



Happy Thanksgiving!

from the Center for Children & Families, Inc.

CCFI Stories, Events, Updates, and News

November 2010



Wish List

Clorox Anywhere Spray*:

to clean off toys used during play therapy

Individually Wrapped Snacks*:

for kiddos in all programs

12 Walkie Talkies*:

for Neighborhood Centers

Sonic Gift Cards:

for clients in the TeenAge Parenting and Bringing Up Babies Programs

Click [here](#) to see the full wish list. Please bring all wish list donations to the CCFI main office Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

***Items most in need**



Center for Children & Families, Inc.

Hands & Hearts Celebration

Thursday, November 18

The Trails Golf Club
5:30-7:00

Please join us as we share our fundraising results, thank our table captains and supporters and launch a new ambassador program!



Click [here](#) to **RSVP** or call: 364-1420

Please **RSVP** by November 15th

Volunteer

Front Office Volunteer – Wednesdays

Trauma Focused Services Volunteers:

play with kiddos!

Please contact Katy if you are interested or have any questions at 405.364.1420 or kschilthuis@ccfinorman.org

Thank You

First Christian Church, Abbey and Ali McIntosh, Cindy Jondahl, Mike Wilson, Mary Sue Backus, Teri Hawthorne, John Kahoe, Glenda Thomas, Julie Kreft, Bonnie Kloesel, Lee Williams, Carol Silva, Beth Snyder, Leslie Quinalty, Patty Wadsack, Janet Davis, Pam Clinton,

Donor Profile: Kate Stanton

Read why she supports CCFI:

Last year, CCFI board member, Katy Powers, invited me to an event spotlighting CCFI. From the statistics to the personal story shared, my heart was touched and a seed of interest for CCFI was planted in my soul. Fast forward to last month's (October) luncheon. As I sat there with my iPhone in hand (on silent) and designer bag on the chair next to me, I realized I could and must do something to help this agency that helps so many.



As a Champion donor, my \$83.33/month could potentially rescue a family much like someone else's donation helped my family years ago. After my parents' divorce in 1987, my family received services from Tarrant County (Ft. Worth, Texas) Family Services, Inc. Much like CCFI, Family Services offered counseling and support as my family redefined our normal. As my family endured addiction and mental health challenges, I'm certain the services and resources we found in Family Services and private counseling led to our healthy, lifestyle choices today.

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Marilyn Hammond, Debby Burns, Katie Barwick-Snell, Rose Kuntz, and North Haven Church for in-kind donations (of diapers, formula, books, etc.) in October!

The Neighborhood Centers team would like to thank the following Norman community organizations and individuals:

CCFI Board Members, Maggie Moos Ice Cream, Journey Church, Junior League, Cha Cha's, Benvenuti's Italian Restaurant, Johnny Carinos, Chili's, BJ's, Mary Kay agent Heather Graham, CCFI Baking Team, Starbucks and many other wonderful individuals!

Without your donations, volunteer hours and gifts of service our Fall Festival would not have been such a smashing success! Thank You!

Children: Front & Center

Attend a 50-minute presentation about the needs of children and families in our community. It's also a chance to tour the CCFI facility, meet some of the staff and see the play therapy rooms!

November

11th at 8:00 a.m. | Thursday

December

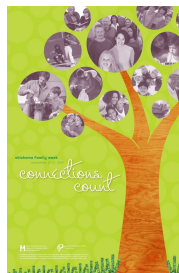
9th at 8:00 a.m. | Thursday

RSVP Katy at: kschilthuis@ccfinorman.org

Oklahoma Family Week

November 21st-27th

Family Week is based on the premise that children do better when their families are strong, and families do better when they live in communities that help them succeed....



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CCFI Benefit Parties: 'tis the season!

If you keep up with CCFI on facebook then you may have heard that two local ten-year-olds recently had their birthday parties and asked their guests to bring gifts for CCFI instead of them! They brought in over \$500 in contributions! We were very impressed! When you host your holiday party tell your friends, family, co-workers, etc. to help you support CCFI!

It's a win-win situation! You throw a cool, themed benefit party (we've already found the free goodies for you!) and CCFI receives some much needed wish list items (we especially need snacks for the kiddos in our programs)!

Simple. Fun. And Free! Get Started Now!

Click the image above or email Katy: kschilthuis@ccfinorman.org.

United Way of Norman



United Way helps to fund CCFI in its work of healing and preventing child abuse and neglect and the Neighborhood Centers program. United Way of Norman's commitment to children allows CCFI to continue making sure every boy and girl grows up safe, nurtured and loved.

Did you know that child abuse costs taxpayers more than *\$100 billion annually* on related crime, imprisonment, mental health, special education, medical care, and drug abuse? In 2009, Cleveland County received over 3,000 reports of abuse and neglect.

One way we can advocate for abused and neglected children is by supporting services that serve children and families. A 13-year study on Adverse Childhood Experiences concludes that people who experienced considerable trauma during childhood died 20 years prematurely. Help us to protect and heal our children and parents.

Please consider supporting the United Way of Norman campaign and help raise \$1.95 million for our community! You can call 329-2025 or visit www.unitedwaynorman.com to make a pledge.

Please visit our website at www.ccfnorman.org.
Donate to our cause at <http://www.ccfnorman.org/donate-now>.

