THE COVERING HOUSE
SAFETY. DIGNITY. FREEDOM.

Third Quarter Report 2014

Meet Lindsey Ellis

Me: Lindsey, what size shoe do you wear?
Lindsey: Well, it depends on how cute the shoe is?

Her quick wit won me over immediately.

This is a typical conversation for us around the office probably because 99% of us are women.

Lindsey Ellis is our Director of Operations at The Covering House. Two years ago this month, Lindsey became a part of The Covering House team.

Here is what you need to know about her.

- Don't get between Lindsey and a shoe sale.
- Don't get between Lindsey and a good cup of coffee.
- Don't get between Lindsey and her desire to help kids.

When Lindsey joined TCH team, she came with 13 years of experience working with children both in the "system" and out. Her expertise of residential children's homes and all of the policies that surround opening a home is just what we needed at The Covering House to launch our Long Term Therapeutic Home. Her passion for struggling kids is just what our girls needed to feel respected and cherished. Whether it is getting up early week after week to train St. Louis City police officers on how to recognize and interact with a young sex trafficking victims or staying until the wee hours of the night at the home so her staff feels supported and the girls feel safe, I can always count on her to go above and beyond the call of duty.

It is this type of strong commitment to excellence that makes Lindsey an invaluable part of The Covering House team. I am so grateful that Lindsey Ellis is in the day to day trenches with me and the other staff fighting the problem of sex trafficking.

Client Services

- The Long Term Therapeutic Home officially opened!
- Horticulture Therapy and Music Therapy have officially started.
- Equine Therapy begins in October.
- The number of girls have increased through our out-client program.

Community Preparedness

Currently, The Covering House is either training will soon be training community professionals on how to identify and respond to a sex trafficking victim.

- Training for the St. Louis City Police Academy, current police and city detectives are being conducted 8 hours a week every week from August through December 2014. The St. Louis City Police is now requiring this training for all officers. Over 300 officers were trained during the third quarter of 2014.
- Request for training by Horace Mann Elementary School for its 4th -6th grade girls. Last year this school had 3 girls trafficked one which was in 4th grade and two in 5th. We are in the process of scheduling training dates for teachers and parents while also working with the school counselor and another

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teacher on developing age appropriate curriculum for a Preventative Program to be piloted with Horace Mann.

Community Partnerships

Staff is finalizing partnerships in community including but not limited to: Missouri Botanical Gardens, Meramec Learning Ranch, Dental and Healthcare partners, and Missouri Sheriff's Association.

Due to the number of referrals and our limited beds, The Covering House has started discussions with other residential facilities about partnerships. Mary Grove is one where collaboration has already taken place.

Community Awareness and Fundraising

St. Louis Cardinals' Wives Fundraiser

The Covering House was chosen to be a recipient of a Cardinals' Wives Fundraising Event. Joe Kelly donated a signed jersey for us to auction on the day of the event. His wife Ashley worked closely with us on finalizing all the details for the event. Amini's underwrote all expenses accrued by The Covering House for the event such as purchasing of the baseballs to be signed by the players, T-shirts, printing etc. The Covering House was also honored on the field during the pregame ceremony.

Day of Event:

- Volunteers 27
- Cardinals Wives 10
- Amount raised: $16,618

Race for Refuge Event

- Number of participants: 569
- Number of volunteers: 30
- Total funds generated: $40,622.00

Taste of the South

The Covering House has been chosen as charity to represent the State of Missouri at the Taste of the South Gala in 2015.

The Taste of the South Gala is an annual black-tie charity event in Washington, D.C. It was founded in 1982 in a dual desire to bring some "southern hospitality" to Washington, D.C., and establish a fundraiser for needy charities. The Committee is comprised of an executive board and three members from the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Created a Strategic Plan for Increasing Monthly Donors

- Setting up meetings with individuals, churches and faith-based groups
- Applied for Missouri Tax Credits
- Created a Partnership Packet explaining how TCH wants to give back to our partners.
- Implemented a Partnership Recognition Policy

Pending Projects for 4th Quarter

Speaker's Bureau will expand our reach into the community by training volunteers to go and speak on behalf of The Covering House. Training will begin at the end of October 2014.

2015 Pending Projects

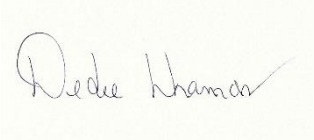
The Covering House on Campus

- Working with Committee Chair, Annie Waggener on finalizing the materials for the program (i.e. handbook, covenant, etc.)
- Plan to officially launch program spring semester of 2015

Volunteers

- The Covering House trained 22 volunteers during 3rd quarter.
- Total number of volunteers is 100.
- A volunteer committee was created to help coordinate and oversee all volunteers
  - Ways volunteers serve
    - Cleaning and organizing
    - Administrative duties
    - Work The Covering House table at events
    - Host 3rd party fundraisers on our behalf
    - Represent TCH at university fairs
    - Stock our food pantry

It is my honor to serve these girls and the community. I am so very thankful for your faithfulness of support and encouragement to The Covering House. We could NOT care for these girls without you.



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