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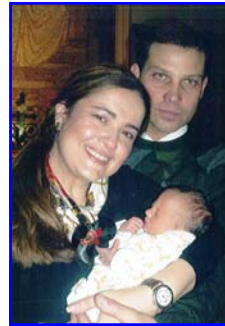
April 30, 2012
CFS Memorial Golf
Tournament

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"Change for Children"
Campaign

November 8, 2012
CFS Benefit Dinner

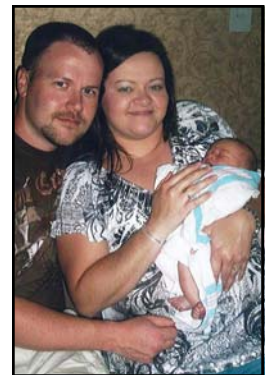
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Changing Tomorrows Today

Just a few of our adoptive placements over the past year
CFS is truly changing peoples' lives for the better! Thank you for your support....



The Silent Heroes Among Us

When we think of heroes we think of policemen, firemen or military personnel. Or perhaps we hear about an individual on the news who is called a hero because he rescued a stranger from certain death. While these individuals are recognized for their heroics, and rightly so, CFS is blessed with what we call "Silent Heroes."

Silent Heroes are important to our mission. These individuals go about their business unnoticed by many. You may be asking, "Who are these individuals?"

Women who make adoption plans for their children are heroes. In fact, they may be among the most heroic people in our society. Few people place the needs of others so far ahead of their own needs. A birthmother, who makes an adoption plan for her child, makes,

if not the ultimate sacrifice for her child, certainly one which few of us would have the courage to make. A birthmother makes an adoption plan because she loves her baby and wants to provide more for her baby than she herself can provide. She is a true hero in the eyes of CFS and her soon to be born child.

Our donors and supporters are heroes too. Without your prayers or your financial support it would be difficult for us to carry on the mission that God has set before us. Every time you say a prayer for CFS, write a check or donate a non-cash item, you are helping to save the life of a child, counsel a birthmother, comfort a hurting family or show love to an abused and neglected child. You do it not to be recognized, you do it because you care! That is what being a Silent Hero is all about.



<http://www.cfskc.org>

**SERVING
THE
COMMUNITY
FOR
30 YEARS!**

CFS Memorial Golf Tournament - April 2011



This year Christian Family Services' Annual Memorial Golf Tournament was held at Tiffany Springs Golf Course in the Northland of Kansas City. Fifty-eight individuals participated in the event this year. The tournament raised over \$8,750.00.



Unlike previous years where we have battled the elements, this year the weather cooperated and made for an enjoyable experience.

Thank you to all the golfers that participated in this year's tournament and to the staff members that worked behind the scenes to make the event a great success!



Alternative Ways to Support Christian Family Services



When many people think of giving to a charity such as CFS they think about cash donations. While cash is certainly needed, it is not the only form of donation we can accept. Through our partnership with iDonate.com we can accept many items that you may be looking to get rid of.



This year CFS was given furniture, dishes, desks, chairs and bookshelves from an estate. Through iDonate.com we were able to sell these items through auction and receive over \$2,800.00 in return to support our mission.



For more information about what you can donate call us or visit our website at www.cfskc.org.



Professional Services Statistics

Adoption Services

Agency Adoption Placements	5
Private Placements:	
Agency Assisted	11
International Assisted	<u>15</u>
Total	31
Home Studies: International	37
Domestic	25

People Served	547
Contact and Sessions	5,044

Lifeline & CFS General Counseling

New Cases Opened This Year	757
Number of People Couseled	2,685
Number of Counseling Sessions	9,849

Westport Counseling Associates

Therapy Sessions	4,354
Therapy Clients	249
Parent Aide Sessions	5,867
Parent Aide Clients	132
Total Sessions	10,221
Total Clients	381

3,613 Total People Served @ 25,114 sessions 483 sessions a week

Program Services:

(Serving the greater Kansas City Area within a 360 mile radius)

Christian Family Services (Faith)

- Crisis Pregnancy Counseling**
- 24 hour on call services**
- Adoption Services**
- International and Domestic Home Studies**
- Individual, Marital & Family Counseling**
- Premarital Counseling**
- Anger Management Issues**

Lifeline Counseling Center (Hope)

- Individual, Marital and Family Counseling**
- Depression, Stress & Anxiety Management**
- Children & Play Therapy**
- Parenting Skills**
- Addiction & Recovery**
- Physical, Sexual & Emotional Abuse Issues**
- Grief & Loss Issues**
- Women & Men Issues**

Westport Counseling Associates (Love)

- Counseling for Abused & Neglected Children**
- High Risk Parenting**
- Home-Based Services**
- Psychological Evaluations**
- Supervised Visitation Monitoring**
- Court Testimony**
- Parent Aide Services**
- Mentoring Aide Services**

We've Come A Long Way in 30 Years!

It all began in 1981. Christian Family Services (CFS) rose to meet the challenge of helping single women in the Church and the community who were experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Unwed women and their families could come and deal with their situation in an environment of love and acceptance. We provided two options; strengthening the family to deal with the unplanned pregnancy in a "Christ-like" manner and/or provide a third alternative to abortion or parenting - making an adoption plan for the child. Adoption plans where the birthmother had a say as to who would raise the child. Just like couples who put together a will or trust have

go through the process of selecting someone to take over raising their child(ren), CFS was formed to help facilitate that same process in providing the means for a birthparent to select a family to lovingly raise the child they are not able to parent at that particular time in their lives.

We have come a long way. This year CFS is celebrating 30 years of improving the lives of children and families. In many ways, it feels like our work has just begun. Over the past few years we have added International Adoption Services (2008) acquired Westport Counseling Associates (2007) and Lifeline Counseling Center (2010). These additions have been vital to our ability to reach out and accomplish the work God has put before us.

Because of our many supporters, Christian Family Services (CFS) has continued to help more children and families in crisis than we ever have. Just look at the numbers below to see what you have accomplished through us:

	<u>1984</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2011</u>
Adoption placements:	9	12	31
Families served:	325	750	3,613
General counseling sessions:	902	1,890	25,114
Abused and neglected children helped:	--	--	381

What does the future hold for CFS? Only God knows for sure. But we will continue to look for ways of fulfilling our mission of helping women with unexpected pregnancies while supporting the child's best interest, providing safe homes for children by strengthening families and providing affordable Christ-centered counseling.

We do not say it enough, thank you! Thank you for your continued words of encouragement, your financial support and most of all your prayers. We hope that the work we are doing on your behalf brings you a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction knowing that families are being strengthened because of you.

We look forward to the years ahead and what God has in store for us!



Think Differently in 2012 - Mark Barone, Executive Director

*"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus"
Philippians 2:5 (NIV)*

In thinking back on 2011, we hope that your year was filled with happy memories of family and friends. It is our sincere prayer that the New Year finds you closer to God and that you will make sharing Christ-like compassion towards others a priority in 2012. We thank you so much for the support you have shown Christian Family Services this past year and we wish you a blessed 2012! - CFS/Lifeline/Westport Staff



Faith - Hope - Love



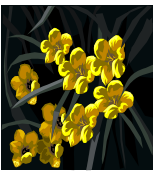
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Olathe, Kansas 66062
913.764.5463 * Lifelinecounselingcenter.org

Westport Counseling Associates
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Kansas City, Missouri 64111

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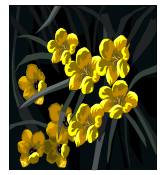
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