

A SHINING STAR IN WORKPLACE GIVING

You can read here why Kelly Robare feels it is important to donate to CenterPointe through her workplace giving campaign. Thank you, Kelly and all our workplace donors, for shining your light here at CenterPointe!

I wanted to take a moment to share with you my reasons for giving to CenterPointe.

My late sister, Jeanne, was so dedicated to CenterPointe and its mission! She strongly believed that quality, individualized treatment should be accessible to everyone. Helping others to realize a healthy, viable future was Jeanne's life's work and her career with CenterPointe spanned over 20 years. I, myself, have been an agency volunteer and have seen first hand the difference that can be made through the diverse services offered.

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It is heartbreaking when agencies such as CenterPointe have to cut vital programs or turn clients away because of lack of funding. Sadly, the need doesn't diminish when dollars are decreased. I feel that CenterPointe has set the area gold standard for community-based, comprehensive programs and progressive treatment.

I give because I believe every one of its programs is integral to the recovery and continued growth of its consumers, and because everyone who wants to obtain treatment should be able to do so, regardless of personal circumstances.

I have the opportunity to give annually through my employer and am honored to do so. The process is simple, and I am able to designate those funds specifically for CenterPointe.

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Heart of a Champion

One Family's Story of Success and Support

“We had a son go through CenterPointe programs. CenterPointe staff stuck with him until he succeeded. Now he's living on his own, he's gotten a degree, and he's working a steady job.”

“Monthly giving is important to my family because we'll never accumulate enough to make a big gift. But, we can budget to do something every month which adds up,” Gene, Champions Club monthly donor.

Thank you, Gene! We love hearing how our programs make a difference for families. You and your son are champions through and through.

Gene's son succeeded because caring people like you support CenterPointe's treatment, rehabilitation, community support and housing programs. Thank you!

You can join the Champions Club using the enclosed reply piece or contact Abbigail at 402-475-8717 ext. 133.

Contact us today for more information on CenterPointe, and how you can help!

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Center Yourself

Community Services Fund is a federation of 37 diverse organizations providing human services and quality of life programs in our community and across our state. CSF helps member agencies raise funds through workplace giving and payroll deduction.

This year CSF is asking you to think about this — how big of a difference could you make in the community if you matched your weekly coffee habit with a charitable gift?

If you've never given a workplace gift, now is the perfect time to start thinking about it. Workplace campaigns typically kick off as kids head back to school.

To recover lives and restore hope with your workplace gift be sure to designate CenterPointe on your pledge form.

If your employer doesn't offer a workplace giving campaign and you're interested in learning how to start one, contact **Kiersten Hill** at **402.489.4332** or **khill@communityservicesfund.org**.

In today's world you hear a lot of messages about finding peace and happiness if you accumulate more stuff.

You are surrounded by advertising messages that imply you can find inner peace with a certain perfume, soap, or shampoo. Or, that happiness lies within owning a new car.

As you center yourself in this moment, you are encouraged to remember these words:

“Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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My contribution comes out of each paycheck. I don't even miss it, but I know CenterPointe would miss it if it wasn't there. I never cease to be amazed at how far my money goes: a dollar amount equal to dinner in a neighborhood restaurant can provide a whole week's worth of meals or two hours worth of life skills education for a program resident!

I don't view my donation as a sacrifice, but rather, an investment in my community. I've seen the difference that CenterPointe makes, and, through workplace giving, I'm able to make a difference, too.

Kelly Robare

Coming Soon!

Artists On the Edge Outsider Arts Festival

You are invited to join us for a unique celebration of the arts featuring a wide variety of original art, photography and poetry readings from Open Studio and Writers' Wordshop.

Art sales during the event help support the program and the artists. This event is still in planning stages and will be coming to you this fall.

You can watch our Calendar of Events online or like our Facebook page for updates.

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Your Support at Work

Recovery from mental illness and addiction is possible but people in recovery need your caring and support to do it.

When you support CenterPointe you are touching the lives of people overcoming tremendous obstacles.

More than 57% of the people coming into services at CenterPointe are experiencing homelessness. Many more live in inappropriate housing.

CenterPointe is proud to partner with several state and federal organizations to provide

housing for more than 120 people in our community.

Your donations help subsidize psychiatric care for women and men in our housing programs.

Psychiatric care is essential in treating co-occurring mental illness and addiction. Gaining stability in your mood, managing symptoms of mental illness – these are the building blocks of recovery.

Without your support we would not be able to provide these services. Thank you for your gifts!

Housing Happenings

Your News About CenterPointe's Housing Programs

CenterPointe was awarded the **Fair Housing Award** from the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights.

CenterPointe hired a Supportive Living Case Manager to work **onsite at Creekside Village**. The program, a partnership between Hoppe Homes and CenterPointe, has been nominated for a Best Practices Award by NIFA.

A new HUD program, Transitions Too, will expand housing for transition age young adults and offer housing for families experiencing homelessness and mental health issues.



Creekside Village offers integrated living for people experiencing mental illness.

CenterPointe helps people with mental health and substance use issues live healthier, more productive lives.

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Discovering the Future

Monday, October 1, 2012

You are invited to join us on October 1st to hear Laura Lawless share her story of personal recovery at our annual Discovering the Future event.

Laura Lawless graduated cum laude in psychopathology from Harvard University in 2000. She won the title of Miss Arizona 2002 and became a top 15 semi-finalist at the 2003 Miss America competition. She went on to earn her law degree magna cum laude from Arizona State University in 2005.

But Laura considers her greatest achievement adapting to and accepting her own experiences as a person living with a mental illness since her teens.

She is a national spokesperson for the National Alliance for Mental Illness and the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression.

She travels extensively, educating audiences about mental health awareness, working tirelessly to put a

Dinner & Auction Event

face on the struggles faced by millions of Americans living with a mental disorder and the people who love and support them.

She also serves on the Boards of Directors for numerous state and national behavioral health advocacy organizations. And, she contributed to President George W. Bush's New Freedom Commission for Mental Health. She continues to lobby for mental health reform before state and national legislative bodies.

Her advocacy has been featured in People magazine, Woman's World magazine, The Washington Post, The New York Daily News, CNN, in nationwide Public Service Announcement campaigns, and scholarly articles and book chapters published on the subject of psychiatric recovery education.

We are proud to have such a tremendous advocate for mental health recovery coming to Lincoln!



Laura Lawless, featured in People magazine as a mental health advocate, will share her personal story of recovery at CenterPointe's Discovering the Future event.

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October 1, 2012

Embassy Suites - 1040 P Street, Lincoln, NE

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Rod Fowler - Channel 8 News Anchor

Keynote Speaker

Laura Lawless - National NAMI Spokesperson



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