

Making a *Difference*

Michelle

“Are we going someplace where daddy can’t yell at us anymore?”

“Yeah,” she told her son as she left their home with only her pre-school children and her purse, telling her husband they were just going to the grocery store.

We will call her “Michelle” and her son “Jimmy”, the latest family protected at Mary’s Place, the shelter managed by the Lakes Crisis and Resource Center in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Details of their lives will not be revealed in order to protect their identity and in hopes of

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

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Fundraising in a direct sales business can be profitable and also increase your customer base dramatically! LCRC is looking to hold fundraisers with companies that offer quality service & outstanding products to sell.

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A Word From *LCRC*

24th Annual Auction & Banquet

“Picture This! A Snapshot of our Community in Action!”

On April 4th, LCRC will be hosting it’s 24th Annual Auction and Banquet at the Holiday Inn in Detroit Lakes.

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diffusing what could only make matters worse. It takes a brave mother of young children to say, "No more" to her husband's abuse and neglect after many years of manipulation.

After nearly three months in Mary's Place, they are finally able to sleep through the night. She figures Jimmy suffers from post traumatic stress syndrome because he shuts down when he hears loud noises. In the past he was battered verbally by his father who had no tolerance for children playing or things accidentally dropped. "It was like it was the end of the world," Michelle said. The yelling would result, and in some instances, Jimmy was reportedly thrown up the stairs by his exasperated father.

Michelle calls the counseling sessions she and her children have received from LCRC staff, "awesome" as she has learned the tools to become more confident. She knows she can call the Becker County Sheriff's Department for swift action because she has an Order for Protection to shield her children and herself from further abuse. She feels guilty she didn't seek help sooner but that is in the past and she is determined to offer her children a bright future.

Michelle has a full time job and family nearby to help give emotional support and everyday assistance as the young mother faces a multitude of responsibilities. Many people ask her why she didn't leave her husband sooner. The answer lies in the repeated threats he made to take their children to a location where she'd never see them again. He now has supervised visitation one day a week with their children. He's also working full time so that should improve his self-esteem and hopefully, his coping skills.

Everyone might be on a healthier path, thanks to the staff and the comfort and safety of Mary's Place.

In The *Know*

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Thanks to local independent consultants, we have had the privilege of participating in Tupperware and Mary Kay cosmetics fundraisers in the past, and now are looking forward to a Clever Container fundraiser taking place this month. Please continue reading for more information from Clever Container Executive Consultant, Beth Priddy regarding the upcoming event.

Clever Container and Clever Beth is excited to offer you the opportunity to support the Lakes Crisis & Resource Center and get organized! We're all about functionality, ideas, and fun! We have fabulous products to help you organize your life. Our products and I can provide clever storage solutions & helpful products whether you are just getting started on your organizational journey or are already an organizing "junkie."

This fundraising opportunity for LCRC is simple for you to participate in by simply going online and flipping through the online catalog at: www.mycleverbiz.com/Beth. You can place your order online and it will be directly shipped to you. Upon checking out, you will select: LCRC Fundraiser Party and LCRC will receive 20% of all sales (15% PLUS a 5% additional donation from Beth.)

In addition to ordering online, you can see the products "live" and experience short demos from 4:00—6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24th in the Lakes Crisis & Resource Center Conference Room. Orders can be placed that day as well. The deadline for all orders is March 26th. Everyone who places an order during this fundraiser will be eligible to win great organizing product door prizes and gift certificates from Clever Container. Make sure to check LCRC's Facebook page for more party and product info, too.

For questions or more information on this event, please contact Beth Priddy, Clever Container Executive Consultant at 701.306.5438 or bethann@arvig.net.

If you are an independent consultant for a direct sales company and would like to grow your customer base and earn money while helping LCRC with fundraising, please call 218-847-8572 and ask for Anna.

A Word From *LCRC*

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Mark your calendar and join us on Friday, April 4th at the Holiday Inn for LCRC's biggest event of the year! The banquet committee has been hard at work gathering auction items (let us know if you want to donate something) and planning the games for the evening. As a special treat this year we will feature a photo booth to capture our supportive community in action!

Jerome Tappe will be back to pick your pocket during the live auction with an eclectic list of items that are sure to motivate your bidding. How about a leather reclining massage chair and ottoman, an authentic Italian meatball pasta dinner for 12, a beautiful handcrafted wine rack, a trip to Cabo, or a Mall of America Stay & Play Family Package? They can be yours as well as WE Fest VIP package including tickets, camping and parking for this year's event featuring The Zac Brown Band, Jason Aldean, and Brad Paisley.

By attending, you'll be supporting the Lakes Crisis & Resource Center and the programs and services it provides to our community 365 days a year. It's also a chance to get together and socialize with those who share in your generous, philanthropic spirit. Enjoy a wonderful meal, entertainment & games, while perusing live & silent auction items from **local donors!**



Get your friends and family together and join us on Friday, April 4th! Tickets are \$50 or you can sponsor a table of eight for \$500 or four for \$300 and enjoy reserved seating. The silent auction, live music, and social hour begin at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and the live auction. Music for the event will feature the talented Cassidy, Sophie & Greta Nelson.

In addition to the items listed above, we are thrilled to again have Bergen's coupons available to purchase at the banquet. Buy as many ten dollar coupons as you'd like and redeem them at Bergen's by June 15. Bergen's will donate back a portion of the coupon dollars! If you can't attend our banquet but would like to support the Crisis Center by purchasing coupons, simply send a check to the Crisis Center for the number of coupons you'd like. We'll purchase your coupons at the banquet and mail them to you!



Circle of *Angels*



The **Circle of Angels** is a special group of individuals who come together in support of local women, men and children by providing a planned, consistent, monthly gift. The Circle continues to grow! **Thank You & Welcome** to the newest members of The Lakes Crisis & Resource Center's **Circle of Angels!**

Snow Angels

- Mark & LaVerne Czichotzki
- Dr. Mary Lee Enfield
- John & Norma Haack
- Laurie Lewandowski
- Jack & Lorraine Neufeld
- Anthony & Luella Rawson
- Laurel Winsor

Guardian Angels

- Olaf Anderson Construction

Arch Angels

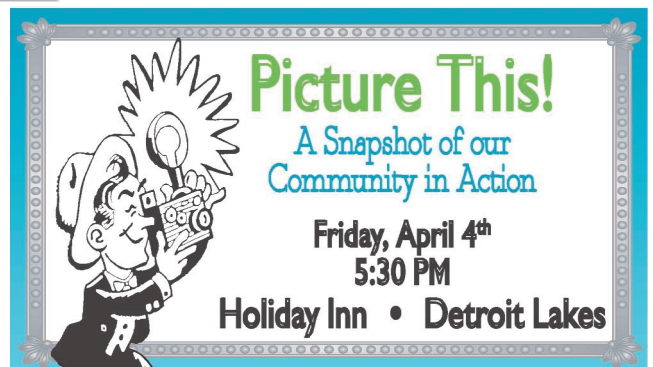
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Picture This!

A Snapshot of our
Community in Action

Friday, April 4th
5:30 PM

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WISH LIST

- Dishware
- Dish cloths/towels
- Laundry soap
- Cleaning supplies
- Baby wipes
- Newborn & sizes 4, 5, & 6 diapers



Birds & Blooms

The Lakes Crisis & Resource Center's newest program, Kinship, is hosting an Open House: **"Birds and Blooms!"** Kinship is a mentoring program which connects adult volunteers with children in need of a healthy adult role model.

To help sustain this program we are looking for community support and involvement. Please come to our **"Birds & Blooms"** event and find out more about this exciting program and celebrate spring! There will be spring items for sale including bird houses, bird feeders, and planters!

Birds & Blooms ~ Kinship Open House

La Barista in Washington Square Mall
\$10/person includes Hors D'oeuvres
May 6th 4pm-7pm