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LEADING THE WAY...

An Ann Arbor native, he's a prominent Harvard-educated attorney with a lifelong dedication to community service. She's boasts a political pedigree—first cousin to President John F. Kennedy—maintaining her distinctive Boston accent 60 years after moving to the Midwest as a young bride.

As community leaders, **Marnee** and **John DeVine** have walked the walk from the beginning. From a young age Marnee understood that

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Marnee & John DeVine

THE WAY WE WERE... AND WHO WE ARE TODAY



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

When the Diocese of Detroit and community leaders established Catholic Social Services in May 1959, the mission was to extend a helping hand to struggling families regardless of their faith, race or economic background. We salute the legacy and foresight of these remarkable individuals who understood the value of their undertaking.

Embracing the tenets of Catholic social teaching, the new agency dedicated itself to changing the lives of our neighbors in the most vulnerable circumstances. That is as true today as it was 50 years ago.

Certainly, Washtenaw County was a much different place in 1959. The Big Three automakers were the only players in town—

'59 AGENCY PHILOSOPHY... '09

"...The family, the basic unit of our Christian civilization, is at peril at present, not merely from the atom bomb, but from far more insidious social problems of which divorce is but one. The agency gears its program to the protection of the family from these forces within and without which threaten to disrupt its healthy functioning..."

"...Empowering individuals and families is inherent in everything we stand for. It is, quite simply, the ultimate mission of CSSW. How we work toward achieving that goal rests on the shoulders of our staff as well as the dedication of our board members and their ability to work side by side with other community stakeholders to benefit those most in need. Because changing lives is what we do..."

'59 WHO WE SERVE... '09

Clients served: 336
Programs: Adoption and Counseling
Client demographics: 57% Catholic

Clients served (fy 2008): 8,863
Programs: Twenty-eight programs and community collaborations: adoption and pregnancy counseling, food assistance, homelessness prevention, domestic and child abuse intervention and prevention, incarcerated adults, family therapy, and services designed to assist older adults, individuals with developmental disabilities, and at-risk families with young children.
Client demographics: 16% Catholic

'59 AGENCY FINANCIALS... '09

Revenue: \$35,762
Expenses: \$35,684

Revenue: \$5.3 million
Expenses: \$5.1 million



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...SERVING ALL AGES, ALL FAITHS AND ALL CULTURES SINCE 1959



CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS IN OUR COMMUNITY

*Changing lives...
one community, one family,
one person at a time*

CSSW has created opportunities for both individuals and businesses to support the Agency during our milestone year. Giving options are designed to meet your needs while ensuring CSSW continues to serve families today and in the years to come.

ANNUAL SUPPORT

Annual contributions sustain and enhance CSSW programs and services. Serving the most vulnerable families and individuals in our community, your gift will make it possible to improve the quality of many lives today.

50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT—OCT. 4, 2009 SPONSORSHIPS

On October 4, 2009, Catholic Social Services will culminate our milestone with a special 50th recognition event. We invite you to join us as we honor the leaders and supporters who have supported Catholic Social Services through the years.

RETIRE THE MORTGAGE FUND

The Retire the Mortgage Fund is designed for community members who seek to create a meaningful and lasting legacy in our community. With a goal of \$1.5 million, gifts to this fund will enable CSSW to pay off the Packard Office mortgage and underwrite future capital improvements. Lifting the burden of the mortgage payments will protect the Agency in difficult economics times, releasing funds to strengthen our programs. Naming opportunities available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AT
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OR VISIT THE WEBSITE

WWW.CSSWASHTENAW.ORG

THE MARNEE & JOHN DEVINE FOUNDATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Establishing a named endowment fund through The Marnee & John DeVine Foundation creates a permanent legacy, perpetuating your ideals while providing long-term support of CSSW. You may create a named endowment with a minimum gift of \$5,000.

Per Foundation policy, the annual distribution of a named fund can be used in several ways:

- ▶ Unrestricted support
- ▶ Support two current programs: Father Patrick Jackson House Program or The Washtenaw Child Advocacy Center

To learn more about how to set up a named endowment fund,

Please call: Leah Ann Kleinfeldt
734.971.9781, ext. 323.

*Together, we can continue providing a helping hand
to our neighbors...*

Please visit: www.csswashtenaw.org

50TH ANNIVERSARY HONORARY CHAIRS

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* *In memoriam*

1959-2009 OUR ORIGINAL PROGRAMS...THEN & NOW

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES & COUNSELING

America in the late 1950's was a more structured time; a picket-fence world where Mom cooked a dinner the entire family ate together. There was an appropriate mode of behavior, and everyone, even the youngest children, knew the rules.

The times demanded conformity, and the philosophy behind the **CSSW Counseling Program** reflected the prevailing attitudes of the day. Behaviors considered “disturbances” 50 years ago included thumb-sucking toddlers and moody teenagers as well as a garden variety of adult “personality problems.” The objective of counseling was to foster compliance with cultural expectations. It was really that clear.

It would be simplistic, by today's standards, to dismiss these views as insensitive. They were not. Instead, counseling in CSSW's early years focused on the “preservation of mental health,” an approach designed to fix problems as a means of attaining social acceptability—not a small matter in 1959. Remember, this was a decade before the counter culture began challenging the status quo on gender roles, sexual attitudes and more. Being different meant being an out-cast.



Fast forward to today. Counseling is now **Behavioral Health Services (BHS)**, a change that goes far beyond the title.

“Historically, CSSW offered counseling-type services, whereas now we offer what would be considered therapy or psychotherapy,” explains BHS Program Director David Garvin. “Behavioral Health Services uses ‘Solution-Focused Brief Therapy,’ a short-term therapeutic approach that focuses on developing goals and solutions rather than dwelling on problems.”

What does that mean in layman's terms? Specifically, Behavioral Health has evolved from a treatment model where clients received on-going counseling to a more defined therapeutic timeframe, usually between five to 20 sessions. Likewise, in 2009 access to psychiatric help, substance abuse counseling and group therapy are among the services offered. BHS today is tailored to meet individual needs, enabling each person to determine their own goals and have the life skills to successfully achieve them.

Yet for all the changes, the primary objective remains the same. For 50 years, Behavioral Health at CSSW has provided professional, compassionate support to vulnerable individuals and families at all stages of life.

PREGNANCY COUNSELING & ADOPTION

A young woman, unmarried, finds she is unexpectedly pregnant.

What does she do?

The response to that question is dramatically different today than when CSSW first began offering pregnancy and adoption services 50 years ago. The veil of shame and secrecy no longer cloaks the options available to unwed mothers as in past generations when single parenthood was disdained. Today, a network of support enables birth moms to successfully parent. And that's just for starters.

In 1959, the Agency philosophy was unequivocal. “Illegitimate pregnancies” were considered behavioral issues with one acceptable solution—to place newborns with married couples. Counseling for all involved was limited to completing the process. Once adoption plans were finalized, the birth and adoptive parents never saw or heard from one another ever again; the door was shut. Adopted children grew up denied any information regarding their birth families.

That was then.

Five decades later, CSSW offers a spectrum of services for expectant parents, adoptees and adoptive families alike — however and whenever they need it. In addition to assisting families throughout the entire adoption process, services include pregnancy counseling, informational meetings, support groups, and search and reunion assistance. Moreover, in



2008 the Agency began a program for incarcerated women at the Huron Valley Correctional Facility.

In its first full year, the Agency served 185 pregnancy and adoption clients. As societal attitudes changed over the decades, the number of adoption clients dwindled significantly.

Currently, there is an upward trend of young women choosing to make adoption plans, as once again the perception is changing in popular culture. In 2009, CSSW's guiding principle is empowerment—to the birth and adoptive families and especially to the infants and children whose lives are impacted most of all.

1959

'59 ▶ Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County opens its office on May 1 offering free counseling and adoption services with Marguerite Parrish as Executive Director

'61 ▶ CSSW becomes a United Way agency

'64 ▶ More than 1,000 Families Receive services

'67 ▶ Ypsilanti office at St. John's Parish opens



'70 ▶ Emergency Foster Care for Runaway Teens is developed with Ozone House

'71 ▶ CSSW collaborates with other agencies to open SOS Crisis Center

'72 ▶ Agency becomes part of the Diocese of Lansing

'73 ▶ Retired and Senior Volunteer Program established in Washtenaw County
▶ John Hayes becomes 2nd Executive Director
▶ 700th child is placed in an adoptive family home

'76 ▶ Emergency Food Program begins

'78 ▶ John Martin becomes 3rd President/Executive Director



'79 ▶ CSSW establishes Parent Aide Program



'83 ▶ Parish Outreach begins offering pre-marriage preparation classes

1972

1986

'86 ▶ CSSW hosts first "After Hours" fundraising event



'88 ▶ Alternatives to Domestic Aggression (ADA) program started

▶ CSSW begins offering Families First services in Washtenaw and Jackson Counties

'92 ▶ The Marnee & John DeVine Foundation established as fundraising arm of CSSW



'93 ▶ Grandparents as Parents program begins

'95 ▶ Healthy Families Program established

'96 ▶ CSSW moves to current Packard Rd. location



▶ DeVine Foundation presents first "Fall Festival of Music"



▶ Larry Voight appointed 4th President/Executive Director

'98 ▶ CSSW begins offering Families First services in Hillsdale and Branch Counties

1996

2000

'00 ▶ DeVine Foundation reaches \$1 million endowment goal



'01 ▶ Housing Support Services program begins providing support to Avalon housing tenants

'02 ▶ Father Patrick Jackson House Program becomes a program of CSSW



'04 ▶ CSSW, lead agency and fiduciary for Blueprint for Aging, awarded major grant from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

'05 ▶ CSSW collaborates with governmental agencies to establish the Washtenaw Child Advocacy Center (WCAC)
▶ ADA starts "Expanding Options" program

'06 ▶ Intentional Communities of Washtenaw program begins
▶ WCAC opens new offices in Ypsilanti

'07 ▶ Blueprint for Aging conducts first educational meeting - concerning long-term care

▶ CSSW accepts HelpSource counseling clients and assumes



operation of the its Adult Day Services and Supervised Parenting/ Exchange programs

▶ Teen Parent Drop-In Nights begins, hosted by Fr. Pat's and Healthy Families

▶ ADA starts program dedicated to treating women who use force

▶ ADA begins offering *No Mas* for Spanish-speaking men



'08 ▶ WCAC begins offering medical exams
▶ Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Services begin program for incarcerated mothers

2009

IN TODAY'S NEWS

Willing to Share your Story of Success? CSSW Seeks Former Clients

Celebrating our 50th anniversary, we are reflecting on the community we serve, and most importantly, the families whose lives have been touched. Our legacy is the story of real people—of single moms and parents struggling to feed their children, of depressed teens, older adults seeking health care advice, victims of abuse, adoptive families and individuals with cognitive impairments. And so many more.

It is in the words of these individuals that the agency's true impact can be measured. Which is why CSSW would like to hear from former clients willing to share their experience. Whether you received services decades ago or yesterday, no matter—your success inspires those who come to us today.

Want to share your story?

Please contact CSSW Communications Manager
Carole Levine at clevine@csswashtenaw.org
or call 734.971.9781 ext. 314



CSSW Program Director David Garvin Named NASW-Michigan "Social Worker of the Year"



CSSW Senior Director **David Garvin** MSW, LMSW, has been named the 2009 National Association of Social Workers (NASW)—Michigan *Social Worker of the Year*. He earned the prestigious honor for his work in the areas of domestic violence, mental health and adoption.

"Notably, David helped to create and promulgate standards for intervention services to batterers that have made a difference throughout Michigan and beyond," said CSSW President **Lawrence Voight**. "We are proud of this deserved recognition of David's work and leadership."

Garvin is the program director of the Alternatives to Domestic Aggression (ADA), Behavioral Health Services, Substance Abuse Treatment, Pregnancy, Adoption, and the Supervised Parenting and Exchange programs. A national leader in the field of batterer intervention, he has been employed at CSSW since 1987.

He received the honor April 15 at the NASW Annual Conference in Lansing. With 150,000 members nationally, NASW is the world's largest organization of professional social workers.

THE WAY WE WERE *(continued from page 1)*

what was good for GM truly was good for the country. A gallon of gas cost 25 cents. Barbie Dolls and Motown launched that year while families gathered around their black and



Ann Arbor Kiwanis 1959



white TVs watching the antics of Beaver Cleaver. Americans feared the threat of nuclear war made all the more ominous by Fidel Castro's Cuban revolution.

As you would expect, the mindset of the 1950's also influenced how CSSW approached the issues of the day. The discourse surrounding out-of-wedlock pregnancies was uttered, if at all, in hushed, disapproving tones; no one would have encouraged an unmarried mom to parent or openly communicate with her child's adoptive family. Divorce was blamed for nearly all family dysfunction. Domestic abuse was years away from public scrutiny and growing older typically meant growing feeble. The Agency's founding philosophy of family preservation affirmed these deeply held beliefs, which by contemporary standards may seem quaint, naïve or even dogmatic.



Today's vision—to help people live safe, meaningful and independent lives, in a more just community—is much broader, reflecting the increasing diversity of our contemporary culture. In addition to offering more than two dozen programs designed for myriad life challenges, we also collaborate on initiatives with our colleagues in the non-profit and government sectors.

Without a doubt, CSSW has come a long way. Though subtle, our role as an agency has evolved from helping clients achieve social parity to promoting personal empowerment. That being said, we would never be where we are today if it wasn't for the commitment of our founders from the Diocese, local parishes and the community at large. They put into action the teachings of the Catholic Church to support those most in need.

With gratitude and a good dose of humility, let us honor those board members, staff and volunteers who came before us as CSSW looks forward to starting its second 50 years. Clearly, there is much work yet to be done, needs new and timeless, that are still unmet. It is a tall order, but one we enthusiastically embrace. Because changing lives—then, now and forever—is what we do.

Lawrence Voight

Lawrence Voight, ACSW
President

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making a difference meant getting involved, from campaigning for cousins Jack and Bobby in their presidential bids, to serving as president of the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan and chairing various St. Joseph Mercy Hospital endeavors.

Similarly, John's father, who headed his own law firm, instilled philanthropic values in his son.

"I grew up during the depression when you didn't see any money. I was brought up to believe you had an obligation to give back to your community. I learned that from my father," he says.

John took the elder DeVine's advice and ran with it—he has been president of the local American Red Cross and the American Academy of Health Lawyers as well as served on the boards of the YMCA and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. Fifty years ago, he became one of the driving forces in establishing Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County.

It was only natural John would step up and become Catholic Social Service's first chairman of the board. Even then, he understood the challenges and potential of the fledgling non-profit.

"The community quickly took to Catholic Social Services, with adoption being our major emphasis at that time," John explains. "We battled our way through until we became the first agency that did adoptions for kids to families regardless of their religion. That was unique for a Catholic agency."

He held the chairmanship for a decade, overseeing Catholic Social Service's growth from a staff of seven offering adoption and counseling services to becoming a United Way agency with diverse programs serving all ages and all walks of life. As her children grew older, Marnee joined in with equal vigor by chairing fundraising activities and recruiting others to support CSSW.

As the Agency grew in size and importance, both began working with other community leaders to build the financial wherewithal of the organization. A solid, coordinated philanthropic plan was necessary, and they rose to the challenge.

In 1992, **The Marnee and John DeVine Foundation** was established with the mission to raise endowment funds to support CSSW operations; now serving as the philanthropic arm of CSSW. Since that time, the Foundation has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars through fundraising galas and individual and corporate gifts.

Although they are no longer active on the Foundation or Agency boards, don't think their influence doesn't remain relevant. As if their years of dedicated service aren't tribute enough, the DeVines are giving once again by making a \$50,000 planned gift to the DeVine

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Foundation in honor of the Agency's 50th anniversary.

"There are many from the next generation that have stepped up to the plate who have given their time, money and energy," Marnee says. "I am excited to see this involvement, which hopefully will continue to grow."

Their legacy has been established, a legacy they are proud to pass to current and future supporters of Catholic Social Services. After all, giving, more than anything else, has defined the lives of John and Marnee DeVine. What a great tribute to a remarkable couple. What great role models for the rest of us to follow today and for years to come.

THEN... 1959

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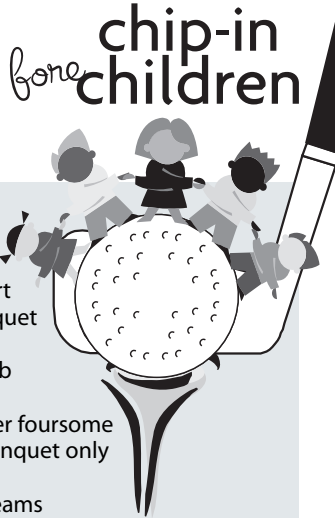
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EVENT UPDATES...

Join us for a fun day of
golf, dinner, games and great prizes!

Benefiting the families at the
Father Patrick Jackson House
and Washtenaw Child
Advocacy Center



When: Monday, June 8
8:00 a.m. ~ Check-in
9:00 a.m. ~ Shotgun Start
2:30 p.m. ~ Awards Banquet

Where: Washtenaw Country Club

Cost: \$125 per golfer/ \$460 per foursome
\$35 to attend awards banquet only

Format: Scramble/four-person teams

Call: Catholic Social Services at
734.971.9781 ext. 313
or visit our website at www.csswashtenaw.org
for reservations and sponsorship opportunities

A Little Bit o' Green **St. Patrick's Feast Celebrates FPJH 25th Anniversary**



l-r Michael Reid, Most Rev. Earl Boyea, David Mengebier

On March 8, \$30,000 was raised at the St. Patrick's Feast honoring the 25th anniversary of the **Father Patrick Jackson House** program. Held at Ann Arbor's Old St. Patrick's Church, more than 150 guests attended including the **Most Rev. Earl Boyea**, Bishop of Lansing, CSSW board members, and the families of Father Patrick Jackson and other long-time supporters of the program. Tradition ruled the day with **Mick Gavin's** Irish music accompanying the Irish dinner.

Proceeds raised will go toward a named FPJH endowment fund. Co-chairs of the St. Pat's Feast were **Brian Kelley** and **Peter Schork**. Major event sponsors: Leadership—**Tim and Shann Patton**; Benefactor—**Michigan Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center**; **Brian and Lisa Kelley**. Honorary chairs: **Most Rev. Earl Boyea**, Honorable **Chris Easthope**.