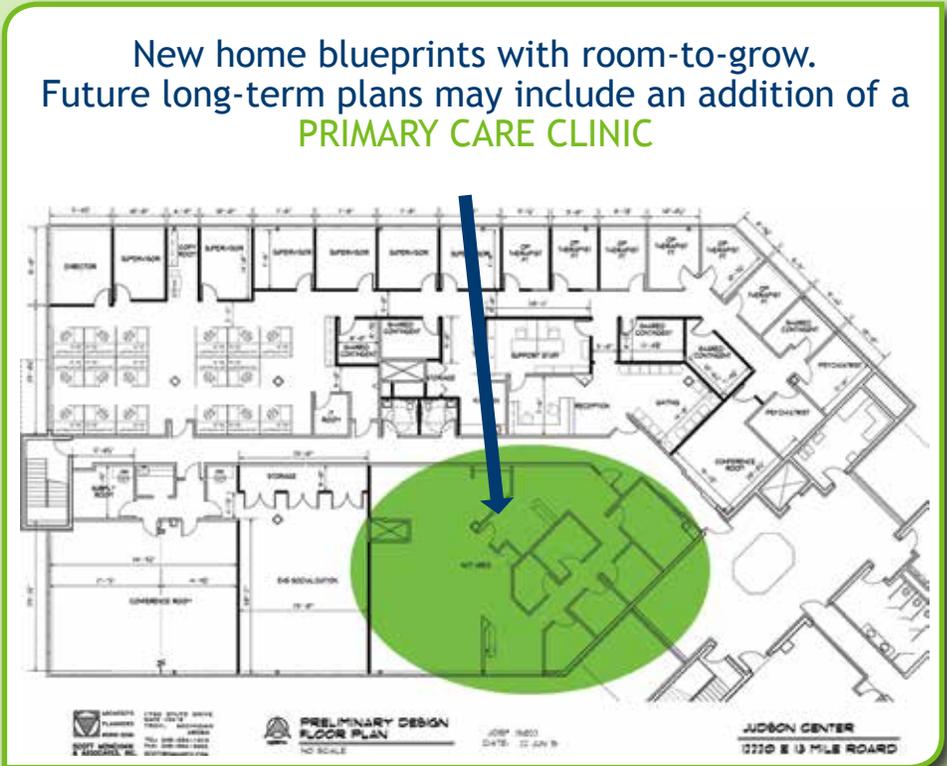
The life experiences of a Certified Peer Support Specialist give a distinctive expertise that professional training cannot teach or replicate. Their services are so invaluable to someone who needs help, as they work as a mentor and help remove any ‘barriers’ to successful treatment recovery.



be time to settle in, meet the neighbors and time to grow. We look forward to making our house a home for Macomb County children, adolescent and adults in need of mental health and/or substance abuse treatment.

Just like a new home, there will

With the need for Mental Health services growing and the opportunity to expand, along with a grant from the Flinn Foundation, we have hired a Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS). What make this hiring so unique is that Judson Center now has in-house employee who has progressed in their own recovery from a substance or mental health disorder and are willing to self-identify as a peer and work to assist other individuals with chemical dependency or a mental health disorder to help them get on the road to recovery as well.



# Just a Little Bit GOES A LONG WAY

In our last issue of *Family Matters*, many of you read about how *motivation matters* for all children, especially those receiving life-changing Mental Health Services at Judson Center.

We received donated gift cards, many from our community partner - Wendy's. We also received donations of money and most importantly, we saw first-hand the difference our *Community of Caring* made in the lives of children in our program and the impact it also had on our dedicated staff who help. **Thank you!**



And today, we still have a need for **Just a Little Bit** and it is so easy to help those in need succeed.



-  **Purchase a gift card(s)/tickets** to special events and mail in the enclosed envelope. Please reference **Just a Little Bit** with your donation. Ideas: 7-Eleven, Dairy Queen, Fast Food Restaurants, local attractions (i.e. Detroit Zoo, Detroit Kid City, Greenfield Village), Kroger, Meijer and Target.
-  **Make a donation** by check or credit card and mail in the enclosed envelope, and we will provide gift cards to our staff to help the kids in their care
-  **Own a business or franchise** and/or know someone who does? Become a Judson Center corporate partner and give back to the children in our shared community
-  Lastly, if you find yourself receiving gift cards this holiday season with no use for them, your **regift is a big gift to us!**

Just a Little Bit provides a small token of encouragement for children suffering from mental illness or emotional impairments from trauma. A special treat for a good report card, using their coping skills to make good choices and reaching milestones on a path to happy and healthy lives, all deserve *Just a Little Bit*.

To make a donation or learn more about Just a Little Bit, contact Erika Jones at 248.837.2052 or [erika\\_jones@judsoncenter.org](mailto:erika_jones@judsoncenter.org)





## Forever Home

I always knew I wanted to adopt children. I am not sure why, but I just always knew. And I was really sure of it when I met my sister's friend, who was a child in foster care. The stories she would share, really impacted my life and outlook on what I would be like as a mom.

My family story may sound simple, but it was far from it - yet so worth it! My husband and I began the journey to parenthood through foster care and were licensed in 2010. Not too long after receiving our license, we got the call - that there was a baby girl in need of a foster home and there is even a strong likelihood that she would need a permanent home as well.

The next day, we picked up a 10-week beautiful little girl. Lexi\* was born with severe acid reflux, where we would have to spend the night watching her so she would

not choke. There were many long, stressful and scary nights and we got through it -the worst health issue she had. And we were lucky that was the worst, despite the circumstances on how she came into this world. There was no pre-natal care for her mom who did not make any healthy choices.

As her foster parents, my husband and I would have supervised visits with her mom for one hour each week for a few years. We understood that as foster parents, the goal is to see if the child can be reunified with her mom. As time went by, it was decided that Lexi needed a permanent forever home and we were asked if we wanted to be her legal parents. **She was already home I told our case worker.**

After we finalized Lexi's adoption, we decided we wanted to adopt again from foster care. And we got another call for a little girl needing a home, and it was the half-sister of Lexi. Instead of getting ready for work, I was getting ready for a baby girl, and picked her up later that day. Erin\* was a healthy baby who also had very severe acid reflux like her sister. It was nothing we could not handle! Six months later, Erin officially joined our family.

Keeping the sisters together was very important to my husband and I. My girls are now four and two years-old. And I can't imagine not being their mom. There is a quote that I often refer back to " My children may not be born from my body, but they are born from my heart." My family was meant to be.

For anyone interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please know that there is no such thing as a perfect parent. You don't need to have the white picket fence, big house and lots of fancy things. Kids will not remember the things, but the love you gave them. **If you have love to give, that is what matters most.**

*-Ally, mom of 2 beautiful girls*

To learn more about how you can change children's lives through Judson Center's Foster Care and Adoption programs, please contact:

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\*Names have been changed to protect privacy.





# Judson Center

*Helping those in need succeed*

Sometimes **I** wish I could be brave like **Superman**, or have a big shield of armor like Iron Man to protect me from harm. I have dreams of a dad who tells me that I don't need to **protect myself** because he will - he is my very own superhero. Then I would wake up - alone, scared, hungry and hurt.

But then, I was placed into a foster home. **My** foster family is made up of **real superheroes**. Now there is even talk about them becoming my adoptive family.

I just smile now when I think about the day I met them. Because of them, I know my future is bright.

**Just watch me fly.**

-Thomas



## LET'S GET REAL MICHIGAN

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## Mentoring Match

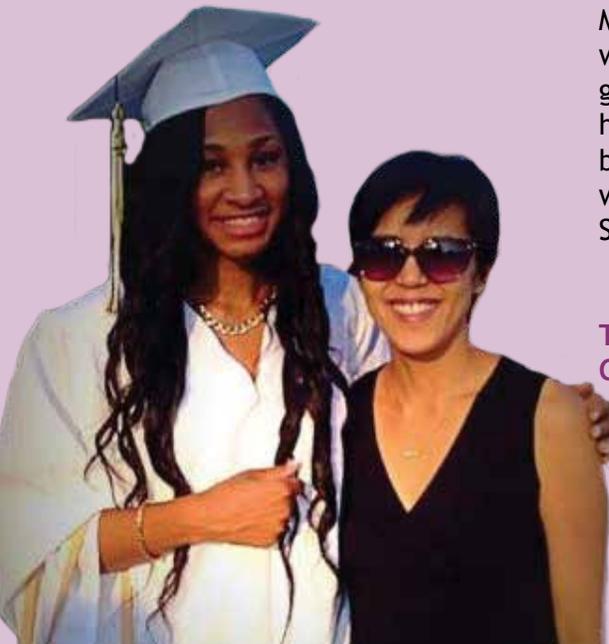
When Alisha was referred to our mentoring program she had spent time in foster care before going to live with her aunt who became her legal guardian. We felt she was in need of a stable companion and advocate, so we matched her with a volunteer mentor, Mina, who was looking to give back to the community in a unique and personal way.

For the past five years, Mina has been making an impact in the life of her mentee, Alisha. When they first met it was important for Mina to build trust with Alisha and slowly earn a friendship. In order to do this, they met three times per month and talked on the phone often. When they got together, they did all kinds of things. If Alisha needed help with homework, Mina would help her. They explored different activities so Alisha could discover extracurricular things that she enjoyed and began to get involved in those activities at school. Within a few months, trust was established and a bond was formed.

These two friends have spent meaningful time together, enjoying so many enriching activities. They like to visit the Charles Wright Museum of African American History and Greenfield Village. They began volunteering together to help the elderly at a nursing home, and Mina takes Alisha go-cart racing, out to dinner, to the movies and much more.

Mina says the best part of their five-year match has been getting to witness Alisha's graduation from high school! With Mina's help and support, Alisha graduated high school and is headed to college. Mina is so proud of her, and cannot wait to watch Alisha continue to grow as a person and succeed. They have built a lifelong friendship and both are so happy to have bonded with each other through the Child Safe Michigan mentoring program.

To become a mentor for Child Safe Michigan and Judson Center, please contact Jennifer Brubaker at 248.554.6410 or [mentoring@childsafemichigan.org](mailto:mentoring@childsafemichigan.org).



## Pull! for Kids Success



Child Safe Michigan board members and *Pull! for Kids* event chairs Stephen Trudeau (L) and Ed Greenup (R) with Cameron Hosner

The sixth annual *Pull! for Kids* Sporting Clays Tournament to benefit Child Safe Michigan was a huge success! Event chairs Stephen Trudeau and Ed Greenup are proud to announce that this year's event set record attendance numbers and raised more than \$100,000. The day was filled with friendly competition, awards for all ability levels, a firearm raffle, a delicious open grill dinner following a cocktail reception and much more! Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, donors, volunteers and participants, the *Pull! for Kids* will help maintain and grow the foster care, adoption and mentoring programs of Child Safe Michigan. A special thank you to Stephen and Ed for their tireless efforts and absolute dedication to making this event a tremendous success.

For more information on Child Safe Michigan or the *Pull! for Kids* please contact Ashley Hudson at 248-554-6413 or [AHudson@childsafemichigan.org](mailto:AHudson@childsafemichigan.org).

# Volunteer Voices

*Making a Difference Every Day*



Riders from *The Ride for Autism of Michigan* proudly hold one of Judson Center's t-shirts sharing our vision. *The Ride for Autism* supports our Autism Connections program, and nearly 300 bikers rode 60 miles to support the cause in August!



Volunteers pose for a photo at registration for our 2nd annual *Charity Shoot Out* event for the kids of Judson Center



At the *Back to School Extravaganza*, a volunteer from the Paul Mitchell School of Michigan gives a child in foster care a manicure for her first day at school.



SafeKids volunteers came out to Judson Center's *Back to School Extravaganza* to inspect dozens of car seats for safety.



Mother and daughter volunteers, Lina and Riya Desai, give a thumbs up for their social media efforts to help spread the word about #JudsonCenter at the Bank of Birmingham Dream Cruise party.



A volunteer from Paul Mitchell School of Michigan gives Keara, one of our young women who is seeking a forever home, a new hair style for back to school.



Long-time Judson Center supporters and volunteers Scott and Linda Wilson delivered backpacks from Linda's back-to-school drive party where she collected over 20 backpacks full of supplies for kids in foster care.

# CommYOU

Judson Center supporters attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual *Cruisin' View* generously hosted and sponsored by the Bank of Birmingham and enjoyed the festivities from the bank lobby overlooking Woodward Avenue!



Left to right: Kelli Dobner, Judson Center Chief Development Officer, Laurie and Rob Farr, Bank of Birmingham President and Cameron Hosner



Left to right: Bob Lott, Judson Center Foundation Board, Cameron Hosner, Kelli Dobner, Judson Center Chief Development Officer, Brad Zimmerman, Judson Center Trustee, Rob Farr, President & CEO Bank of Birmingham, Bernd Ronnisch, Judson Center Trustee, Ann Rader, Judson Center Advisory Board and Dave Zimmer, Judson Center Trustee

Just in time for our *Back to School Extravaganza*, held on September 2, school supplies were generously donated by supporters and businesses for our kids in foster care.



Birmingham Covington students donated supplies. Left to right in photo: Katie, Emily, Aiden and Cole



Store Manager Skip Case and General Service employee Elena Rodriguez of Goodyear Tire supported the Back to School Drive by collecting school supplies during the grand opening of their new store in Royal Oak.

For more information about volunteering, please contact Pe

# ity of Caring

Judson Center's Young Leaders Board (YLB) hosted their inaugural event in August.



Young professionals had the opportunity to network, all while supporting Judson Center.



Rachael Pleasant of Applied Manufacturing Technologies, John Grobbel, Financial Advisor and Portfolio Manager - Morgan Stanley, and Janelle Morck Judson Center Trustee and Benefits Risk Advisor, CIA Financial Group, Inc. help lead the YLB as members of it's first Executive Board.



Scott Sierenga of Kirk, Huth, Lange & Badalamenti, PLC and Khadija Walker-Fobbs, Judson Center Board Advisor and Director of Development & Community Partnerships, Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative enjoy an evening at the Emagine Theatre networking and supporting Judson Center.



Aimee Visperas of Delphi with Olivia McLaughlin, Executive Director at Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners, arrive at the Young Leaders Board kick-off ready to mix and mingle.

For more information about the Young Leaders Board, please contact Kelli Dobner at 248.837.2020 or [kelli\\_dobner@judsoncenter.org](mailto:kelli_dobner@judsoncenter.org)



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### VIP Celebration - 5:30 p.m.

Receive the VIP treatment while supporting our mission. Join Tom Jordan of WWJ Newsradio 950 with exclusive access to the Venetian Ballroom for a champagne toast, premium cocktails to cure the blues, and exclusive raffle prizes... all to the tunes of Detroit's own funky, rockin' Queen of the Blues, **THORNETTA DAVIS**.

### Afterglow Party - 10:00 p.m.

New this year, the party continues at the Afterglow Party as we get down and dirty with Detroit Blues Rocker legend **JIM MCCARTY AND MYSTERY TRAIN**. The Afterglow party is complimentary with general admission and VIP ticket purchases. Afterglow-only tickets are available for guests not attending the main event.

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## InvestWise

On August 10, 2015, more than 50 supporters, friends and family gathered for the first-annual *InvestWise Financial Golf Challenge* in memory of Judson Center supporter Kenneth J. Krausman at The Fountains Banquet & Golf in Clarkston. The golf challenge raised more than \$7,500 in honor of Ken Krausman's memory and commitment to children and families in our community. Guests enjoyed a truly memorable day of friendly competition on the golf course, lunch, prizes, contests and awards, and most important of all, continuing Ken's legacy and commitment to building bright futures for children and families.



Kenneth J. Krausman

## Run for a Reason!

On October 18, 2015, more than 100 Judson Center supporters and friends laced up their running shoes to Run For a Reason on Team Autism at the 2015 Talmer Bank/Detroit Free Press Marathon. Team Autism runners participated in the marathon, half-marathon, 10K, 5K and fun-run to raise funds for Judson Center's Autism Connections which offers life-changing programs and support to children and families in our community affected by autism.

Special thanks to the Team Autism Committee, Rajesh Bihani, Matthew Korpas, Jennifer Krausman, Stephanie Mansfield and Elizabeth Scussel and the many donors who generously supported their efforts!



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November 12, 2015  
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Yelp and Leon & Lulu team up on November 12, 2015, for *Yelp Helps for the Holidays* to make the season happy for 250 children in foster care. With the help of local *Yelpers*, Leon & Lulu will host an evening of festivities at the Clawson storefront to make special gift bags full of fun and fundamentals for children in foster care who may otherwise not receive gifts this year. Leon & Lulu will also donate a percentage from their sales this evening to help Judson Center continue to build bright futures for children in our community. Join us for an evening of making holiday wishes come true for children in foster care!

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