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## Winter Fun!

*Amy is enjoying a new outlook on life with her daughter Gwyneth*

Amy can't believe how much her life has changed since she reached out to the Crisis Center in 2018. As her two-year old daughter plummeted down a snowy hill for her first-ever sledding experience, she wondered, "How did I get here?"

Amy was in a toxic, violent relationship for several years and she felt like there was no where to turn. Her abuser had isolated her, and he constantly told her that she wasn't good enough. She could not imagine raising her young daughter Gwyneth in this environment and she knew in her heart that she needed to break free. She called the Crisis Center 24-hour hotline for help and she began to take a new path toward independence.

Amy said that decision 'saved her life' and her world has completely changed. Amy has much more confidence in herself thanks in part to her counselor, who has been with her every step of the way. She was accepted into the CCSS Transitional Housing Program, a program that touts a **97% success rate!** She was also the fortunate recipient of a new vehicle through the GEICO/Crash Champions Recycled Rides program and this vehicle allow her to live apart from her abuser and safely transport her daughter to southern Illinois for court-mandated visits.

Amy is enrolled in school and she is thrilled to return. She is studying early childhood development at Moraine Valley Community College and she is working full-time. She said, "I never imagined that I would be here today. Going back to school was the furthest thing from my mind just two years ago but now I am so excited about my future."

Each month Amy plans a special trip for Gwyneth. They have visited the Field Museum, the Lincoln Park Zoo and they have attended several art fairs. Two weeks ago, Gwyneth was able to sled in the snow for the first time in her life! She was all smiles, and Amy can't help but smile too.

Thanks for supporting the Crisis Center for South Suburbia and victims of domestic violence. You are helping to create smiles for people like Amy and Gwyneth.

*If you, or someone you know, is experiencing domestic violence please call our 24-hour hotline at 708-429-SAFE (7233).*



**Annual Gala**  
...benefitting the Crisis Center  
for South Suburbia and victims  
of domestic violence.



***Join us for 'An Evening in Paris' on Saturday, February 29th***

You'll enjoy an elegant evening as you're whisked away by the ambiance of the romantic streets of Paris. Enjoy a signature cocktail and live music and entertainment from ['Midnight'](#).

**You will have a wonderful time with your family and friends and you'll be supporting the Crisis Center and victims of domestic violence!**

Grand Raffle tickets are on sale for \$50. Five raffle prizes: \$5,000, \$1,000 and (3) \$500. To purchase raffle tickets please call Janice Barry at 708-429-7255, Ex. 138.

There will also be a live and silent auction featuring amazing vacation packages like two trips to Paris! One trip is a culinary delight and it features a Le Cordon Bleu class, and the other is catered toward history buffs, including a trip to Normandy! We will also have tickets to Elton John and Billy Joel!

Our Fund-a-Need auction has hopes of raising a record-setting \$70,000 this year.

*Will you help us reach that goal?*

New this year are fun-filled attractions like a Paris-themed photo booth and so much more.

*For more information, contact Lisa Molloy at [lmolloy@crisisctr.org](mailto:lmolloy@crisisctr.org) or 708-429-7255.*



## **Mini-Self Defense Class Held to Support the Crisis Center**

On Friday, January 24th, ChuloFit in Palos Heights hosted a special event to raise awareness and support the Crisis Center for South Suburbia. A mini-self defense class was conducted and approximately 30 people participated. Attendees enjoyed free food from Durbin's and Branding Iron and over \$600 was raised for the Crisis Center!

Special thanks to ChuloFit, Durbin's, Branding Iron and to everyone who attended!



If you or someone you know would be interested in holding a fundraiser for the Crisis Center please contact Jay Capron at [jcapron@crisisctr.org](mailto:jcapron@crisisctr.org) or call 708-429-7255, Ex. 124.

Jeffrey LaMorte  
salon day spa

## A New Year... a Fresh New Look

Special thanks to Jeffrey LaMorte Salon and Day Spa in Frankfort and Orland Park!

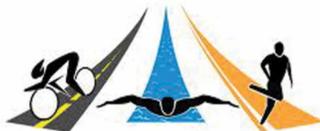
They are providing a free haircut and color to clients who are staying at our shelter.

Little pleasures like a new hairstyle can mean so much to someone living at our shelter. Thank you Jeffrey LaMorte Salon and Day Spa!

## Are you up for the challenge?

**Become a triathlete in one hour and support the Crisis Center!**

### INDOOR TRIATHLON



to benefit the  
**Crisis Center for South Suburbia**

Sunday, March 8, 2020  
7am to 2pm  
Lincoln-Way West High School  
Fieldhouse Track  
21701 S. Gougar Rd., New Lenox, IL  
**\$40** Registration Fee  
All Proceeds Benefit the Crisis Center

\$40 registration fee and all proceeds benefit the Crisis Center for South Suburbia!

Performance is measured by distance covered in three legs:

- 15 minute swim
- 15 minute ride on exercise bike
- 15 minute run on treadmill

Transition times are fixed at 10 minutes between swim and bike and 5 minutes between bike and run.

Waves of 5 participants begin every 20

minutes.

For more information contact Mark Moylan at (708) 429-MARK (6275) or email [mark.moylan.mkag@statefarm.com](mailto:mark.moylan.mkag@statefarm.com).

Registration form and payment must be submitted by March 6th.  
[Click HERE for registration form](#)



## It's a new year. Will you help us to provide HOPE?

2020 is underway and you may be looking for a new way to give back to your community. Consider joining our 'Safety Circle' and provide HOPE to victims of violence.

The Safety Circle provides an opportunity for continued support by making a monthly gift that works with your budget. Members of the Safety Circle can sign up to give a donation of any amount.

Think of it...for the cost of a \$40.00 manicure once per month, you can make an annual donation of \$480! That could free a family from an abusive life by supporting the fee for one month's rent!

*Yes!* SIGN ME UP

For more information, please contact Development Director Lorri Nagle at 708-429-7255 or e-mail [lnagle@crisisctr.org](mailto:lnagle@crisisctr.org).

## Crisis Center Auxiliary Spring Legend Luncheon *\$45 ticket includes lunch*

Laura Freeman, Beckie Menzie  
and Marianne Murphy Orland present



# GIRLS LIKE US

Featuring  
the music of  
Carole King  
Carly Simon  
Joni Mitchell



Lunch Included.  
Split the Pot & Umbrella Lottery  
Reservation required **BY APRIL 14TH.**

## Girls Like Us Take On Broadway:

Celebrating the music of Broadway in a truly unique way, Girls Like Us blends harmony and humor into musical theatre favorites! Explore the history of women on stage from the Golden Age of Broadway to Today!

Learn how some divas "lucked" into their iconic roles and became the stars you love. Discover why certain "types" tug at your heartstrings and not your funny bones. Listen to hits Girls Like Us have always wanted to do. They will put a stamp on them that you will never forget!

**Tuesday, April 28, 2020**  
**11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**(Doors open at 10:30am)**

**Palos Country Club**  
**13100 Southwest Highway**  
**Orland Park, IL 60462**

**Tickets are on sale now!**

[Download the registration form HERE.](#)

For more information please contact Marie Kaminski at (708) 359-6800.

**Groundhog Day Weekend Sale**  
**Savings so BIG, they are worth *REPEATING!***

**50% off storewide**



**Saturday, February 1st -  
Monday, February 3rd**



neat  
repeats

compassion through fashion



**Orland Park**

9028 W. 159th St.  
(708) 364-7605

**Worth**

6602 W. 111th St.  
(708) 361-6860

Whether Phil sees his shadow or not, you are sure to enjoy your weekend with BIG savings at Neat Repeats!

Join us for our Groundhog Day Weekend Sale **Saturday, February 1st - Monday, February 3rd.** Save 50% storewide!

Save on a wide selection of new and gently used clothing, accessories, jewelry, purses, shoes, home decor, gifts and more!



If you are able to contribute to our 'wishes corner', please contact Janice Barry at [jbarry@crisisctr.org](mailto:jbarry@crisisctr.org) or 708-429-7255 Ex. 138.

For your convenience, collection boxes are located at both Neat Repeat store locations. We have some items listed below that we are currently in need of in our Emergency Shelter:

- African American hair care products
- Paper products
- Canned vegetables, canned soups, pastas and jar sauce

## Will you be doing some shopping online in 2020?

Consider making your purchase on Amazon and choose the Crisis Center as a beneficiary!

Already love Amazon? How about using **AmazonSmile!** The same great Amazon you love but with .05% of the profits being automatically donated to us!

STAY CONNECTED

