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To enable all people, young and old alike, to realize the wholeness of life that God intends. This will be accomplished with the compassion of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit reaching out to meet the physical, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, and social needs of those with whom we journey.

Chris Cox (left), President and CEO of HYFS, with his teammates at the Golf Classic

Hoyleton has provided compassionate care to those who are traumatized by abuse and neglect for over 123 years. It is important for Hoyleton to continue this, but we recognized that it is equally important to identify and get in front of the problem and be part of addressing the causes. Hoyleton has started two new programs to help recognize behavioral health concerns early. Hoyleton's Mental Health First Aid and Student Life Services programs are intended to identify and address issues in advance of more complex behavioral health matters.

Mental Heath First Aid helps first responders grow their knowledge of signs, symptoms and risk factors of mental illnesses and addictions. Having this knowledge aids their ability to identify multiple types of professional and self-help resources for individuals with a mental illness or addiction. Not only does this increase their confidence and likelihood to help an individual in distress, it helps improve mental wellness for themselves.

Hoyleton's Student Life Services program provides behavior health support for students and their parents. By collaborating with schools, early assessment, support and counseling is available for students struggling with, anxiety, depression, grief and loss, substance abuse, and trauma. The programs goal is to restore students to a stable, healthy level of functioning in school and at home. Not only does it help the student but it also helps the family by providing support to the parents.

Hoyleton's staff has a commitment to Build Stronger Communities and it starts with key elements in the foundation of communities, the schools and first responders.

With gratitude,

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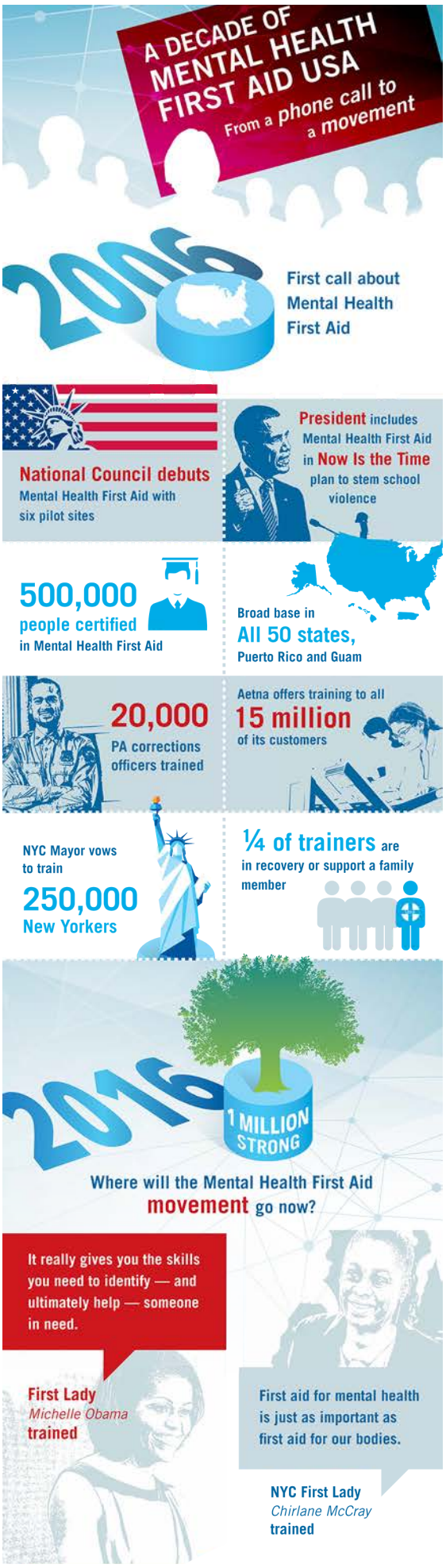

Mental Health First Aid

On a warm fall afternoon Officer Orlando Singleton takes a breather after helping another teenager through a mental health crisis.

"We just got him calmed down," Singleton shares before transporting the student to professional care. "We're letting him de-escalate and breathe. He'll ride with us to the care facility instead of being handcuffed and taken straight to juvenile detention—the way things used to happen."

The boy, age 13, confesses to Singleton that he's depressed and that nobody cares about him. The officer assures him that yes, people do care about him. He encourages him to "remember that there is a light at the end of the tunnel."

The student is taken to a psychiatric treatment center for children and adolescents. Later, the boy's mother gives Singleton a grateful hug.

Looking Beneath the Surface

In early 2015, Singleton and five other school district staff members completed Youth Mental Health First Aid Instructor training. The program teaches adults how to support young people who are experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge or are in crisis.

Mental Health First Aid training has taught the officer to ask his charges, "What happened?" instead of, "What's wrong with you?"

"It's been such an effective tool," the 25-year law enforcement veteran says. "Now we're so much more aware of what the kids are going through."

Now he approaches every child with an open mind and heart. "We need to find out what's really happening to cause that behavior and not just in that moment of the encounter."

How You Can be a part of of This

Hoyleton recently became a provider for this training. Our first class kicked off on October 14th and although this story is from the Kansas Public School District #500, our own success stories awaits us as more community members become trained.

Mental Health First Aid is intended for all people and organizations that make up the fabric of a community. The course is presented to chambers of commerce, professional associations, hospitals, nursing homes, rotary clubs, parent organizations, social clubs, and professionals who regularly interact with a lot of people.

If you live in Madison or St. Clair Counies and would like to learn more, contact Allison at 618-688-0000 or via email at ahoshide@hoyleton.org

It was a record breaking year for the Hoyleton Golf Classic!

It was a record breaking year for the Hoyleton Golf Classic! Almost $30,000 was raised, the highest in the history of the tournament. Thirty one teams hit the links at Tamarack Golf Course on July 14th. Many thanks to our golf committee and chair, Ron Shownes, our numerous volunteers and staff, and special thanks to our Platinum Sponsor, Modern Woodmen. It's never too early to start planning next year's great event and we are seeking committee members. We would love to have a college golf team, ladies or men's league volunteer the day of the event. Please contact our office for more information.

CAPTION: Left: One of our 31 participating teams; staff and volunteers make the day memorable; Dwight Yaeger proudly holding his 'hole in one' ball. Top, right: Freeburg United Church of Christ youth and leaders during a summer work and fun day at Hoyleton campus. Bottom, right: Freeburg UCC hosts a baby shower for Hagar House resident, Aamiri.

How can you join with us as a mission partner?

- Host a fundraiser on our behalf. Marine UCC hosts a trivia night every April; St. John's Maeystown hosts the Hike & Bike every May; St. Paul's UCC Columbia designated HYFS as recipient of their 3rd Annual Shrimp Boil.
- Partner with us on a special project like St. Peter's UCC Okawville providing bicycles for our young men at the Lehre Haus.
- Organize a collection drive: linens, towels, personal care items, non-perishable snacks, art & craft supplies, sports equipment, recreation games

St. Paul's UCC Freeburg is committed to being our mission partner for the next two years. So far, they have provided candy filled eggs and volunteered at an Easter Egg Hunt, enjoyed a work and fun day with clients at the Hoyleton campus, collected school supplies and set up a "Giving House" in their church. Recently, the church hosted a baby shower for one of the young ladies at Hagar House.

Contact the Development office and a member of our team would be happy to speak to your employees, civic group, congregation, mission team or youth.

Myths & Facts On Becoming A Foster Parent

Myth: I cannot be a foster parent because I am single and do not own my own home

Fact: There are no requirements that state you must be married or that you need to own your own home. The only requirement is that you have enough income to support yourself and your family without counting in the stipend you receive for having a foster child in your home.

Myth: Foster parents cannot work outside the home.

Fact: Many foster parents work outside the home. If you work outside the home, you must have a care plan for the child while you work.

Myth: I have grown children and I'm too old to be a foster parent.

Fact: The only age requirement is that you must be at least 21 years old.

Myth: I would have to provide medical insurance for the foster child in my home

Fact: Foster parents do not pay a foster child's medical expenses other than over the counter medicines. Each child has a Medical Card which pays for their medical, dental, and mental health needs.

Myth: You don't have a choice of the types of children that are placed in your home, whether they are healthy or have a disability.

Fact: As a foster parent you have a choice of which children are placed in your home. The broader your requirements the faster you could receive a placement

Here are the Main requirements to become a foster parent:

- Participate in a home inspection and social assessment;
- Complete 27 hours of training focused on foster care and the needs of children who are in foster care;
- Complete a criminal background check of all household members;
- Be financially stable; and
- Complete a health screening and receive a TB test.
- Have a bed and enough bedroom space for the child

CAPTION: Hoyleton staff serve up all the picnic favorites.

August 4, 2017 Back to School Picnic

It was the nicest day we'd seen in a very long time, perfect for a picnic. The sky was bright blue, the temperature was cool and crisp (almost fall like) and Schranz Park in Swansea was full of children's laughter. There was good food, sweet treats and loads of fun!

Thanks to the generosity of the Fairview Heights Kiwanis Club, local communities, businesses and churches we were able to distribute over 200 backpacks stuffed with school supplies to our children in Foster Care and our Puentes program. Needless to say, the smiles were endless and the kids were very happy with their bags of goodies.

Special thanks to the great team from S.I.U. School of Dental Medicine who came out and taught the kids the importance of good brushing habits and good dental hygiene. Patty from Kellerman Investigations was with us fingerprinting the kids and Steve Bradley from Hoyleton was manning the cotton candy and snow cones.

The day was a complete success and we can't wait to do it all again next year!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

Hoyleton Youth and Family Services is happy to announce our new partnership with Charity Clothing Pickup Services. Starting in October we will begin placing donation boxes throughout southern Illinois in an effort to raise money and awareness for the agency. Clothing, linens, shoes, plush toys - all soft goods - are acceptable donations. These "little houses" help Hoyleton help children find forever homes! If you would like to learn more about this program, where to find a box or how to host a box please contact Darla Rennegarbe at 618.688.4770 or drennegarbe@hoyleton.org.

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When you recognize someone or mark a special occasion with a gift, we will notify the honoree or honoree's family with a letter describing the memorial or honor gift that includes our thanks.

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Thanks to Stock Transport, Home depot, Hoyleton employees and the UCC Illinois South Conference, almost 500 Church World Service clean up buckets were assembled and have been be delivered to St. Paul UCC in Corpus Christi, Texas. From there they will be distributed to those who will be doing clean up after Hurricane Harvey. Thank you to all those who helped to make this possible!! Thank you to all those who helped to make this possible!

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