



# 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.

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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 injuries to children in and around the house, please consider a financial donation to

## Charlie's House - An organization dedicated to child safety

Since 2007, Charlie's House has had the great opportunity to spread the word about child safety in and around the home. We have created and shared Charlie's Checklist with tens of thousands of families with important reminders for keeping our children safe. The website features a virtual safety house where safety tips can be explored room by room. The website also features additional safety information through monthly safety articles.

Over the last year, Charlie's House has promoted the safety themes surrounding winter and toy safety, indoor air quality, grill and sparkler safety and many other areas. Poison prevention was a big focus for 2015 as Charlie's House began the year by promoting awareness of the hazards of liquid nicotine. We are thrilled to see that Congress is actively pursuing legislation in the form of the **Child Nicotine Poisoning Prevention Act of 2015** which would require special packaging to prevent children under the age of five from possibly opening these containers.

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Charlie's House has also continued to share the mission of preventable injuries by adding to the inventory of safety products that are provided on a complimentary basis upon request. We now give out outlet plug covers, cabinet locks, television straps/anchors in addition to the signature item of furniture straps which are brackets that can be used to secure furniture to a wall and prevent accidental tip overs.

We especially promote the use of these safety items around this time as we observe **National TV Safety Day** which occurred this year the day before Super Bowl 50, February 6th, 2016.

We are proud to continue with important partnerships with local community agencies such as **Safe Kids Johnson County, Crowley Furniture, the Brian Anselmo Memorial Foundation, Children's Mercy Hospital, and Farmers Insurance**, to name a few. We also are able continue our work due to the support, dedication and commitment from our many sponsors and grantees. Our social media sites, which are linked on the Charlie's House page, include references to our joint efforts for protecting children in and around the home. We are thankful for them all.

We will continue to work in our communities to keep kids safe everywhere even as we share tips that extend beyond the home environment. This might include sharing the dangers of distracted driving and looking out for children walking to school or being aware of the dangers of carts that tip over in stores while shopping. We want to be a resource of information for observances like **Burn Awareness Week (February 1-7)** and **National**

**Poison Prevention Week in March.** We also will continue to honor Charlie Horn's legacy by fulfilling the plans for the demonstration home in the near future. Please return back to our website often and link to us on Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, and Instagram. **We thank our many volunteers and friends of Charlie's House for helping us to keep our children safe!**

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## Dancing with the Stars



Charlie's House is very excited to announce that we will be well represented at the 8th annual BMA Foundation **Dine and Dance with the Stars**, being held on **Saturday, June 11th** 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. In addition to being a pharmaceutical sales representative, Carrie is also a part time dance instructor at the award winning Priscilla and Dana's School of Dance, which is the very studio where she grew up. Carrie is the proud mom of three busy children - Carley, Cole and Ava. She and her husband, Mark, of Stampcrete KC, love to travel and spend time with their family and friends.

Please join us for this fun filled evening, while supporting some extraordinary local charities. To cast your vote for the very talented Carrie Donnelly

and make your dinner reservations, click [here](#).

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## Panera Bread Fundraising Night for Charlie's House

Mark your calendars for a fun night out at Panera Bread, and a portion of your meal will be donated to Charlie's House! Join us on May 2, 2016 at the Panera Bread located at 10606 Shawnee Mission Parkway, Shawnee Mission, KS 66203 between 4:00 and 8:00pm. Keep an eye out for an official flyer to be distributed before the event!

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## Board of Directors

In addition to all the rest of the excitement that came with the new year, 2016 also brought some changes in the Charlie's House Board of Directors.

To learn more about the team of experts and volunteers that make Charlie's House possible, or to put faces to names that you may already know, click on over to our [website](#).

## Charlie's House Golf Classic



The 3rd Annual Charlie's House Golf Classic is coming up soon! Come out for a day of fun, golf, and prizes on Thursday, May 19th, 2016 at Shoal Creek Golf Course. Each golfer will receive,

in addition to supporting a meaningful cause, a

round of golf at the beautiful Shoal Creek Golf Course, two meals, complimentary drinks, a gift bag, a \$75 gift certificate to be used in the Titleist/FootJoy shop. Lunch will begin at 11:00, with a shotgun start following at 12:00. You can register your foursome online through this link: [www.shoalcreekgolf.com/charlieshouse](http://www.shoalcreekgolf.com/charlieshouse). Please contact John McCarthy with any questions at [john@charlieshouse.org](mailto:john@charlieshouse.org).

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A big thank you goes out to KSHB-TV for continuing to highlight child safety issues in and around the home. A recent story of theirs highlights the danger of tip-over accidents in the home, particularly with TVs. News spots like these help create greater awareness in keeping kids in our community safe. Watch the spot [here](#).