

Take a look at what is going on with Charlie's House!

June 2016



# e-newsletter

**Charlie's House** was named in honor of Charlie Horn, a 2 year old boy, who was killed in 2007 when a small dresser in his bedroom fell on him.

The mission of **Charlie's House** is to prevent injuries to children in and around the home.

**DONATE NOW**

**Charlie's House** provides safety information, materials, and furniture straps free of charge as a way of helping keep children in our community safe. If you would like to help us achieve our mission of preventing injuries to children in and around the house, please consider a financial donation to Charlie's House.

## Summer Fireworks Safety

Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. Many Americans enjoy the 4th of July by setting off fireworks, bottle rockets and sparklers. However, celebrations can quickly turn to tragedy. Every year, thousands of firework related injuries are treated in hospital emergency departments in the United States.

Help your family stay safe from injury by following these safety tips:

- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before you buy them, and buy from reliable dealers.
- Teach your children the dangers of fireworks. Never allow young children to ignite fireworks.
- Always have at least one adult present. Many people don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals and cause 3rd degree burns!
- Always have water handy (garden hose on and a bucket of water).
- Light one firework at a time and be sure to retreat to a safe distance after lighting.
- Never relight a "dud" (wait 15 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Never throw or point fireworks at another person or animal.

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- Do not make your own type of firework.

The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display by trained professionals.

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## Dine and Dance with the Stars



The 8th annual **BMA Foundation Dine and Dance with the Stars** is fast approaching! The event will be held on **Saturday, June 11** at the Overland Park Convention Center. Carrie Donnelly, a former Chiefs cheerleader, is an ardent

supporter of Charlie's House and is passionate about helping raise funds for other KC area charities, such as the Fox 4 Love Fund for Children and Safe House for Kids. **There is still time to buy tickets to the event or to vote for Carrie. Visit [here](#) to support Carrie and Charlie's House at this event!**

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**4th Annual Home Run for Safety 5k, 3k and 0.4k Kids Fun Run**

Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, September**

**11** for the 4th annual Home Run For Safety 5k, 3k and 0.4k Kids' Fun Run at Shawnee Mission Park, 8200 Renner, Shawnee, Kansas. To register visit the [registration site](#) or [our website](#). This fun-filled event will feature a 5k run/walk on a certified route, a 3k run/walk (not timed) and a 0.4k Kids' Fun Run. The routes will be on scenic paved trails. In addition, safety educators will be available to provide free furniture straps, safety checklists and safety demonstrations.

Event pricing:

5k Run or Walk: \$30 until Sept. 1st price increase\*

3K Run or Walk: \$20 until Sept. 1st price increase\*

Kids' 0.4K fun Run: \$10

\*\$3 discount for families of 4 or more for the 5K and 3K

Please see the [registration site](#) for more information!

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## Charlie's House + CPSC



Charlie's House is pleased to announce our partnership with the **CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission)** on the *Pool Safely Campaign*. *Pool Safely* is a national

public education campaign working with partners around the country to reduce child drownings, non-fatal drownings and entrapment incidents in swimming pools and spas. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are encouraged to visit [PoolSafely.gov](http://PoolSafely.gov) for vital safety information. Look for more information on Charlie's House Facebook page as well as our website, [Charlieshouse.org](http://Charlieshouse.org), in the days ahead.

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## Charlie's House + Rotary of Western Johnson County

*Board Chair Cindy Mense, and Charlie's Dad/Board Member Brett Horn*

Charlie's House was the benefactor for the inaugural Guns & Horses Event held by the Rotary of Western Johnson County on May 7th at Powder Creek Shooting Park. In addition to the trap

shoot and a Kentucky Derby viewing party (which included the traditional display of large hats!), Charlie's House distributed gun locks at the event. A fun day for all who participated! We appreciate the support of the Rotary of Western Johnson County, both financially and in helping us spread our message.

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Charlie's House is very appreciative for the continued support from our partner **State Farm**. We are so pleased that State Farm understands and supports our important mission of preventing injuries to children in and around the home. We are truly grateful!

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### **2015 Annual Report**

Each year Charlie's House produces an annual report with an update on the status of the mission, fundraising efforts and goal updates. To view the 2015 annual report, click [here](#).

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The **2016 Charlie's House Golf Classic** took place on Thursday, May 19 at Shoal Creek Golf Club. There were 71 golfers, four Birdie Level sponsors, four Hole Sponsors and 15 volunteers. The event included a silent auction, a raffle, multiple games and the Ballzooka. All golfers received lunch, dinner, drinks and a \$75 gift card to the Titleist/Footjoy concept shop. Charlie took care of the weather for us again this year, and we had an outstanding day and a lot of fun supporting Charlie's House!