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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

Stay Safe In and Around Water This Summer

Did you know that drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death for children ages one through four? Children must be actively supervised around water. Small children can drown in a little as one inch of water! Here are some safety tips for the water:

- When you are in a pool, always keep an infant and toddler within arm's reach. In a group, designate one person as the "Water Watcher" for a certain period of time to avoid lapses in supervision.
- Don't rely on swimming aids: water wings and noodles are a fun toy, but they never should be used in place of a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device.
- If you use an inflatable or portable pool, remember to empty it immediately after each use and store it upside down and out of children's reach.
- Educate kids about the hazards of drains and suction outlets, and teach them never to play around drains.
- When on a boat, the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all children under 13 wear a life jacket at all times. Half of all recreational boating fatalities happen in calm water, and all are unexpected!
 - Make sure the life jacket fits properly
 - Check the label for size and weight limits
 - Fasten the life jacket properly

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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- Check the fit by holding your arms straight over your head. Ask a friend to grasp the top of the arm openings and pull up. Make sure there is no excess room above the openings and that the jacket does not ride up over your chin or face.
- Recognize the signs of drowning: it doesn't look like drowning in the movies! Check out [this link](#) to learn how to recognize when someone is in trouble in the water.

Sources:

http://www.safekids.org/sites/default/files/documents/how-to-choose-the-right-life_0.pdf

Safe Kids Worldwide - Swimming Safety Tips

Support Charlie's House through Dancing With the Stars!



Charlie's House is honored to have Dr. Tamara Peterson as our dancer in the 2014 dancing with the Stars. During her time in the Emergency Department of Children's Mercy Hospital, she saw the need for further education in keeping our children safe in and around the home. Although she misses the fast-paced controlled chaos of the ED, she enjoys being a part of her patient family's

lives - watching them grow up and teaching them how to stay OUT of the ED. Tamara is so proud and honored to be a part of Charlie's House that she is tackling her long-time fear of dancing in front of others to support their important mission - to prevent injuries to children in and around the home!

To vote for Tamara click [here](#). Even a simple \$10 donation will go a long way to prevent injuries to children in and around the home. Hope to see you there on June 7th!

State Farm & Charlie's House



Pictured, left to right: John McCarthy, Charlie's House Executive Director; Brendan McPherson, Charlie's House Board Chair; Kevin Gamble, StateFarm; Brett Horn, Charlie's dad; and Mark Plush, State Farm agent and Charlie's grandfather.

Charlie's House was recently awarded a grant from State Farm to support our mission of promoting safety for children in and around the home. 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.

Charlie's House Golf Classic



The inaugural Charlie's House Golf Classic was held on May 8 at Shoal Creek Golf Club. The classic included gift bags, a \$75 credit at the Titleist/Footjoy shop, lunch, dinner and drinks, along with a round of golf at beautiful Shoal Creek. In the first year, there were 10 sponsors and 62 participants. We look forward to the growth of this first-class annual event that supports Charlie's House. Despite an ominous weather forecast, the sun came out from behind the clouds and shone bright throughout the afternoon. Somewhere up above, Charlie was smiling!

Home Run for Safety

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5K, 10K & Kids' Run



September 28th, 2014
Community America Ballpark
Kansas City, KS

The second annual Charlie's House Home Run for Safety is coming up quickly, and registration is now open. [Click here](#) to register your family today, before the entry fees increase at the end of August! New this year, families of four or more will receive \$5 off each 5K and 10K registration.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Royals Charities Grant

Charlie's House is pleased to be a recipient of a **\$5,000 grant** from **Royals Charities**. The support of the Royals is greatly appreciated and allows Charlie's House to further its mission of keeping children safe in and around the home.

Personalized Baby Blankets Now Available through Charlie's House



Looking for the perfect baby gift? How about a soft comfy baby blanket, embroidered and personalized with that special baby or toddler's name? We can create a gift package and include 2 furniture straps and a safety checklist to help parents and grandparents make their home safe from injury. The blankets are available in blue, green or orange for only \$25 (plus \$6 for shipping and handling if not picked up).

Simply e-mail tailormadebytamela@outlook.com or call or text her at [913-669-6347](tel:913-669-6347). Tamela will personalize your blanket and a percentage of each purchase price will support funding of the demonstration house, community education, and outreach activities for Charlie's House. Please indicate your order is on behalf of Charlie's House.

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