



# CODA News

Fall 2016

## Community Connections

*Our Director of Legal Services, Melissa Reed, writes about recent fundraisers that have established a number of key relationships in the Wabash Valley.*

One of CODA's main goals is to prevent future cases of domestic violence and sexual assault. To achieve this, we must educate the community on how to intervene when violence is being committed. We have to make sure people know how to find help when they need it. And we need to expose members of community to a new way of thinking, by asking them to see a non-violent future.

Hosting activities and providing resource materials are essential aspects of this effort, but they require sufficient funding in order to be successful. Fortunately, a number of local businesses and organizations have stepped up to the plate to help during the past few months.

Our staff, board members, and youth council members served hungry fans with a smile... and even earned some tips!

Later in the summer, **Moe's Southwest Grill** and **Towne South McDonald's** hosted a community day for CODA. In each case, the owners donated 20% of their lunchtime sales to us. There was no requirement for guests to present flyers in order to qualify for the donation, so we were able to receive these funds without incurring any printing costs.

At all of these events, CODA set up a resource table with brochures and information on how to access our services. Trained CODA staff members were available during all events in



*Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club*

The **Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club** has planned several events to raise money for CODA. Mike Coyle, Vice President of the club, collected donations from members who attended a game night in his home. In October, the club also organized a benefit motorcycle ride and cookout in which 29 bikes participated. During one of the club's regular meetings, even more donations were collected.

In July, **Terre Haute Rex Baseball** invited us to to earn some money for CODA by working in their concession stand at two of their games.

order to provide on-site advocacy and answer questions. We handed out CODA bracelets, magnets, pens, post-it pads, lapel ribbons, and stadium cups for people to take home or share with others. These items not only help raise initial awareness of CODA's services, but also reinforce our message each time they are used.

We are truly grateful to have been a part of all of these events -- not just for the many generous contributions we received, but also for the opportunity to make so many important connections in the community. We're all working hard together to promote safety for all.

24-Hour  
Crisis  
Line

800-  
566-  
2632

To learn more about domestic violence and CODA's services, visit [www.codaterrehaute.org](http://www.codaterrehaute.org).

## 31 Days of Awareness

Each year we launch our observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month with a series of events on the first Monday of October. This year was no exception: October 3 began with a mayoral proclamation and the unfurling of the CODA banner in the Vigo County Courthouse, continued with a luncheon to recognize the local law enforcement and legal communities, and concluded with a Candle Light Vigil to remember local residents who have lost their lives to domestic violence.

This year, however, our staff made sure that not a day of the month would go by without some sort of awareness activity. The schedule, which was detailed in a "31 Days of Awareness" calendar that was distributed via our website and social media, featured a range of activities from placing information in public restrooms in an effort to reach those who might need our services to hosting an exhibit at the Vigo Country Public Library for survivors to tell their stories.

Thanks to all those who participated in or supported these events.



Candlelight Vigil



Lindsay Cundiff with her mask

## Monte Carlo Masquerade

This year's **Monte Carlo Masquerade** fundraiser was our most successful event to date! Thanks to all who joined us at the Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods on October 22.

This fun-filled evening would not have been possible without the support of our major sponsors: **Terre Haute Regional Hospital, AmbuCare, the HSC Group at Morgan Stanley, and Terre Haute Savings Bank.** We are also grateful to all the businesses and individuals who purchased tables, who sponsored the gaming tables, and who donated auction items.

New this year was a Masquerade Mask Contest, where several of our friends in the community designed masks and asked their friends to vote for their creation with a donation. Lindsay Cundiff won this inaugural competition, which raised over \$4,000!

Be sure to join us at next year's Monte Carlo Masquerade on **Saturday, October 14.**

## Thank You

Thank you so much to the Union Hospital Critical Care Community Collaborative Committee for their CODA Fall Fundraiser. Attendees browsed displays from vendors such as Scentsy, Yunique Cosmetics, Tupperware, and Pampered Chef, who donated a portion of their proceeds to CODA.

A number of other groups and businesses have also donated to CODA recently, including:

- First Prairie Creek Baptist Church
- ISU Con 2016
- Breden Memorial UMC
- Linda's Just In Time
- Larry Paul Fleschner Charitable Foundation
- Wabash Valley Correctional Facility
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Trinity Lutheran Church

Thanks to you all for helping us to provide shelter and support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault throughout the Wabash Valley.

## Request a Presentation from CODA

Would your business or organization like to learn more about domestic violence, sexual assault, or the services CODA provides? Our staff members are available to speak to your group. Just call our office at 812-234-3441 to schedule.

## Year-End Giving Made Easy

As the deadline for 2016 charitable contributions approaches, would you consider making one more gift to CODA this year? It's easy! Please visit

[www.codaterrehaute.org](http://www.codaterrehaute.org)

and click the **Donate** button. Just enter the amount of your donation, and fill out the screen shown here.

Or, if you prefer, you may mail a check to **4470 S. Houseman, Terre Haute, 47802.**

Thank you for your generosity now and throughout the year!

A screenshot of a mobile PayPal donation form. The form is titled "Donate with a debit or credit card" and includes fields for "United States" (country), "Card Number", "Expires" (MM/YY), "Security Code" (3-4 digits), "First name", "Last name", and "Billing address" (Street address, Apt., ste., bldg. (optional)).