

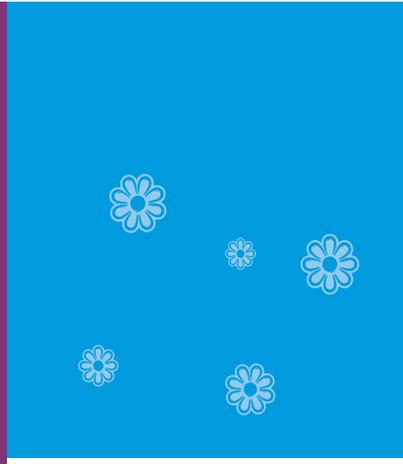


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Family Matters

Fall 2016/Winter 2017 Newsletter

Everything we do *collectively* at Judson Center is because of the kids –no matter what season it may be.



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There is always something to be grateful for, and for us, that is you.

In my eight months at Judson Center, I can honestly say that I am not amazed nor surprised at the magnitude of care, commitment and compassion I see *every day* from our community of supporters to staff and board members. Judson Center is truly more than a human services agency –we are a family.

Judson Center's family roots are strong as we date back to 1924, when we were just one building –a children's orphanage in Royal Oak. Fast forward to 2016, and Judson Center is in five counties, serving more than 4,000 children and families each year. And today, we are expanding our vital services throughout the counties we serve. Why? It's simple... Judson Center is ever present, ever doing and ever evolving ...because of the kids.

We listen to our community. We hear a need, and answer with life-changing programs so children and families can have a bright future. Judson Center may be 92 years-old, but we have always remained relevant to our community. In the following pages, you will read about these programs and the lives they have impacted.

To answer the need for access to child mental health therapy, this summer, Judson Center began offering a brand new service, tele-psychiatry. Read more on page 8. To learn how Judson Center is answering the call for more autism services and therapy space in Royal Oak with a campus expansion and new facilities within the Jewish Community Center in Ann Arbor, turn to page 4. To better prepare our neighbors with disabilities for inclusive employment opportunities, Judson Center's Vocational Services team began

offering a new soft skills training program in partnership with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (page 6). And, we're proud to announce a new family preservation program to our continuum of care in Child and Family Services (page 10).

The Judson Center story is powerful and inspires others to act. Others like Stamper Facilities Management who were so moved by our foster families' dedication that they hosted a Shopping Spree Day for 64 of our children in foster care so they could be ready to go back to school in style and confidence (page 11).

Our future is definitely bright as you will read on page 3. We are still listening to our community and because of this, the next three years will bring even more positive changes to Judson Center – all *helping those in need succeed*.

So, as we approach the holidays and season of giving, I ask that you continue to help us make a difference. Your actions of giving (time, talents or philanthropically), are truly the greatest gifts, as they impact the life of a child for more than a moment of time. You are making a difference for a lifetime.

On behalf of our entire Judson Center and Child Safe Michigan family, many thanks for your support and happy holidays to you and yours.

Lenora Hardy-Foster
President & CEO

With You We Can

For 92 years, Judson Center has been a part of the fabric of our community and has remained steadfast in helping our neighbors in need. If a service was not already provided that served the most vulnerable citizens, Judson Center was there. We heard the need and acted on it.

With You We Can is more than four words, it is our vision to help many more generations. Our narrative is ever-evolving as a comprehensive human services agency, and our vision will make possible the next evolution of services at Judson Center. Our continuum of care is strong and will further develop – an expertise that separates Judson Center from the pack and makes us a strong partner. And, some of the development has already begun.

May 2016: Mental Health Services moved to a new location in Warren, where we are able to serve more people in Macomb County.

Fall 2016: Due to the growth and need for autism services, Judson Center's Autism Connections opened its doors in the Jewish Community Center in Ann Arbor.

November 2016: Judson Center's Autism Connections Polk Wing in Royal Oak expanded to include a counseling center that will have the ability to help more children and families.



With You We Can Goals

Program Integration and Collaboration:

The best thing about Judson Center is all that we do! We know how to effectively grow our continuum of care by integrating services within Judson Center and forging partnerships with outside experts to offer the most comprehensive experience for our children and families. A few of the programmatic goals of the campaign include:

- Introducing Judson Center's Autism Connections to Wayne and Macomb Counties
- Integrating care by adding a medical clinic to our Macomb and Wayne locations to ensure that our mental health and foster families get the care they need
- Bringing a Judson Center mental health team to our Oakland and Wayne locations
- Matching every child in foster care with a mentor as part of Child Safe Michigan's Mentoring Program

Campus Development:

Judson Center's Royal Oak campus will be transformed into a resource destination for our surrounding communities to include:

- A Community Center with a Thrifty Boutique Resale Shop, Food Pantry, and Wish Room
- Home to a playground for children with all abilities
- Grow a community garden - an extension of our therapy with healing, farm-to-table and sensory gardens; a perfect location to meet, mingle and host events.

Innovation and Technology:

Upgrade our technology infrastructure for efficiency and relevance, and most importantly, to implement an electronic health records system as part of one care team to best serve the children, adults and families in our care.

To learn how you can become involved in *With You We Can*, please contact:
Kelli Dobner at 248.837.2020 or kelli_dobner@judsoncenter.org



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Judson Center's Autism Connections is expanding both in

Ann Arbor - With the need for autism services growing, Judson Center's Autism Connections has moved its Ann Arbor office to a new location in the Jewish Community Center (JCC). With this move, we are able to serve more children and families within Washtenaw County in a fun family environment.

Our new home at the JCC is the perfect location and an important collaboration, as it is home to an early childhood education center. We will be able to share resources with the opportunity to have the children we help transition into JCC preschool classes – a partnership like no other where applied behavioral analysis (ABA) therapy and other autism related services for the entire family share space with a school, all under the same roof.

"I am excited to partner with Judson Center because it brings a new level of inclusivity to the JCC. I see it as a win-win for both agencies and even more importantly for the children and families we both serve. We welcome our new partners and friends to the JCC and look forward to getting to know you," shared Dave Stone, CEO of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor.

New address:

Judson Center Autism Connections
Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor
2935 Birch Hollow Dr.
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
Phone: 734.528.2003
Email: acwash@judsoncenter.org



Royal Oak and Ann Arbor!

Royal Oak - It has been a very busy and exciting summer for Judson Center Royal Oak, as our agency headquarters has been under construction to expand our services.

In 2005, Autism Connections established roots in one wing of our headquarters. By year's end, the program will have expanded into three of the building's four wings! Thanks to the generosity of The Carls Foundation with a grant of \$100,000 and the PNC Foundation grant of \$10,000, we will be able to expand therapy space and services for our families.

Renovations include growing counseling services with a complete counseling welcome center lead by our Mental Health Services, build three additional therapy classrooms, and increase our staff with adding at least three new teams of autism specialists who will serve even more children waiting for ABA (applied behavioral analysis) therapy.



If you or someone you know is in need of autism services, please contact Ann Patronik at 248.837.2021 or ann_patronik@judsoncenter.org



Conrad and Nolan from Autism Connections Royal Oak.



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Judson Center’s Vocational Services Offers a New Program for Adults Living with Autism

Since 1986, Judson Center’s Vocational Services program has been instrumental in helping adults with intellectual and physical disabilities find independence and inclusion in their communities. As part of our continuum of care, we realize that adults living with autism can perform a job successfully, they just need to improve on their interpersonal skills, also known as soft skills.

Today, in partnership with Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), we are expanding our services with the introduction of Soft Skills Training—a tailored curriculum to help individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) develop work-related skills that promote workplace success. From our 30 years of experience, we realize the skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment fall into two major categories, hard and soft skills, and each are equally important to a successful work experience.

Hard Skills: Technical skills associated with the duties of the job.

Soft Skills: Interpersonal skills correlating to effective co-worker relationships and adapting to changes in a dynamic workplace. All too often, it is the lack of soft skills that challenges a person’s ability (including people without a disability) to interview effectively and maintain a job.

This is the reality experienced by many young adults diagnosed with ASD. They have the skills to successfully perform the job, but most often not the soft skills needed to interview well to get the job. Our Soft Skills Training goal is to help individuals improve their abilities in these areas that relate to the workplace,

dealing with changes, managing relationships, and being an effective team member.

“As Judson Center has been providing services to individuals with ASD for over 10 years, MRS was excited to collaborate with them to offer an ASD specific soft skills training. The training drills down and magnifies many of the areas that limit an individual with ASD accessing and maintaining employment. Skills like problem solving, communication, and supervisor or co-worker interactions are taught through role play scenarios and other creative ways. We have recently completed the first fifteen hour training class and it was well received by our customers,” shared Venita King, MRS District Manager – Oakland County.

Celebrating and honoring 30 years of helping youth and adults with cognitive and physical disabilities find inclusion and independence through work and community.

“As we reflect on what has been accomplished over our first 30 years, we offer many thanks to our staff, both past and present, our employer partners across Oakland and Wayne counties, and the affiliated human service agencies that have meaningfully collaborated to promote employment opportunities and community inclusion for persons with disabilities.” Brad Ewing, Vocational Services Director



If you have an employment opportunity through your company or interest in the employment related services through Judson Center’s Vocational Services programs, including Soft Skills Training, please contact Brad Ewing at 248.837.2087 or bradford_ewing@judsoncenter.org





Judson Center's Thrifty Boutique has a new home!

In spring 2016, our resale shop, the Thrifty Boutique moved into a more prominent space on our Royal Oak campus with more room to grow!

What makes Judson Center's Thrifty Boutique so unique compared to other resale shops is that our boutique is staffed by our very own Vocational Services consumers. Plus, each one of the children, adults and families we serve can shop for free, to help them meet their needs.

Our community is also invited to shop where all the proceeds from sales benefit Judson Center's Vocational Services program. It truly is a store that keeps on giving.

The Thrifty Boutique welcomes gently used and new items, which include:

- Blankets & Linens
- Baby items: saucers, swings and changing tables
- Children's, women's and men's apparel
- Gifts for every occasion
- Small housewares
- Toys
- Videos/DVDs

If you have items you would like to donate, or are interested in shopping, all while giving back, stop on in.


 Come in! We're **OPEN**

Monday	9 a.m.	to	5 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m.	to	5 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.	to	5 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m.	to	5 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.	to	5 p.m.
Saturday	Closed	to	Closed
Sunday	Closed	to	Closed

4410 W. 13 Mile Rd.
 (located behind Judson Center's main building)



For questions about Thrifty Boutique, please contact Peggy Kerr, at 248.837.2019 or peggy_kerr@judsoncenter.org.



Judson Center's Mental Health Team Ventures into New Frontiers: Tele-Psychiatry Comes to Judson Center

Each day, Judson Center is working hard to take the stigma out of a mental health diagnosis for local children, adults and families by helping them live healthier lives.

As the need for mental health services increases, the number of child psychiatrists across the nation continues to decrease. To work against this threat and continue to provide quality care that helps our community, Judson Center is piloting a ground breaking mental health program, tele-psychiatry, in our Macomb office. We are offering the services here now, with the goal to expand these therapy services to our Wayne County location, where our foster care program is located.

Many thanks to the Michigan Health Endowment Fund and the generous grant they awarded us.

Tele-psychiatry is often considered the new frontier for mental health, as it uses technology to help 'bring' psychiatrists to people in underserved areas. It uses telecommunications technology, usually through videoconferencing, to work with the individual and families. For Judson Center, it provides access to mental health experts for so many more people throughout Macomb County, who otherwise would not have access to care due to the shortage of child psychiatrists.

Tele-psychiatry will help to enhance our current program, allowing for early assessment, intervention and ongoing quality care. This program is our gateway to expand our Mental Health Services to Judson Center's Wayne County office, which will allow us to serve the foster care children in our care, adding to our continuum of care and services, helping them through the trauma they have endured.

"We are excited to introduce tele-psych to our growing mental health program. It will allow us to better serve the needs of our consumers in a new and effective way." - Melissa Savage, Judson Center's Mental Health Services Director.



For more information about our Mental Health Services, please contact Judson Center at 586.573.1810 or kathryn_lowe@judsoncenter.org.



Mental Health Facts

CHILDREN & TEENS

Fact: 1 in 5 children ages 13-18 have or will have a serious mental illness.



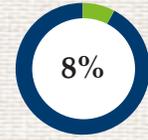
20% of youth ages 13-18 live with a mental health condition



11% of youth have a mood disorder

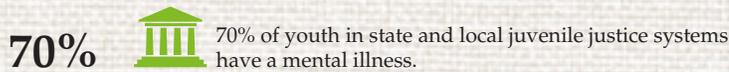
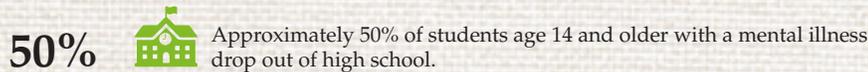
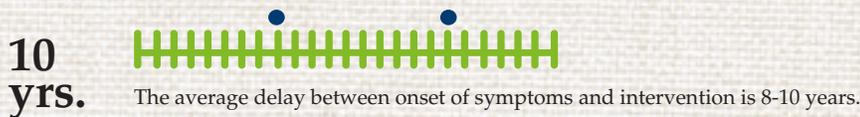


10% of youth have a behavior or conduct disorder

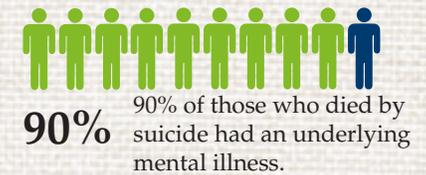
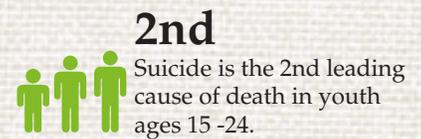


8% of youth have an anxiety disorder

Impact



Suicide



Warning Signs

- Feeling very sad or withdrawn for more than 2 weeks (e.g. crying regularly, feeling fatigued, feeling unmotivated).
- Trying to harm or kill oneself or making plans to do so.
- Out-of-control, risk-taking behaviors that can cause harm to self or others.
- Sudden overwhelming fear for no reason, sometimes with a racing heart, physical discomfort or fast breathing.
- Not eating, throwing up or using laxative to lose weight, significant weight loss or gain.
- Severe mood swings that cause problems in relationships.
- Repeated use of drugs or alcohol.
- Drastic changes in behavior, personality or sleeping habits (e.g. waking up early and acting agitated)
- Extreme difficulty in concentration or staying still that can lead to failure in school.
- Intense worries or fears that get in the way of daily activities like hanging out with friends or going to class.

Warning Signs



Talk to your pediatricians



Get a referral to a mental health specialist



Work with the school



Connect with other families

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National Alliance for Mental Illness
www.nami.org



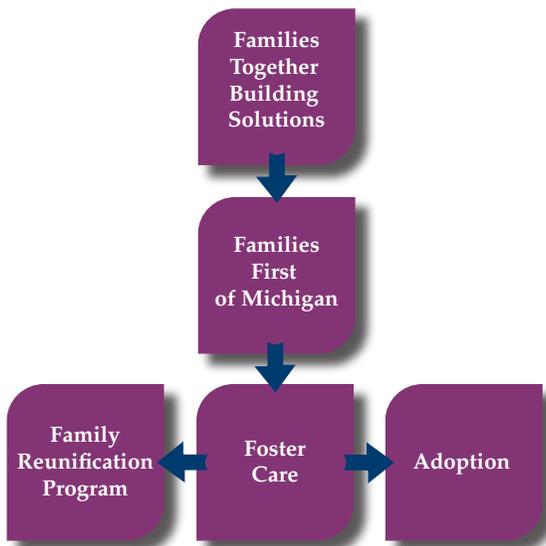
Judson Center Introduces a New Program to its Continuum of Care

In 1984, Judson Center became the first nonprofit in Michigan to offer Family Preservation programming –services that help families stay together and thrive.

Family Preservation programming at Judson Center is made up of a variety of services that now includes the Family Reunification Program serving Wayne County – making the continuum of care more complete at Judson Center.

“As one of the founders of in-home Family Preservation services in Michigan, we are honored to be serving Wayne County as a Family Reunification Program provider. Through this program we will be able to expand our reach, providing quality services for many more children and families,” shared Sue Salhaney, Judson Center Chief Operating Officer.

The Judson Center continuum for children in crisis:



Family Preservation at Judson Center begins with in-home prevention through our **Families Together Building Solutions (FTBS)**. This is an in-home program that works with families that are in need of supportive assistance in order for the family to remain safely together. The FTBS program goal is to assist the family and utilize their strengths to reduce risk of removal and overcome barriers in order to prevent any out-of-home placement (foster care) for the children.

Families First of Michigan is a program in the continuum and is put in place when a call is placed into Child Protective

Services (CPS) and children are at imminent risk of removal. Families First of Michigan offers families intensive, short-term crisis intervention and family education services in their home for four to six weeks. Our dedicated, qualified staff are available to the family 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If children are removed from their home for safety reasons, they are then placed into foster care. During this time, Judson Center continues to work with the biological families to strengthen the family unit and reduce obstacles in order for their children to return home. At the same time, we ensure that the child lives in a safe and nurturing home with supportive foster parents/family.

When children are able to return home, their family is part of the **Family Reunification Program** which Judson Center now provides in Wayne County! We work with all public and private agencies whose children are reunified with their family. This is a court-ordered four month program that provides individual and family therapy in the home. We provide access to community resources and make sure families are following strict guidelines which include children attending school and having childcare and emergency plans in place.

If it is not in the best interest for a child to return to their biological family, we find a forever family through adoption.

Throughout our entire continuum, the child’s well-being is our number one concern.



To learn how you can become a foster care parent, please contact Judson Center at 313.794.5653 or foster_care@judsoncenter.org.

Kudos!

Congratulations to Susan Salhaney, Judson Center's new Chief Operating Officer! Susan has been with Judson Center for 20 years – with seven of those years leading the Child & Family Services program as Director. Susan is mom to three sons who keep her very active and moving. She loves spending time with them at home, in northern Michigan boating and taking road trips!



"Throughout my years at Judson Center I have had the privilege of working alongside many talented, dedicated people who positively impact the futures of the children, families and adults we serve, and I am looking forward to this next chapter of continuing to change lives."

Stamper Gives Back with a Back To School Shopping Spree

On Saturday, August 13, Stamper Facility Management hosted the very first ever *Back to School Extravaganza Shopping Spree* for 64 children from Judson Center and Child Safe Michigan foster care programs.

Through the generosity of this Clinton Township family-owned business, children in our care were able to enjoy a back to school shopping trip at Kohl's in Troy with their foster families. Each item purchased was purchased by Stamper Facility Management – sending the children back to school in style, and most importantly giving them a sense of self, boosting their confidence as they began a new school year. Thank you Stamper Facility Management!



Dear Todd & Pauline -

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We truly appreciate your generosity in funding the Back to School shopping spree at Kohl's for Judson Center's foster children. Because of your kindness, our three children will be able to return to school with outfits that boost their self-confidence and support their belief that this will be a great year!

Although the children were excited by their new clothes, I was most touched that you demonstrated in a tangible way that other's care about their situation and believe in their value.

Our children's past experiences can make it difficult for them to remember that they are still children. On Saturday, August 13th, I was able to witness them acting as children. That was a gift more meaningful than any check you may have written. For one morning, they were able to embrace their childhood and have an experience that others may take for granted - the simple act of picking out clothes for the new school year. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving my children those moments and for giving me the opportunity to witness them. Prior to becoming a foster parent, I didn't fully appreciate the sentiment that it takes a village to raise a child. Thank you for being part of our village and for having such generous spirits. May the love and generosity you sow today be returned to you tomorrow.

Kind Regards -

Kathryn & Christopher Larime



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I am a wife, advocate, nonprofit leader and most importantly, a mentor.

I can't believe it has been nearly a decade that I have been a mentor to a special young lady. When we first were matched, she was just 12 years old. A foster care child who was wise beyond her years, and just needed someone in her corner to listen and be there for her. And now, fast forward to today, and I am so incredibly proud of her. She is such an amazing young woman who has overcome her past and works so hard for her present and future.

When I began on this journey to volunteer my time with a youth in foster care, I had an idea of what I could expect as I have worked in child welfare throughout my professional career. I knew that young people in foster care really needed strong, stable adult relationships in their lives. However, what I was not sure of was how strong *our* bond would actually be eight years later, we are still mentor and mentee, but we are so much more to each other – we are family.

Throughout our time together, we learned from each other and as we spent more time enjoying community outings, events and agency programs our relationship grew. One memorable experience we shared is also a metaphor for her life. We spent the afternoon on a ropes course. My mentee is so afraid of heights and her determination and tenacity to make it to the top surpassed her fear. It was not easy, but she did it! It was a very powerful moment we shared together.

Being a mentor has changed my life. Of course, there were ups and downs along the way between us, just like with any other adolescent and adult, but I never turned my back on her. I listened to what she had to say and always was present when she needed me most and will continue to do so. My mentee is a strong, independent woman and now is a mom. Her family is and always will be a part of my family. We celebrate birthdays, major milestones and Christmas together. Many times when I introduce her, I lead with “this is my goddaughter”...and that pretty much says it all.

- Heidi Raubenolt MSW, Judson Center's Child and Family Services Director



To learn how you can become a mentor and impact a child's life and your own, please contact Jennifer Brubaker at 248.554.6410 or jbrubaker@ChildSafeMichigan.org

“This was the best day I have ever had!” 15 year-old who has never been to a water park.



On Wednesday August 18, Child Safe Michigan hosted its 5th Annual Water Day Park at Red Oaks Water Park in Madison Heights, thanks to the generosity of the Born and Raised Foundation.

Foster families, adopted families and mentoring matches from both Child Safe Michigan and Judson Center all had a fun-filled day floating on the lazy river, splashing through the wave pool and racing down the water slides, in addition to some great food.

The Water Park Day gives families, especially youth, a chance to have an amazing day with other families and staff who are in our programs. The children in foster care often talk about feeling different from their peers. They feel they do not get to take part in the activities and opportunities that most teenagers take for granted. Things like going to a friend’s house, going on a school trip, taking an after-school job, or participating in an extracurricular activity can be beyond their reach. This is because of rules that exist in the foster care

system, or, more commonly, misunderstandings about what is legally prohibited and what is not. The result is that many youth in care not only feel different and separate from their peers—they also miss out on crucial childhood opportunities to enjoy activities and to build skills and relationships.

All youth, including children in foster care, want to be treated like normal teenagers. While there isn’t one version of normal, we understand the range of experiences that we want most teens to have. Providing teens with normal experiences is about giving them age-appropriate freedom and responsibility. Most youth need to practice the skills necessary for adulthood to truly master them. Foster youth—like all children—also deserve opportunities to participate in community and school activities that they enjoy. These activities help them express their creativity and talents, and help them develop supportive and healthy relationships. The annual water park event allows each foster child to feel and be just like their peers.

“This year’s water park outing hosted 75 children, ranging in ages from 9 months to 17 years old. While the child welfare system works hard to reduce the time youth spend in foster care, it is crucial to remember the importance of improving the services and opportunities that youth have while they are in care. This is especially true for those who are reaching adulthood. Letting kids be kids is something the system can and must do if youth are to transition to adulthood successfully. This is why our annual Water Park Day is so important for our families and children to attend.” Jennifer Brubaker, Mentoring Program Supervisor

Volunteer

Making a Difference



Quinn Costello, from Eagle Scout Troup #1029 and Groves High School students built two benches and six garden planters. Family and friends helped with installation on our Royal Oak campus.



Royal Oak Shrine show their Shrine Pride by volunteering in the food Pantry at Judson Center's Community Center. #ShrinePride



Carley Salerno, a sophomore from Central Michigan University, volunteered her time with the Development Team this summer. #PutYourStampOnTheWorld

MSU Service Day



MSU alumni volunteered for their global day of service, Spartans Will. #MSUServiceDay

Thanks to their service and time, Go Green helped us save green as they washed our windows on our Royal Oak Campus and helped organize our Wish Room that serves children in our care.



DTE Energy volunteers helped organize and pack our Autism Connections classrooms in preparation for renovations that began this summer.



The Farbm Group collected over 1,700 books during their Farbm Cares service month. Over nine area managed properties participated across metro Detroit. #farbmcares



Bedrock volunteers cleaned and organized our Autism Connections Summer Programs facility, getting the entire building ready for summer fun.

Back to School with Judson Center



Richard Glover from IHS Markit unloads backpacks with Oakland University student and Judson Center Development intern Fadi Francis.



IHS Markit team members went shopping for school supplies and put together ready to go back packs for the children in our foster care and adoption programs.



Judson Center staff member, Trevon Burrell helps a child shop for new school clothes at the Back to School Shopping Extravaganza at Kohl's. Thank you Stamper Facility Management for this opportunity.



Kyle R. Hauberg,
Board of Trustees Chairman

My two years of Board Chair have been an unbelievably enriching experience. To see up close how hard our staff works every day to change lives is remarkable. So many moments I will never forget... seeing children from our foster care program getting their first bike, watching Trey Tarman, one of the children in our Autism Connections program, wow the crowd at our annual Gala with his charm, listening to corporate partners detail how much working with our Vocational Services consumers makes it a better work place for them, and hearing one of our own former foster care children recount how she defeated a home of abuse and neglect, to now helping other at risk families stay together in our Building Community Partnerships program.

It has also been an honor to serve with my fellow Board Members, each anxious to assist when called and ready for every task and challenge. Thank you to our entire Judson Center family – staff, Board and supporters for allowing me to serve with them and help those in need succeed!

**Thank you for your leadership
and dedication, Kyle!**

**For more information about
volunteering, please contact
Peggy Kerr at 248.837.2019 or
peggy_kerr@judsoncenter.org**

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Community of Caring Summer Solstice

Summer Solstice, Judson Center's annual Community of Caring event that honors all our unsung heroes of the year. Guests enjoyed an evening of food, fun and mission on our Royal Oak Campus.



Danny Briggs, aka *the Bike Guy*, received the Great Ambassador of the Year award for his dedication to our foster care children. Danny refurbishes bikes and in the past year, has donated hundreds, all delivered to Judson Center and Child Safe Michigan foster children.



Sue Wilkins received the Great Volunteer Ambassador of the Year Award for her time and dedication to our mission.



Kyle Hauberg, Judson Center Board Chair, with **Kelli Dobner**, VP of Development celebrating Consumers Energy as Great Corporate Ambassador of the Year. **Patricia Beecher**, Executive Director Marketing Strategy & Intelligence for Consumers Energy and Judson Center Board member accepts the award.



Lahser Respite Home parent, **David Andrea** awards **Mary Paquin** of the **Phillip and Elizabeth Filmer Memorial Charitable Trust** with the Great Foundation Ambassador of the Year Award for their support of our Lahser Respite Children's Home.



Anne Marie LaFlamme, WXYZ, Ch. 7 reporter and **Mike Murri**, WXYZ Ch. 7 Vice President and General Manager were honored with the Great Champions Award for their support of Lahser Respite Home from **David, Katie and Lizzie Andrea** with **Kelli Dobner**.



Judson Center's new President and CEO **Lenora Hardy-Foster** officially was introduced to our supporters at the event. She received a special welcome gift made by children in our care and an official Judson Center T-shirt!

Barton Malow - Service Day



15 **Barton Malow** team members came out for a day of service during their annual community week of giving back. They did everything from wash windows, to fix bathrooms, paint swing sets and help beautify the campus.



Barton Malow painted the basketball backboards and swing set in Judson Center colors.

Thank you!



Judson Center summer interns **Fadi Francis** and **Kristy Keeley** from Oakland University, along with **Naomi Johnson** from Central Michigan University, share a moment of camaraderie as they prepare for their 2016-2017 school year.

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2nd Annual Back to School Extravaganza (BTSE)

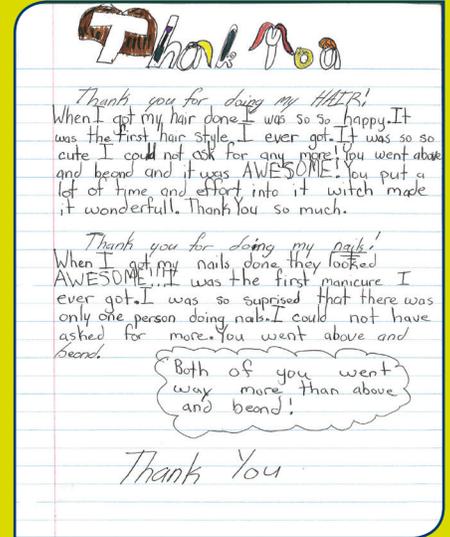
Judson Center and Child Safe Michigan foster families enjoyed an evening to celebrate back to school on our Royal Oak campus. Children received professional haircuts and manicures donated by **Studio for Hair**, bikes from our **Bike Guy Danny Briggs**, enjoyed bouncy houses, dinner and had the opportunity to pick out new clothing and backpacks full of school supplies— all to kick off the new school year. **Thank you to everyone who made this year's event a success!**



One of our foster families enjoying the event.



Two of the girls in foster care grew their hair all summer with purpose, so when they came to BTSE, they had the stylist cut their locks in order to donate them to Wigs for Kids.



Jones Lang LaSalle 1st Annual Charity Golf Outing



Kelli Dobner, VP of Development, and Lenora Hardy-Foster, President & CEO, honor Matt Babel and Lindsay Burger from Jones Lang LaSalle with a Judson Center limited edition Pewabic tile for their outstanding contributions to Judson Center. They raised over \$25,000 at the September golf outing at Shepherd's Hollow in Clarkston.

Ride for Autism



The Ride for Autism Committee celebrated their 12th year of recruiting riders to bike from Southfield to Biker Bob's in Taylor raising thousands of dollars to support Judson Center Autism Connections.



Many thanks to **Detroit Public Television** for the opportunity to have Elmo come visit our children in Autism Connections.

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Many thanks to the 100 Women Who Care of Troy who donated \$2400 to benefit our Lasher Respite home! Pictured (L to R) are Nancy Hauff, Julianne McClure, Karen Gates, and Judson Center's VP of Development, Kelli Dobner.



FORE the Kids of Judson Center Corporate Golf Challenge

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Together with ITC Holdings Corp., Judson Center hosted its 24th annual *FORE the Kids of Judson Center Corporate Golf Challenge* on July 18, 2016 at the prestigious Franklin Hills Country Club. Thanks to the generosity of our corporate sponsors and donors in the community, this event was able to raise more than \$141,000 towards Judson Center's mission of *helping those in need succeed*. Guests hit the links with emcee Ann Marie LaFlamme of Channel 7 Action News and experienced a day of friendly competition along with silent and live auctions, BBQ lunch, cocktails, complimentary massage, 50/50 helicopter ball drop raffle and finished with a gourmet dinner.

A special thank you to our Golf Committee whose leadership and support made this event a success; Marianne Brakora, Brad Cross, Michael Gingell, Sheila Hinsley, Todd Hohausler, Nick Ilitch, Dan Jankowski, Paul Kahler, Jonathan Lau, Linda M. Marshall, Julia Moulliet, Bernd Ronnisch, Chris Sutton and Event Chair Ron Hinsley of ITC Holdings Corp.

Judson Center would like to acknowledge and thank all of our sponsors, especially ITC Holdings Corp. who have been a proud Presenting Sponsor and supporter over the last seven years. We look forward to celebrating the 25th anniversary of *FORE the Kids of Judson Center Corporate Golf Challenge* in 2017.



Keynote speakers: Brandy Porterfield and her family



Lenora Hardy-Foster, President & CEO of Judson Center and John Koppin, Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers and Judson Center Board Officer, celebrate his hole-in-one on the 14th hole.



Kelli Dobner, VP of Development, Judson Center, gets ready to drop the golf balls from the helicopter for the 50/50 ball drop raffle.



Ronnisch Construction Group team is ready to tee off at the first hole.



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Havana NIGHTS

A NIGHT TO EMBRACE OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES GALA



Get your Rumba on, dance to the Cha-Cha, and step into Old Havana for an evening of vibrant music and the tastes of Cuba...

On Saturday, October 8, 2016 Judson Center supporters and friends gathered at the Westin Book Cadillac Hotel, stepping off the streets of Detroit and into Old Havana as Chevrolet presented *A Night to Embrace Our Children and Families Gala: Havana Nights*, Chaired by Joanne and John Carter of Chase Bank with Vice Chairs Steve Hill and Heather and David Mingle of Chevrolet. Guests enjoyed an evening of vibrant music and entertainment, Cuban-inspired cuisine and cocktails, silent and live auctions, and most importantly raised funds to support Judson Center's mission of helping those in need succeed.



Visitors to Havana included Board of Trustee Member and Gala Chairs, John and Joanne Carter (far left) who welcomed 525 guests to this year's event. Joining him on stage are Joseph M. Fisher, Gala Committee Chair and Emcees Tom Jordan from CBS Detroit and Ann Marie LaFlamme from WXYZ Detroit. This year, Judson Center's gala raised \$440,000 for programs. Muchas gracias to all our supporters!

The evening kicked off with a VIP reception in the ¡Muy Caliente! Club with the Cuban sounds of Orquesta RITMO along with salsa dancing and lessons with the 2015 World Latin Dance Champions. Guests continued to heat up the night in Club Tropicana with local world musician Sean Blackman and Latin dancing and lessons, continuing on to enjoy Cuban beans in Café Cubano from the baristas at Café Con Leche. Emcees Ann Marie LaFlamme of Channel 7 WXYZ and Tom Jordan of WWJ Newsradio kept the energy going throughout the night and into the Afterglow party where guests danced the Rumba and Cha-Cha.

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Corporate Partners

Are you looking for opportunities for your organization to get involved? At Judson Center we know we can't do it all alone. Our corporate partnerships allow us to bring awareness of the services Judson Center provides to a variety of audiences, while engaging employees and consumers in a positive cause.

As a partner, your organization will have the opportunity to make a meaningful and lasting impact on the lives of children and adults living with autism, children suffering from abuse and neglect, and children and adults challenged with disabilities and mental health disorders.

Corporate partnerships with Judson Center are available at all levels and are fully customizable to fit your organization's philanthropic goals. If you are considering becoming a corporate partner and forming a like-minded partnership with Judson Center, you will help your brand resonate with a broader audience in a deeply meaningful way. Together we can ignite your mission and ours, while *helping those in need succeed*.

Sponsorship Opportunities/ Fundraising Events:



A Night to Embrace Our Children and Families Gala



Fore the Kids of Judson Center Corporate Golf Challenge

Get Involved:

- Corporate team-building volunteerism
- Jeans for Judson
- Host a third party event
- Employee giving and matching contribution
- Round-Up, Sales Percentage, Pin-Ups and Shop-For-a-Cause Campaign
- In-Kind goods and services
- Holiday Wish partnerships
- Comfort and Care Program for children in foster care

To learn more about how your organization can become a Judson Center corporate partner and change a child's life in the most positive way, please contact Nick Papadas at 248.554.6361 or nick_papadas@judsoncenter.org.

Corporate Spotlight

CIA Insurance and Risk Management

Many thanks to CIA Insurance and Risk Management for choosing Judson Center as their charity of choice for their 10th Annual CIA Classic Car Show on July 30. This community family friendly event brought out amazing cars, good food and great times. All proceeds from the day's event benefitted the children in Judson Center's care.



JEANS FOR JUDSON

★ GO CASUAL FOR A GREAT CAUSE ★

Here's how it works:

- ★ Wear your jeans on designated casual days ★
- ★ Make a donation in whatever amount you choose ★
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 - ★ Build camaraderie while raising funds ★
to help Judson Center build brighter futures for
children and families



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A proud NAIAS Charity Preview Recipient
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Members of the Judson Center **Young Leaders Board** are proud, enthusiastic ambassadors for the agency and the children and families it serves - sharing its mission with their networks, volunteering, and serving as champions for Judson Center's vital mission of helping those in need succeed.

"When I was first introduced to the Judson Center I was blown away with the great work they do for the community. I was looking for a way to give back and knew being a part of Judson Center was the place for me. I love the work the Young Leaders Board is doing; being able to network with my peers and raise awareness and money for an amazing organization is a great feeling."-YLB Member.

On Saturday, September 17 the Young Leaders Board came together for their inaugural Softball Tournament at Catalpa Oaks Park in Southfield. Participants and spectators enjoyed a fun filled day of friendly rivalry, food, and games while learning about Judson Center and its mission of *helping those in need succeed*.

If you are interested in becoming a champion and leader for Judson Center, contact Lauren Brosch at 248.837.2075 or email JudsonYLB@gmail.com to learn more about this exciting opportunity.





This holiday, to help children who would not otherwise have gifts to open, we are asking for donations of new, unwrapped toys, winter items and other personal essentials. Gifts can be brought to any of Judson Center's area locations between now and December 16.

Holiday Wishes

Infants, Toddlers and Tots: Toys, Blankets & Sleepers

Preschool, School Age: Educational Toys, Blocks, Action Figures, Dolls & Board Games

Tweens and Teens: Art Supplies, Journals, Hobby Kits, Books, Music & Movies, Jewelry, Watches, Sports Equipment & Clothing

All Children: Personal Care Products, Pajamas, Robes & Slippers, Winter Coats, Socks, Sweaters, Boots, Hats, Gloves & Scarves

To help in this effort, please contact Peggy Kerr at 248.837.2019 or peggy_kerr@judsoncenter.org

SAVE THE DATE



**November 10, 2016
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Yelp and Leon & Lulu team up on November 10, 2016, 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!

No time to shop and still want to make a difference?

Give a gift to the Judson Brighter Futures Fund.

A gift in any amount will make a difference for the children we serve during the holidays and beyond.

\$25

Provides a pack of diapers for children in foster care.

\$50

Provides (10) \$5 gift cards for *Just A Little Bit*, a program that provides a small token of encouragement (Ex: ice cream cone or Slurpee) for children suffering from mental illness or emotional impairment from trauma.

\$100

Provides games and materials for pre-school age children with autism to learn, grow and connect with their world.

\$250

Provides pajamas for 15 children in foster care.

It is easy to give today...



Mail a donation in the enclosed envelope



Call Erika Jones at 248.837.2052



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