

Joe's Place

NEWS & NOTES

A community partnership

June 2010

LIGHTS, CAMERA, AUCTION!

On June 26, Joe's Place will roll out the red carpet as we host our annual charity auction, themed "Hooray for Maplewood!" Guests will be treated like stars as they mix and mingle under the bright lights of Maplewood at this Hollywood style extravaganza. There will be live music, great food, and exciting items available for bidding.

Guests will also get a sneak peek at "Joe's Place the Movie," a soon to premiere documentary about the non-profit home.

The MRH School District classifies approximately 30 students as homeless each year. In the St. Louis area, 1,500 youth are reported homeless each night, and families with children account for 36% of the homeless population nationally. Joe's Place is an important first step in helping ensure that homeless youths are able to continue their education and build a brighter future.

Joe's Place, now in its fourth year serving students, relies heavily on community support through donations from caring citizens like you.

If you would like to donate an item to auction, please contact Joe Pieber at joseph.pieber@nationalcity.com.

This year's event will be held at Sense Corp. in Maplewood. Advanced reservations can be placed by calling Kat Norton at 314-574-0774, or by email at joesplacestl@gmail.com

All proceeds go to benefit Joe's Place.

Look for the Joe's Place Documentary

Coming soon, it's *Joe's Place the Movie*! This fall, Anna Stasis Films will release the story of three boys and their journey through high school as homeless teenagers. Share in the tears of tragedy and the laughs of joy as these brave young men find themselves embraced in the loving arms of an entire community.

See clips of the *Joe's Place Documentary* at www.joesplacedoc.org

You Could Win a Moto Fino Scooter!

Arrive in style with a Moto Fino Scooter! Joe's Place is holding a raffle for this beautiful scooter from now until June 26th. You can purchase raffle tickets for \$5 each, or you can increase your chances of winning by purchasing sets of five tickets for \$20.

So why drive a scooter? For this size scooter,
No Registration
No Insurance
and No Personal Property Tax are required.
And they get GREAT gas mileage!

This Moto Fino comes with a helmet and a one-

hour training session provided by the Maplewood Scooter Company. It's your chance to look great zipping around town, while saving money, and supporting Joe's Place.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting MRH Central Office at 7539 Manchester Rd., 63143, or at "Hooray for Maplewood," the annual Joe's Place charity event (see details above). The drawing for the scooter will be held at the fundraiser on June 26th. Winners need not be present to win. Proceeds benefit Joe's Place.

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Donations to Joe's Place can be sent to:
PO Box 434057, Maplewood, MO 63143

Joe's Place is a 501(c)3 organization, and your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.





Backpacks, Basketballs, and Baby Bottles

As we come to the close of another school year we find that we are aware, more now than ever, of the huge need for a home like Joe's Place. We had three more boys join the growing list of residents this year, as well as one

returner who has been with us now for more than two years. The longer we are house parents the more we find this, often cross-cultural, experience is one about growing mutual understanding and communication. Each day we embrace the challenge of adjusting to new food, new language, and new ways of running a household of seven to eight people.

When new residents move in, the transition affects the entire house. But teenage boys were not the only new residents to join our home this year. We welcomed Claire Elaine Reeve to the Joe's Place family on April 23rd. While adding a newborn to the mix has been slightly overwhelming, we are continually surprised by the positive impact these boys have had on our own kids, and vice-versa. Having so many "big brothers" in their lives has been beneficial for Carter and Claire, and we are grateful that our kids are able to grow up in this unique experience.



Carter and his "big brother," Ty're, take a break from playing to test the camping gear

Our three graduates from last year also continue to grow as they face a whole new aspect of their young lives. As all three 2009 graduates finish up their first year of college, we proudly reflect on their progress. Though our graduates continue to face their own unique obstacles and challenges we are encouraged by their tenacity. Like any other parent of a high school graduate, we are still learning how to support and encourage them as they have moved on from our home, but remain a part of our family.

But for now, we are setting our sights on the next school year. In the fall, one of our boys will start his first year of high school, and two others will wrap up the last year in their journey towards graduation.

A huge "Thank You" to all of you that allow Joe's Place to serve these extraordinary young men.

~ Dan & Alyssa

Joe's Place House Parents



Claire Elaine Reeve
Born 4-23-10 5lb 7oz

Check Out Reeve's Rantings

House parents Dan and Alyssa's blog is a great place to catch up on what's new at Joe's Place. *Reeves' Rantings* gives readers a taste of what life is really like in this unique and dynamic home. The everyday moments that take place throughout the year will warm your heart and remind you of the depth of love that exists within the Joe's Place community. Visit today, and begin sharing your thoughts and words of encouragement.

Visit
reevesrantings.blogspot.com



2009 grads gather for a photo with house parents Dan and Alyssa Reeve

Joe's Place offers homeless teenage boys in the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District a supervised, caring home environment, supporting them in graduating from high school and creating positive futures for themselves.

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