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Vote Now for Fani Schifman and Charlie's House!



Fani Schifman is participating in the [Brian M. Anselmo Foundation's Dancing with the Stars](#) Saturday June 8th, 5PM, Overland Park Marriott.

Fani has been paired with a professional dancer and will be raising money for Charlie's House through votes. Each vote costs \$10. The star with the most votes wins. The competition is now open for voting!

[Click here to vote.](#)

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.



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.

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You can also purchase a table for the event at www.bmafoundation.org

Sponsors can also mail checks to:
BMA Foundation
901 West 121st Street
Kansas City, MO 64145

Making your Home Safe this Summer... And all Year Long

First, we believe home safety is attainable for anyone: No matter who you are, where you live, or how much money you have, there are always steps you can take to increase safety.

Second, we believe keeping things safe is a continuous process: It is more than just putting locks on the medicine cabinets and calling it good. Home safety requires frequent evaluation to look for new hazards and new ways to improve. That's why we do our best to provide simple, memorable steps you can follow everyday to make your home a safer place.

Review our growing list of things you can do to prevent injuries in and around your home.

Play Yards

- * Parents should secure swing sets to ground to avoid tip-overs.
- * Play sets should be inspected for missing and broken parts.
- * Material under equipment should be soft enough to cushion a fall.
- * Playground equipment should meet the Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association (JPMA) approval.
- * Children should use protective gear when riding wheeled play toys.
- * The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends avoidance of trampoline play.

Fire/Burns

- * Matches and lighters should be locked out of reach of a child.
- * Never leave grill unattended and teach young children to keep a distance from the BBQ grill.
- * Only use grill away from house and other structures.
- * Store lighter fluid securely in a labeled container.
- * Avoid using kites near overhead electrical lines.
- * Leave fireworks to the professionals. Do not use

consumer fireworks. Enjoy public firework displays!

- * Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time.
- * The tip of a sparkler burns at 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit which can cause third degree burns.

Drowning

- * Pools should have fencing and locking gates to prevent access.
- * Kiddie pools should always be emptied after use.
- * Assign a specific adult as a "water-watcher," since many adults will assume someone else is watching one child while they are tending to another child.
- * Never use water wings as a life preserver.
- * Keep a phone near the pool area to call 9-1-1.
- * Insist your child wears a life jacket approved by the U. S. Coast Guard and that fits snugly so it can't slip off over the head.
- * Learn infant and child CPR.
- * Remember, swimming lessons don't make children "drown-proof."
- * Keep buckets, containers and the pet water dishes out of reach of children.
- * Keep patio doors and other paths from the living room to the outside locked especially those homes with outdoor swimming pools, kiddie pools, or other bodies of water nearby.

Garage

- * Garden equipment and tools should be stored out of reach.
- * Keep children's playthings in one area and within their reach.
- * Keep floors clear of clutter, grease, and spills.

Poisoning

- * Post the number for the Poison Control Center ([1-800-222-1222](tel:1-800-222-1222)) in your home and program it on speed dial if your phone allows.
- * Program the Poison Control number in your cell phone (1-800-222-1222).
- * Keep medications, even vitamins locked away from children.
- * Keep household cleaners locked away.
- * Install a carbon monoxide detector and replace batteries as directed on detector.

Charlie's House 5K Home Run for Safety



Mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013 for the Charlie's House 5K Home Run for Safety. This 5K Run/ and Kids Fun Run will be at the T-Bones CommunityAmerica Ballpark in Kansas City, Kansas. Check our website in June for all

the details on how to register for this fun-filled event. Awards will be given to top three male and female runners overall and to the top three runners in various age/gender categories. You can also form a team to run or walk.

Charlie's House is also looking for sponsors for this event. If you would like to be a partner with us, there are several sponsorship levels. To learn more, please contact John McCarthy at [913-375-7123](tel:913-375-7123) or Lynne Bock at [816-805-5639](tel:816-805-5639).

Come join us for our inaugural signature event -Home Run for Safety! See you there!

Safety in Action! Explore Charlie's Virtual House!

Take a room-by-room tour of our safety house. Simply click on a room and as you mouse over items within that room, safety tips will appear. It is easy and loaded with valuable tips on how to safety proof your home. Check it out at <http://www.charlieshouse.org/safety/virtual-house>.

Charlie's House receives a grant from State Farm

Charlie's House last month received a State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship company grant in the amount of \$12,344 in support of our Physician Alliance program.

"I'm happy that we're able to again support this great organization," said Kevin Gamble, Public Affairs Community Relations specialist for State Farm in Kansas and Missouri.

This grant will help Charlie's House reach out to physicians with information, such as the Safety Checklists, that they can provide to their patients on how to prevent injuries in and around the home.

"We anticipate this grant will enable us to get safety ideas in the hands of thousands of families in Kansas and Missouri," said John McCarthy, Executive Director of Charlie's House. "Preventable injuries are the most common cause of death in children ages 1-14 years. While it may be impossible to eliminate all risks in the home, you can take steps to reduce them. We are appreciative of State Farm for this generous grant."

June is Home Safety Month

June is Home Safety Month! Charlie's House wants to help keep your home safe. Visit our website to view our [safety checklist](#).

In addition, we have five new safety videos that are making their premier this month! Look for each of them on our website, or you can get a *sneak peek* by clicking on the links below. The videos are short but packed with valuable information. Please take a few minutes to watch each of them and share with your friends.

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