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## The Advocate





## Festival of Trees & Give to the Max Day

November will usher in opportunities for easy access to support LCRC's mission AND have a lot of holiday fun! The former is through Give to the Max Day, Thursday November 14th. The latter is LCRC's Fourth Annual Festival of Trees, Saturday November 23rd 5:30 pm at Holiday Inn.

Give to the Max Day is a chance to help us help others by simply going to giveMN.org and searching for Lakes Crisis & Resource Center and clicking the donate button. The giving period to do this is November 1st-14th.

The 4th Annual Festival of Trees will not only get you into the holiday spirit, but will give you an early start on decking your halls with adornments and stocking your freezer with goodies. Read More On Page 2



## In The Know

#### United Way-Kinship and Midwest Bank

On October 9th the fine people at Midwest Bank, in conjunction with the annual United Way Payroll Drive, invited Stephanie and DelRae to talk about LCRC's Kinship program and how funding from United Way of Becker County helps children and youth succeed through Kin-

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## A Word From $\overline{LCRC}$

### Spotlight on Staff

Each trimester we highlight an LCRC Staff Member. This trimester, we get to know Grace Livermore.

What is your title at LCRC, and what does that entail? My title at LCRC is Advocate. As one of the Advocates, I provide support to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and general crime. We

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## Festival of Trees/Give to the Max

The Festival of Trees is a joyful event that injects holiday flair into the live-silent auction format. Attendees will be able to bid on Christmas trees on the live auction and holiday adornments (wreaths, swags, etc.) on the silent auction. Scrumptious holiday goodies will be given away as door prizes. A photo booth will be stationed, allowing you to get a jump on your holiday card. The evening will be sure to start your season off with everything merry and bright!

We have been so very fortunate that the annual Give to the Max Day has been hugely successful for LCRC. This is due, in part, to BTD Manufacturing's offer to match donation, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000 during this event! By matching your gift, BTD multiplies your

commitment to improve the lives of those we serve. BTD, an economic pillar in our area, exemplifies community

benevolence by being so generous in their support of the programs and services we can provide for men, women, and children of all ages.



Thank You!

#### In the Know

ship. The United Way Payroll Drive is always quite successful. Both Midwest Bank and

Midwest Bank and LCRC have high levels of employee participation.

Midwest Bank is another philanthropic organization that promotes employee

community service. We are overwhelmed with humble gratitude by their encouragement of Kinship participation and ongoing kind words of support.



LCRC is forever grateful to the United Way of Becker County for helping us grow our youth-related programs. We were proud to be able to promote the Kinship program at the 15th Annual Community Celebration on September 19th.

#### **Spotlight on Staff**

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help victims navigate the criminal justice system and provide physical, emotional, and financial help to them as needed. Additionally, we help clients fill out Orders for Protection, Harassment Restraining Orders, and set up Safety Plans. We also respond to a 24-hour crisis line, providing support to people who are experiencing crisis. We, advocates, not only help clients residing in our on-site shelter, Mary's Place, but community clients as well.

#### Who is the most influential person(s) in your life?

The most influential people in my life are my parents. I am so thankful of how supportive they both have been through my life and for all the opportunities that they provided me to become the person I am now.

#### What is the most rewarding part of your job?

The most rewarding part of the job is seeing the progress that women and children make during their stays in shelter. It is so inspiring to see how strong these individuals are who have been through trauma. To see them move out of shelter with a new, safe home to go to is SO rewarding! Another rewarding part of this job is to work alongside such strong and amazing women! My co-workers are all so good at what they do, and I am constantly learning from them every single day!

#### What is the most challenging part of your job?

The most challenging part of this job for me is seeing women go back to their abusers. It can be difficult as an outsider to understand why someone would do this, but working as an advocate here has made me realize that abuse is a cycle and there are many different reasons that women can return to unsafe situations. Our job is to try to prevent that from happening.

#### What is your background?

I recently graduated from the College of Saint Benedict with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Sociology. I plan to continue my education next year by pursuing a master's degree in social work.



#### KINSHIP CLUB: The fun continues!

With the Kinship partnership with Becker County 4-H [KINSHIP CLUB], came a lot of learning fun! Thanks to the Gina and Travis Schauer family for providing an educational and memorable excursion at their farm this past July. The kids and their mentors learned about various farm animals by holding, petting, and feeding them. They even got to see a sheep being sheared!

Kinship will be kicking off the holiday season of activities with a float in The Grand Parade of Lights On Monday, December 2nd 5:30 pm along Washington Avenue in Detroit Lakes. The mentors and kids will be dazzling in lights as they partake in the parade.

LCRC offers a way to add a fulfilling dimension to all participants' lives through its Kinship program. If you are interested in becoming a mentor call Stephanie at 218-847-8572 or email her at stephanieb@lakescrisis.com or kinship@lakescrisis.com.



# Recent Events

#### Women's ONE-Hundred



The supportive women of W-100 2019 contributed to upgrading LCRC's surveillance and audio recording system for ongoing safety and security to staff, shelter residents, men, women, and children on the property.

community. The W-100 women exemplify that support by coming together for a cause. As a supporter indicated upon her donation, "I love seeing what a group of women can accomplish by coming together in support of a project!"

Club W-100 has been initiated, borne out of Women's ONE-Hundred. It is simply an opportunity for Women of ONE-Hundred to gather—to share thoughts, perspectives, and insights; along with hearing from guest speakers. We will continually add information on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Womens100/ about upcoming gatherings.

#### **Domestic Violence Awareness**

We are continually amazed and heartened by the generous support from this

The signed proclamation that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month states that survivors are believed and supported in their search for justice in order to empower others to come forward; DV programs across the state provide support and resources to over 55,000 victims and survivors to ensure their safety; and Community collaboration ensures the safety of victims and survivors in Minnesota.

DV awareness must continue. We are forever grateful to our community of supporters, without whom we would not be able to help the men, women, and children falling victim to domestic violence.



#### LCRC Open House

It had been nine years since we held our facility open to the community. The staff welcomed, informed, and showed the many attendees on August 8th just how we get men, women, and children to safer places and healthier relationships in their lives. A common response was, "I did NOT know all this was accomplished here!"

In 2020, we are going to have three (3) Open House Events: The first Thursday in February (6th), June (4th), and September (3rd) from 4-6 pm. We want to provide opportunities to understand our facility, and the programs and services we provide.



#### **Give to the Max Day**

Online giving opportunity to support LCRC by going to giveMN.org,
Thursday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 12:00 am – 11:59 pm



4<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Trees Holiday Inn Saturday Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30 pm

#### **Break the Silence Facility Tours**

Come see how provide safety, hope, encouragement, and strength to those faced with violence in their lives. **Tuesdays** 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> or we can accommodate a group's schedule.

Please RSVP DelRae at <u>delraec@lakescrisis.com</u> 218-847-8572.