

Winneshiek Partners with Tyler's

Winneshiek Theater presents *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play*, directed by Mark Jensen. The two performances will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 11th and 12th at 7:30p.m. Winneshiek is located at 228 W Clark Street in Freeport. The proceeds will be donated to Tyler's Justice Center in the spirit of holiday giving. Admission is \$15 a ticket. When entering Winneshiek theater patrons will feel the warmth of Christmas with festive Holiday décor. Winneshiek has been producing Broadway quality shows for its entire run, and now in its 84th Season, it is the oldest community theatre in the Nation! Sumptuous treats will be available from Coles' Confectionary, SB Chocolates, Serendipity Candy, Paulson's Catering and Cakes, Sally's Cookie Jar and Bonnie Piefer. In the spirit of Christmas we are asking attendees to bring items from the Tyler's Wish List to be placed under the Tyler's Tree in the Winneshiek lobby. A list of these items can be found in this newsletter or on our website.

Holiday Giving

The holiday season is a wonderful time to do something kind for others. That is why Tyler's would like to offer you the opportunity to give back to a child and family who need a little extra support this season. The families Tyler's works with have had unimaginable trauma in their lives. Some families have had life-changing events happen very close to the holiday season. We are asking you to please consider how you can directly make a difference to a child in your community this Christmas.

For the past two years Tyler's has identified the need in families to have extra support this time of the year. We have found generous individuals who have cared enough to step forward and purchase presents for identified child clients in special need. If you would like to generously provide Christmas presents for our child clients, please contact the Center. We will provide you with the gender and age of a child, and gift ideas that would be appropriate for that child. We will then arrange a time to receive your gifts and we will take them to the families. The items you purchase will be under the child's Christmas tree, giving this child the sense of magic and innocent joy that all children should receive on this day.

Family Fun Fest

The 1st Annual Fun Fest was a success with fun had by all! The days activities were full of excitement and energy. Tyler's would like to extend a HUGE thank you to all our volunteers that made this day possible. We raised over \$500 for the operational budget. We look forward to another fun filled day in September 2010!

Community Corner

Best Buy of Dubuque generously awards Tyler's Justice Center For Children \$1,000 through the Best Buy Tag Team Award. The Best Buy staff of Dubuque graciously agreed to volunteer at the 2009 Celebrity Dinner in Galena. The Best Buy of Dubuque Staff donated their time and dedication in volunteer work for Tyler's, making the Center eligible to receive the award by the Best Buy Team's efforts.

2nd Annual Restaurant Rewards Supports Tyler's

This year's 10% Fundraiser was our most successful ever! Several businesses participated and earned \$815.00 for the Tyler's Operational Budget. A big thanks to our participating businesses which included Higher Grounds, Movie Land, Fieldstone Inn, 9 East, Papa Murphy's, Karen's Kitchen, and Pizza Hut.

Tyler's Giving Tree

Tyler's Justice Center for Children would like to present you with an opportunity to have an engraved hand on the Tyler's Giving Tree. The Tyler's Giving Tree was established as part of the Capital Campaign and any individual who donated \$500 or more to the building campaign received a hand and name plaque on the tree. After a year in this amazing building we have a just a few remaining necessary items that need to be purchased . The items mostly consist of the technology needed for daily operations in this state of the art building. The items include a TV screen for our closed circuit viewing area, a server hardware for our computer network (we have been going on donated computers, but now our whole system is in jeopardy due to the outdated server), updated software programs for our computers and a DVD player for team trainings. If you would are able to generously give \$500 or more to Tyler's to complete our transition into this amazing building, please contact the Center today.

Director's Note....

The warmest of holiday greetings to all of you. The holidays are bitter sweet for those of us who work in the field of child victimization. All of the staff here at the Center have young children and we feel so blessed to watch our little ones experience the enchantment and pure joy the Season brings. In addition, we feel so blessed to have the opportunity to be here for the children who must come to Tyler's during this time. For many of the children who utilize Tyler's during the winter months, the holiday season is very painful and harrowing as the season harbors opportunity for child abuse. Unfortunately, the Center exists because there are people who wish to hurt the most precious human beings for their own selfish motives. Fortunately, the Center exists to give these precious young people a place to be believed, a place to trust again, and a place to regain power and control over their own bodies and lives. The Center exists to give the loving parents of these children a place to exclaim their anger, fears, pain and to receive the support needed to become a family again. I have received many calls and visits from our supporters to inquire on the fate of the Center through these turbulent financial times, especially with the most recent unexpected cuts from Jo Daviess County and the ongoing issues with our State. Regardless of what we will face in the future, the commitment of the Governing Board, the Staff, our Multidisciplinary Team, and you, our patrons, will continue to drive the mission of the Center and provide for the people who need us. In the darkness of the current economy, we will find ways to create light. Tyler's will continue with our work, not turn anyone away, nor charge any fee for our services and continue to give more with less. The Center must exist. Together we will be here for the communities in which we all live in and love.

In peace,
Tina Steele-Lietz, MSSW, LCSW
Executive Director

FUNDRAISERS
Mark your calendars for
FY 2010 Fundraisers!

December 11 & 12, 2010~
Winneshiek Playhouse
Presents It's A Wonderful Life

March 2010~Kuts For Kids!

April 2010– Child Abuse Awareness Month

April 16, 2010~Trivia Night,
Eagle's Club Freeport

May 2010~ Spring Dinner at Irish Cottage, Galena

June 4 & 5, 2010~3rd
Annual Clearance &
Clutter for Kids

Tyler's Tours

Tyler's recently led a tour for the Calvary United Methodist Church Group of Stockton. The group had a chance to see the entire building and ask questions at the end of the tour. As always Tyler's enjoys providing tours or presentations to increase community awareness and outreach. Call to set up your group tour or presentation today.

Meet Tyler's Governing Board

David Snyders, Governing Board President

I have served as Sheriff of Stephenson County since 1998. Prior to that I spent 21 years with the Freeport Police Department. Serve as board chairman for Tyler's. Married to Angela, daughter Shauna, married to Mark and have one granddaughter, Emmy.

Joann McGee, Governing Board Vice-President

I have been employed by the Stephenson County Probation dept. as an Adult/Administrative Probation Officer for the past eight and a half years. I became a member of the Tyler Justice Center in 2008, and have thoroughly enjoyed this new experience. I was recently voted Vice-President of the board. I appreciate all the hard work of those employed by Tyler Justice, as well as being given the opportunity to work with such a great group of board members.

Kristi Diemer, Governing Board Treasurer

Hi! I am the Treasurer for the Board of Directors at Tyler's. I have two grown children and a very special man in my life. I live outside of Freeport and I am an Optician at Northwest Eyecare for 27 years. I have a passion for Tyler's and believe very strongly in this cause.

Crissa Lord, Governing Board Secretary

Crissa has been on Tyler's Board of Directors since 2004 and the Board Secretary for most of this time. She is a middle school and high school Family and Consumer Science teacher at River Ridge School in Hanover IL.

Sharon Randall, Governing Board Member

Sharon lives in Elizabeth with her family. She has been professionally employed working with child development programs for several years.

Gary Eilders, Governing Board Member

I have been a Board Member for two years. I have been employed with the Stephenson County Probation Department for over thirty-two years. I do see on a regular basis the effects abuse does have on an individual. I believe very strongly in the work of the Tyler's Justice Center for Children. The staff are very dedicated to their work, and provide excellent assistance to the victims of these heartbreaking events.

Karla Niemann, Governing Board Member

Karla Niemann joined Tyler's Justice Board October 2009. She is a lifelong resident of Freeport and an attorney in private practice with the law firm of Mahoney and Hauser, Ltd.

Donate! Every contribution given to Tyler's Justice Center is used in the most appropriate way. The majority of our operating budget comes from community support!

Your funds truly help keep the doors open for the children and families that need services the most. Your support helps every child and family in Carroll, Jo Daviess and Stephenson Counties utilizing Tyler's Justice Center's services.

Visit our Website to Donate using Pay Pal!

Tyler's Wish List

- Postage Stamps
- Reed Diffuser or other Child Safe Air Fresheners
- Individually Packaged Snacks
- Bottled Water, Juice Boxes
- Scrapbook Page Refills
- Journals and Sketch Pads
- New or Current Magazines– Highlights, Girl's Life, Teen People, Nickelodeon Magazines
- Unopened and Recordable DVD+R (minimum 2 hours in length)
- Paper Products-Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Facial Tissue
- Office Supplies-Reams of Paper, Envelopes

- Cleaning Supplies-Anti-Bacterial Wipes, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Drop-Ins, Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags, Clorox Ready Mop Refills, Swiffer Duster Refills, Pledge, Febreze, Lysol
- Individually Packaged Cars, Nerf Footballs/Baseballs
- Large Fleece Blankets (teenager size)

To receive more information about Tyler's Justice Center activities, volunteer opportunities, presentations, events or anything else...please contact the center staff!

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