



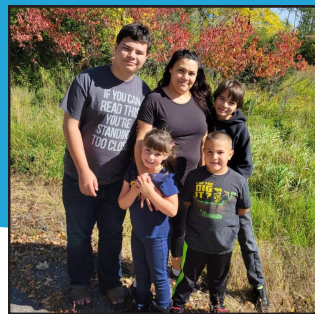
Survivor's Story

Naomi, and her four kids, Noah, Josiah, Eli, and Bella, sought refuge at LCRC in dire, violent threat from her abuser. She discovered that, within the four walls, were Mary's Place, the shelter where her kids can have a safe, comforting environment; a caring, supportive staff to help her; and many resources to assist her in getting to a better, healthier place in her life. Over time, and with the help of all at LCRC, Naomi gained the strength to build a new, much hopeful, life for herself and her kids. Naomi shares her story...

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

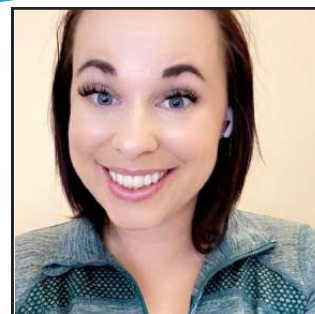
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Festival of Trees TOUR

LCRC's holiday fundraiser is fast approaching. The 5th Annual Festival of Trees will be a joyful event, but with a new twist!

Rather than hosting an in-person gathering this year, we are going to have a Festival of Trees TOUR. This means there will be many

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A Word From LCRC

Spotlight on Staff

Each trimester we highlight an LCRC Staff Member. This trimester, we get to know Kim Smith.

I have been with LCRC for almost two years, starting as a part-time employee. Now, I am a Shelter Resident Assistant in Mary's Place at LCRC. My job is to help women and children

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When I arrived at LCRC I was lost, scared, having panic attacks that my abuser would find me. I was given a safe place to stay and everything I needed; everything my kids needed along with an advocate to help me.

I will never forget my advocate and all the wonderful caring people that listened and cared. My children felt safe and loved and so did I. I was involved in one-on-one therapy along with group therapy, which helped me tremendously.

Now I have the tools and the knowledge I need to be on my own, and the confidence. I no longer live in fear or have panic attacks. My children are living in happiness. If I ever need someone or something, my advocates are a phone call away.

I just want to express how grateful I am for the program and everyone at LCRC. Without them I don't know where I would be. My life is so amazing, and I have learned so much about myself, and I have healed a huge part of myself so that I can move forward and be a good mom and a good person and I try to give back every chance I can because I have been given so much.

I am also so grateful for the Kinship program. My children have blossomed so much and being involved with their mentors has helped them grow in confidence.



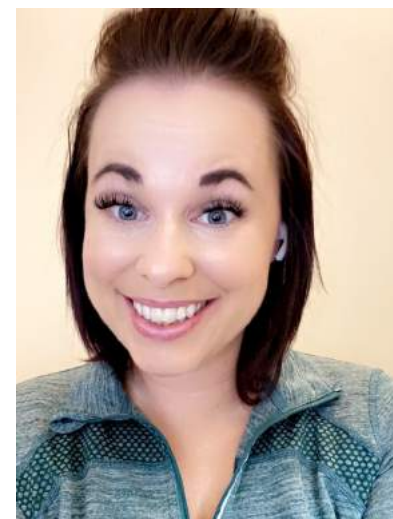
Naomi was very happy to share her journey. She also expressed, in an email, her gratitude, knowing that many will hear her story...

I really hope those amazing people that donate to LCRC realize how many people they touch. It's not just us families because that's where it starts but it's my family and my children's lives and their families because their lives have been touched dramatically. We are so loved and grateful.

We love you guys.

Spotlight on Staff

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who have been affected by abuse. I, too, was affected by domestic abuse. It took me a very long time to get out. While it is challenging to resist getting too attached to the children in the shelter, I am rewarded knowing that I am helping someone in their time of need.

My dad is the most influential person in my life. He is an extremely hard worker. I have fond memories of helping him restore and then show his classic car. Some of things I most enjoy are anything with pasta and any movie comedy. I would love to vacation at Bora Bora.

Events

Women's ONE-Hundred



Good cheer was in great supply September 29th, as the many women of Women's ONE-Hundred met for a wonderful luncheon, catered by La Barista Restaurant & Event Catering, held at the beautifully located Meadows on Lind. Women shared in their support of LCRC's mission to help those in crisis, while hearing that their contributions will be put towards the purchase of a permanent, retractable awning. This awning will provide sun-UV protection and a much more private, cooler space for our women and children in Shelter to gather. We are truly blessed to live in such a caring community!



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beautiful Christmas trees and festive adornments such as wreaths, swags, table-top trees, etc. displayed in store fronts and lobbies throughout our community; available for purchase through online bidding, beginning Nov. 15th.

There's still time to contribute to this fun event to help ensure that we can continue to **foster safety, hope, and healing through advocacy, intervention, and education.** Please contact DelRae, 218-847-8572 or delraec@lakescrisis.com.



Urgent Help Needed:

If you are looking for a fun and easy way to make a difference, please consider becoming a mentor in our Kinship program. There are so many kids in our community that could benefit from a trusted and caring adult friend and role-model. Our program has **15** kids of all ages waiting for mentors. It doesn't take any special skills, training, or education. If you know how to be a good friend, then you know how to be a good mentor. That's all it takes! You can mentor as an individual, as a couple, or as an entire family. Join us today in making a difference in our community one kid at a time.

Visit www.lakescrisis.com/kinship or contact Stephanie Baker at 847-8572 or stephanieb@lakescrisis.com for more information.



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