



# Care House Board of Trustees

I want to support Care House as a Trustee!

I'd like to pay my yearly membership dues:

- In full at this time via check, charge card or debit card (enter card information below)
- Monthly via charge card or debit card
- Bill me for my annual dues of \$150.00

I will make a one-time only donation of \$150.00 to help secure the future of Care House.

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Please mail this portion of the brochure to:

Care House  
131 Market Street  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Your membership packet will be arriving in the mail soon.

For more information about this opportunity please call  
Dorie Vazquez-Nolan at (586) 463-0123

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# Care House



## Board of Trustees



## Our Mission

To prevent and reduce the incidence and trauma of child sexual and physical abuse in Macomb County through collaborative, multidisciplinary and effective family-centered activities.



**Care House provides hope and healing to child victims of sexual and physical abuse by:**

### Working together ...

Care House works with law enforcement, child protective services and the prosecutor's office to reduce trauma for child victims of abuse by coordinating a forensic interview. A trained forensic interviewer listens as the child shares his or her story. Representatives from law enforcement, the prosecutor's office, child protective services, and mental health professionals observe the interview in a different part of the building via closed-circuit television. This eliminates the need for the child to repeat his or her story and relive the trauma of the abuse over and over again.

### Healing the pain ...

Care House helps child victims and their families heal by providing a child-friendly place for services, including forensic interviews, crisis counseling, individual and group therapy, court advocacy and referrals to community resources, all at no cost to the families we serve. Child abuse is devastating. With the right kind of help, children and their families can heal and move on with their lives.

### Educating others ...

Care House serves as the Designated Local Council for the Michigan Children's Trust Fund; offering child abuse prevention, education and training in the community. By educating parents and caregivers, we can empower them to protect their children, teach them how to recognize child abuse and inform them where to find help.

*All Care House services are provided at no charge to the families we serve..*

## Care House Board of Trustees

**Care House is establishing a *Board of Trustees* whose members will be directly contributing to the ongoing success of Care House.**

Care House recognizes that we are living in an extremely challenging economy where many individuals and companies are closely evaluating and reviewing their social responsibility, activities and contributions. It is also recognized that with today's economic challenges, individuals are subject to ongoing time pressures where priority time commitment choices have to be made.

The Care House *Board of Trustees* has been specifically structured to allow members to be important and integral parts of the Care House team without requiring a large time commitment. Specifically, members of the *Board of Trustees* are not required to attend any meetings of any type. The intent is to recognize that in the real world, individuals are willing to participate in a genuinely important cause but may not have the time to commit to meetings and other responsibilities.

An individual or organization may become a member of the Care House *Board of Trustees* by contributing \$150 per year (\$12.50 per month). Funding from members of the *Board of Trustees* will be an important component supporting the ongoing mission and operation of Care House.

**Other than participating in the annual dues program, there is no additional commitment required on the part of members of the *Board of Trustees* unless an individual wishes to become more involved.** In that case, Care House staff enthusiastically welcomes volunteer participation and would be happy to discuss other ways to become more actively involved in the important mission of Care House.



## Know the Statistics



**Sexual abuse can occur at all ages.**

- ◆ 1 in 4 girls is sexually abused before the age of 18.
- ◆ 1 in 6 boys is sexually abused before the age of 18.
- ◆ 1 in 5 children receive a sexual solicitation while on the Internet.
- ◆ There are approximately 39 million survivors of childhood sexual abuse in the U.S.

**Only 10% of perpetrators are strangers -- Child victimizers target children they know.**

**Most children don't tell, even when asked.**

- ◆ Evidence that a child has been sexually abused is not always obvious, and many children do not report that they have been abused.
- ◆ Over 30% of victims never disclose the experience to ANYONE.
- ◆ Young victims may not recognize their victimization as sexual abuse.

**Victims of child sexual abuse may experience drug and alcohol dependence, depression, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and anxiety, eating disorders, debilitating fear, nightmares, delinquency, teen pregnancy, sexual disorders, prostitution, increased illness and hospitalizations.**

**WON'T YOU JOIN US ...**

**Help provide hope and healing to child victims of abuse!**