

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

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# e-newsletter

*We here at Charlie's House wish you and your family a happy and safe New Years!*



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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Charlie's House provides safety information, materials, and furniture straps free of charge as a way of helping keep

## Children's Toys Safety Tips

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, "in 2011, an estimated 262,300 children were treated in an emergency room for a toy-related injury. That's 718 kids every day. More than a third of those injured were children 4 and under." Toys are great fun for kids, but parents must be proactive to keep their children safe.

### Toys Safety Tips

- Age - Always consider your child's age when purchasing a toy. Read (and follow!) the age recommendations on the toy.
- Small Parts - When opening a toy, assess it for small parts or small pieces that can break off. Think large and make sure all toys and parts are age-appropriate.
- Supervision - Always supervise your child during playtime.
- Read Labels - Look for words like "non-toxic", "ASTM D-4236" on crayons/paints, "flameresistantretardant" on fabric toys, and "UL Approved" on electric toys.
- Read Instructions - Always thoroughly read toy instructions before use.
- Strings - Remove strings and ribbons before play. Pull-toys with strings longer than 12 inches can be a strangulation risk.
- Watch Older Kids' Toys - Keep an eye out for small parts and pieces as potential choking hazards for younger siblings.
- Safe Handling - Make sure your child knows how to safely handle all toys and parts. Hobby and chemistry sets should only be given to children over 12 years of age.

### Button Battery Safety

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.



The 2015 Charlie's House Golf Classic will be held on Thursday, May 15, Shoal Creek Golf Club. Sponsorship levels, details and registration information can be found [here](#). We hope to see you at this first-class event!



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Button batteries, (small coin shaped batteries), can pose a great threat to small children. They are common in households and can be extremely dangerous. More than 3,000 are ingested annually in the US. Their small sizes and shiny exteriors are very appealing to children, and can be easily swallowed.

Common Items that contain Button Batteries:

- Remote controls
- Thermometers
- Hearing aids
- Calculators
- Watches
- Children's toys
- Scales
- Singing greeting cards
- T-light candles
- Electronic jewelry
- Holiday decorations and ornaments

If you suspect a child has ingested a button battery, it is an **emergency**. They need to be taken to an emergency room immediately. Please take time to fully read about [Button Battery Safety from the American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#).

Helpful Links and Resources

[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_risks/toy-safety#sthash.L3mH3mGs.dpuf](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/toy-safety#sthash.L3mH3mGs.dpuf)

[http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid\\_safe/home/safe\\_toys.html](http://kidshealth.org/parent/firstaid_safe/home/safe_toys.html)

<http://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/at-home/Pages/How-to-Buy-Safe-Toys.aspx>

<http://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/news-features-and-safety-tips/Pages/Holiday-Safety-Tips.aspx>

[http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field\\_risks/batteries/field\\_risks/toy-safety](http://www.safekids.org/safetytips/field_risks/batteries/field_risks/toy-safety)

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## **Furniture Straps and Checklists now available to order on CharliesHouse.org**

You can now order FREE furniture straps, Charlie's Checklists, and Home Safety Slides on the Charlie's House website. Go to [www.charlieshouse.org](http://www.charlieshouse.org) and click on the tab in the upper right corner of the website. These items can be mailed directly to your home or the home of a friend or family member. Check it out today!

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## **Zona Rosa's Change for Charity**

We are pleased to inform you that we have been selected to be a Olshan Outreach recipient by the Zona Rosa Community Foundation for 2014. This will provide thousands of dollars in additional revenue next year to further our mission.

As a recipient, we will be featured for the month of December at Zona Rosa and afforded opportunities to share our message, including Zona Rosa customer newsletters, displays, LCD screens and more.

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## **Looking for that Perfect Gift?**

**Consider one of these thoughtful,  
personalized gifts that benefit Charlie's  
House**

The holidays are over, but gift-giving opportunities happen all year! These gifts not only benefit Charlie's House but are available for order all year

round.

Imagine being gifted a platter with a portrait of your home hand painted directly on it... for only \$50 artist Laura Lehnert will create this for you! 40% of each purchase price will support funding for Charlie's House. Simply provide a photograph of the house you would like to have on the platter and Laura will paint and personalize it for you. To order, e-mail Laura at [potterybylaura@yahoo.com](mailto:potterybylaura@yahoo.com) or call 816-914-5906. For more information about the platters click [here](#).



How about a personalized blanket as a holiday or shower gift? These soft, comfy baby blankets are embroidered and personalized with that special baby or toddler's name and come with safety information about how 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 shipping and handling if not picked up). Simply e-mail [tailormadebytamela@outlook.com](mailto:tailormadebytamela@outlook.com) or call or text her at 913-669-6347. A percentage of each purchase price will support funding of the demonstration house, community education, and

outreach activities for Charlie's House. For more information about the blankets click [here](#):

**When ordering these items please indicate your order is on behalf of Charlie's House!**

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## **Sign up today for Baby Buffer**

The Kansas Academy of Pediatrics has developed a website called Baby Buffer. Sign up today to receive emails and view videos on child development, positive discipline, and ways to interact with your newborn, along with child safety information. For an example of what is on the Baby Buffer web site, watch the [Still Face Experiment](#).

Visit <http://babybuffer.org/> to sign up!

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## **Charlie's House Home Run for Safety 5K, 10K, and Kids' Run**



The second annual Home Run for Safety Event was a tremendous success, with nearly 400 people participating in the races, as well as 100 volunteers and 25 sponsors. Thank you to all of those that supported this event. We look forward to seeing you again in 2015 (date to be determined soon)!

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