

## Noyes Home Memorials September - November 2011

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The Noyes Home for Children, established in 1894, is operated by the Ladies Union Benevolent Association which was founded in 1874. The Noyes Home provides a home for children when parents are unable to care for them.

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# NOYES NEWS

## Noyes Home for Children

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## Meet Kate Carson

Kate's title at Noyes Home is a Family Service Coordinator.

She works with both the boys and girl residents. Kate does the intake and discharging. Her primary focus is working one on one with the residents to help them work on their goals. She also works with the families so the child can successfully transition back home.

Kate has worked at Noyes Home going on her fifth year and she says the "best thing about working here is seeing how kids can change for the better." Yes, the most trying part, but also the best part, is "figuring out what works and how to motivate children to achieve their full potential."

Kate attended school at Missouri Western State University and started volunteering at Noyes Home through her sorority in 2003. In 2004, she was working as a counselor at a resident camp and had her first glimpse of working with Noyes Home children. She instantly fell in love and worked for three summers with the Noyes Home children before she made the leap to apply for a position. She started as a child care worker for the boys in July 2007 and assumed the her current position of Family Services Coordinator in December 2007.

When Kate is not working at Noyes Home, she is being a wife and mother. She and her husband, Cody have a 1½ year old son named Hunter. Kate says "Having a toddler in the home, there isn't a whole lot of "free time" but I do have hobbies." Those hobbies are canning, baking, reading and chasing her adorable curly headed little boy. Kate and Cody live on a farm outside the city limits of Savannah, Missouri. Kate, a city girl, came from Kansas City, but now lives on a farm and loves being able to see "the stars at night in their full glory." Kate and her husband, who works within the St. Joseph School District and also farms, have several farm animals as well as some misfit dogs and cats.

A favorite Noyes Home Story of Kate's is the annual Halloween party they use to have. "The kids got to invite 2 friends from school to come to Noyes Home and



"... taking care of good kids with bad breaks..."

— Mr. Bill Chiles

## HIGHLIGHTS

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## Great news . . .

We were just informed that Noyes Home for Children qualifies for the Children in Crisis Tax Credit. Donations of \$100 or greater qualify for this credit. If you have already donated to us this year or are planning to donate before the end of the year, please contact Kristine Gibson at 816-232-5650.

Contact 816-232-5650 OR 232-3536 for more information.

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## Noyes Home Wish List

Things we can always use!

Twin Comforters / Twin sheet sets / Twin size fleece blankets  
Bath towels / Hand Towels / Washcloths  
Bathroom mats (boys/girls)  
Hygiene products (boys/girls)  
Personal caddies for hygiene products  
Shower curtains (single stall size)  
Brushes and hair accessories  
Small trash cans  
Small table lamps (bedside size)  
Socks (boys/girls) age 6-18  
Underwear (boys/girls) age 6-18  
Pajamas (boys/girls) ages 6-18  
Bras (assorted sizes and styles – sports or cup varieties)

Craft supplies (i.e. beads, string, tempera and acrylic paints)  
Calculators (hand-held size)  
DVD Movies (G, PG and PG-13 only – NO R-rated Movies PLEASE!)  
DVD Players  
Disposable cameras  
Sporting equipment (i.e. volleyball net, basketball hoop nets, bicycle helmets, basketballs, volleyballs, footballs, soccer balls, kickballs, etc.)  
Wii Accessories and Games  
Playstation 2 Games  
Batteries AA, AAA

Over the Counter Medicines (i.e. cough and cold medicine, pain reliever-ibuprofen, cough drops, Tums, sinus and decongestion for head, PMS medicine, allergy medicine)  
African American Hair Products (perms – to help straighten hair, oils, styling products, etc.)  
Vacuums for Resident's Use

Visit [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)  
Search for Noyes Home for Children's Wish List.

(click on wish list and then search for Noyes Home for Children)

## Meet Kate Carson cont. from page 1

hang out, eat food, dance and have a good time. The staff members all dressed up. It was nice to see the children interacting with their peers and introducing other children and families to what Noyes Home has to offer."

Kate also shares the story that again tells us what Noyes Home is all about. "A young man who had lived at Noyes Home for over a year and struggled to get along with his guardian. He turned 17 and he decided Noyes Home was no longer the place for him, and he left. We did the 30 day follow up to check in on him and see how he was doing. The guardian said she hadn't heard from him since he left us. Several weeks later it started getting cooler outside and was snowing. It was around 8:15 one night and someone was at the door. It was this young man. He was wearing ragged clothing and said he was hungry and didn't have anywhere to go. Immediately, we took him in, fed him, got some warm clothing and signed him back into Noyes

Home. He only stayed with us several months after that. But, it was at that moment a light bulb went off in my head of "This is what Noyes Home is all about." Noyes Home is about being able to help children and families in our community, offering support and guidance that can have a life changing effect."

We thank Kate for all her hard work daily and hope to see her for a long time at Noyes Home. She recently received her Level 1 Trauma Specialist Certification and this will be another added skill she will bring to the residents at Noyes Home.



## Thoughts from the Executive Director

gretchen herndon



How quickly the year has passed. I have experienced all of the seasonal changes of Noyes Home including

my second Turkey Trot. We have accomplished a lot in one year.

We now have a program director, Chelsea Howlett, who is an art therapist, she provides group therapy sessions with all of the children at least three times per week

We have an Early Childhood committee who has been planning the environment and services for the Crisis Nursery. The committee includes board members Carol Burns, Jennifer Soper, Suzanne Kissock and Carrie Clark Murphy. We also have representatives from Educare, Prenatal to Five head Start, Parents as Teachers and other members of the Early Care and Education Community.

We have had a lot of children receive services here. We have a very responsive team of direct care staff who are very dedicated to the mission of LUBA (Ladies Union Benevolence Association). They plan a lot of activities that support their education. They are involved in sports as well as creative activities in art, music and theater. We also prepare our residents who attend high school with independent living skills that they will need when they are no longer in our home. One area of involvement that I am very impressed with are the service

activities they have taken part in which include volunteering at the animal shelter and food kitchen They also have activities with the residents at Meadowview Residential Care.

I feel blessed that we have such a dynamic Board of Directors who strongly support and carry out the mission of LUBA.



### You Can Help

Throughout the year, there are several ways for you to help make a difference in the lives of our Noyes Home family. Whether it is contributing a memorial after the loss of a loved one, an honorarium showing appreciation for a special person in your life or one that is given through a planned giving opportunity, your gift helps to ensure the future of Noyes Home. There are several gifting plans that can not only provide you with a wonderful sense of fulfillment but can also enable you to enjoy certain tax benefits.

**Bequests, Charitable Gift Annuities, Life Insurance Policies, Retirement Plans**  
When considering any of these planned giving arrangements, please consult with your professional advisor to find the plan that would best meet your financial needs while also providing you with a way to give a meaningful gift to the Noyes Home family.

**Noyes Home Scholarship Fund**  
Noyes Home has recently restructured its scholarship fund to have a broader impact on the residents. There are now two aspects of the fund, one to assist school students who wish to receive post secondary training or education and the second to assist school students who wish to participate in enrichment activities (such as scouting, athletics or club memberships. Some examples would be helping to purchase high school senior items such as a ring, pictures or graduation invitations). Residents who meet the requirements for educational assistance must fill out an application and submit it to the scholarship committee. Those who request the enrichment scholarship must also submit an application and have the approval of appropriate staff members. Donations to the scholarship fund should be designated as such when a gift is given.

### Ladies Union Benevolent Association

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The Ladies Union Benevolent Association, founded in 1874, manages the Noyes Home for Children and Meadowview Residential Living Facility.

## Noyes Home Alumni Tim Westcott

When you walk through the doors of a local business you might be visiting with a Noyes Home Alumni. That would happen at Carpet Masters on North Woodbine Road. Tim Westcott lived at Noyes Home for three years in the 1970s. Tim recalls that recreation was great and he got to do things that wouldn't have been available if not for the generosity of the community.



After spending time at Noyes Home, Tim graduated, enlisted in the Navy and is now the owner of Carpet Masters. He lives here in St. Joseph and has a son, Kyle Westcott, who helps with the business. Tim is also the proud grandfather of Brooklyn. When he drives by Noyes Home now, Tim recalls his first job working there. He did the lawn care and maintenance and was paid by the E.O.C. One thing Tim shares with the current residents of Noyes Home, "Aim high, set goals and don't let anyone take your dream."

Tim says, "Noyes Home gave me a chance to live with more peace and dignity. Clean clothes, hot meals, a warm bed and a little more hope."

## Meet Stephanie Murphy

When you walk in the door at Noyes Home and look through the open door on the left, chances are you will see the Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Murphy. Stephanie is the one who does the behind the scenes activities, like answer the phones all the time, payroll, accepting donations of all sorts, track documents, pay attention to our state licensing obligations, accounts payable, employment verifications, help LUBA Board members, and the list could go on and on.



Stephanie says the best part of working at Noyes Home is "being a part of an organization that helps kids that need help and walking into the Home in the morning and having a little guy or girl come up and hug you, to tell you they love you when you didn't think they even knew who you were."

Stephanie has lived in St. Joseph her whole life. She has been a widow for 12 years raising two teenage daughters, Abby and Mackensie. They also have 2 dogs, Molly and Andy, a cat Simon and a ferret named Monte. Stephanie and Mackensie cheer for the Chiefs and Broncos respectively while Abby is content cheering for the fighting Irish at Lafayette. College sports is divided between MU and KU. Stephanie enjoys camping at Truman Lake, tending her flowers, reading and needlepoint. She wants to continue raising her daughters through high school and college and then maybe slow down, relax and enjoy the ride. If possible when it gets cold, she wants to pick a spot in a warmer climate to visit and explore and also enjoy the camper at the lake.

Stephanie shared that "every now and then someone will ring the doorbell or come on in if the door is unlocked and share with her one of their stories about how they grew up here at the Noyes Home, or spent a few days here. Just to listen to them tell of their experiences and hear the heartfelt tales they tell or see them become emotional (yes, even the men) as they share with me a stranger to them, of their time here solidifies for me again why I'm here. This place has touched more lives than probably anyone will ever know."

## Season's Greetings From the Family at Noyes Home!



Angelica

Sharon

Aspen

Brittany J.

John

Lydia

Elizabeth

Tracy

Dear Friends

Holiday Greetings from the Board, Staff and Children of Noyes Home. For our children, the holidays bring parties, gifts, a welcome school break and time to spend with host families and friends. For the LUBA Board it provides opportunities to reflect on the many blessings received in 2011. Those blessings included opportunities to expand our staff, enhance our programs and make improvements to our building, all of which were made possible through the generosity of individual donors and the St. Joseph community. We are so grateful for all that has been given to us.

So as we wind down 2011 and look forward to 2012 we simply want to say "Thank You". Thank you for the love and support you give our children and the dedicated staff that help to make their lives better. We wish you and your family a very warm and loving holiday season.

Carol Burns  
President

