

NAZARETH HOME NEWS

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Stories of the One Hundred...

76th Baby Called the "Poster Child For Adoption"

In our last newsletter, we introduced Shaun, the 100th baby to come to Nazareth Home. We thought you might like to know the stories of some other Nazareth Home babies and what has happened in their lives since leaving Nazareth Home. Other profiles will appear in future issues.

Lindsey Johnson was the 76th baby to make Nazareth Home her home for the first critical months of her life.

Lindsey came to Nazareth when she was just two weeks old. She was the ninth child born to her biological mother, who was unable to properly care for her.

But meeting Lindsey, one is hard-pressed to believe that she had such a dire start in life. Her new mom, Tracie, attributes much of Lindsey's positive development to the care she received in her beginning months at Nazareth. She proudly describes Lindsey: "She's outgoing, not the least bit passive, and she has a lot of tomboy instincts. If she falls down, she just gets right back up and keeps going. I believe children watch and mirror your reactions, and if you're always upset about the least little thing, they react similarly." Tracie added that Lindsey is a very compassionate and perceptive child.



Her mom's been taking her to the theatre since she was just a year old, and she started reading at the age of two and she knows the books of the bible in order. Father's Day will mark her first dance recital. Sister Barbara Kuper, Director of Nazareth Home says "people are instantly drawn to Lindsey with her bright personality, we all love her so much!"

When complimented on how well-behaved Lindsey is, Tracie concluded, "Lindsey is the poster child for adoption...I should have named

Nazareth Home Gala Planned

The 2007 Nazareth Home Gala will be held Thursday, October 18th at the Hammond Federal Courthouse from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. The Gala Committee promises an evening of extraordinary food and fabulous auction items.

The 2007 Gala Committee needs all dedicated Nazareth Home volunteers to assist with making this wonderful event a success. You can participate by joining the Gala Committee and using your talents with the planning and execution of the evening's activities. Please contact Peggy Guernsey at 219-763-9795, or Judy Schlosser at 219-764-9381 to volunteer.

All Nazareth Home volunteers are also encouraged to assist by soliciting the businesses you patronize for gifts for the auctions. Let your creativity run wild and seek donations of unique art objects, athletic equipment, trips, theme-oriented gift baskets, and tickets for special events. Gift certificates for dinners, and beauty and spa services will be great items for the auction, as well. Share your success with Judy at 219-764-9381.

**Important
DATE!**

The Annual
Nazareth Home Gala,
Thursday October 18,
2007, 6:00—9:00 p.m.

at the Hammond Federal Court-
house, Hammond, Indiana. Come
and enjoy a festive evening of fine
food, auction events, and delecta-
ble desserts! For questions, or to
volunteer for the committee, call
Paula Gratt at 219-947-8522, or
visit our website at:

www.nazarethhome.com

Nazareth Home has a Special Challenge Will You Help?

In December 2002, a very generous donor established an endowment fund to provide operating funds for Nazareth Home. With the continuing generosity of this donor, The Brinkman Fund has experienced significant growth. As of December 31, 2006, the fund balance totaled more than \$2.5 million.

Nazareth Home has been challenged by our visionary donor to raise \$200,000 in new contributions by the end of 2007. Our donor will match those contributions with an additional \$200,000. Will you help us achieve this challenge? Your gift to The Brinkman Fund will be matched dollar for dollar, thus doubling the value of your donation.

The Legacy Foundation, Lake County's Community Foundation, is the steward of The Olga C. & William Brinkman Fund, the endowment for the benefit of Nazareth Home. The income stream from this fund will secure the future operating expenses to support the mission of Nazareth Home.

All gifts to The Brinkman Fund will be acknowledged at the Nazareth Home Gala on October 18, 2007, at the Hammond Federal Court-house. Donations to The Brinkman Fund will also be listed in the Legacy Foundation Annual Report.

Tax deductible contributions to The Brinkman Fund may be sent to:

**Ancilla Systems Incorporated
Development Services
1419 South Lake Park Avenue
Hobart, IN 46342**

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Yes, I/we accept the challenge!!! I/we want to contribute a gift to the \$200,000 goal for The Brinkman Fund. Please make checks payable to Legacy Foundation/Brinkman Fund

Enclosed is a tax-deductible contribution of:

\$2,000 _____ \$1,000 _____ \$500 _____ \$100 _____ \$50 _____ Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Nazareth Home Wish List

BABY NEEDS

Diapers – sizes 1,3,5
Aveeno baby lotion
Aveeno baby bath
Diaper Genie blue refills
Baby wipes

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Paper towels
Puffs tissues
Batteries for toys
(AA,A,C,D)
Batteries for camera
(lithium 3 volt photo)
Dreft laundry soap
35 mm film
High gloss photo paper
HP #97color ink cartridge
HP #96 black ink
cartridge

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Sterk's, Ultra,
Wal-Mart, Target,
Meijer, Sam's Club,
Kohl's, Food 4 Less,
Speedway, Office Max
Strack & Van Til

CASH (designated for)

Children's birthday
parties
Field trips
Emergency needs
Brinkman Endowment
Fund