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It Only Takes One

Anne shows her support for Highfields

A Special Story

Highfields' board members are filled with unique backgrounds and perspectives, and there's one person who helps set them apart. Anne Brown, a long-time, dedicated supporter of Highfields, is one of the organization's personal cheerleaders.

“It’s not to be understated the potential Highfields has to affect families in the community.”

mission,” said Anne.

Like many others who support Highfields, Anne has a special story. For years, her family’s construction business, Schiffer Mason Contractors, donated masonry materials as well as labor to Highfields’ Onondaga campus, so Anne was

already familiar with “Camp Highfields.” She went to college for marketing and was awarded an internship with Lezotte Miller Public Relations, who coincidentally, was supporting

“Everyone has a story about connecting with Highfields, and if they don't, it's our job to make the connection for them so they can be aware of Highfields’ important

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

- January 27** 9am: Faces of Hope Virtual Tour
- February 18** 12pm: Faces of Hope Virtual Tour
- March 16** President's Luncheon (Virtual)
- March 24** 9am: Faces of Hope Virtual Tour
- April 13** 12pm: Faces of Hope Virtual Tour
- April 28** Annual Meeting (Virtual)
- June 7** 41st Annual Golf Outing at Forest Akers West
- October 7** Strengthening Families Breakfast

For more information visit: www.highfields.org/events

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Including "Highfields, Inc" Tax ID: 38-6099698 as a beneficiary on your will, trust, insurance policy or retirement plan helps provide lasting gifts for children and families in our communities. For more information, please contact Laura Jurasek at: (517) 628-2287 x373 or ljurasek@highfields.org.

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It Only Takes One (continued)

Highfields' marketing efforts.

"I tried to learn as much as I could about Highfields, since they were such an important client," said Anne. "Little did I know, it would end up changing my life."

Over the next 10 years, Anne remained knowledgeable about Highfields. In 2018, she continued Christman Constructors' long legacy of representation on Highfields' Board of Directors.

A New Term

Within her first year on the board, Anne attended every event she could. She shared Thanksgiving dinner on campus, where she talked to students completing their program and reflecting on their journey, and students who just arrived and were nervous. The impact was always the same. Students were welcomed and cared for by strangers, which helped give them hope.

Anne also attended Highfields' Employee Recognition Banquet, and it was then that she realized how much more Highfields is doing to

help families in the community. Unaware of the other services, like in-home counseling, parenting education and after school programs offered off campus, she learned of the

thousands of individuals that are helped each year and the many employees that make the mission possible.

"You can't understand the magnitude of the organization unless you dig in and participate, go to events and listen," said Anne. "With every day that passes, a new surprising thing comes up about what Highfields does for the community."

The Impact of One

Through her years of dedication to Highfields, Anne has always believed in the power of "one." One individual person can make a difference, so the power of Highfields can impact so many more.

"If Highfields has an impact on one family, taking them from darkness into light, caring for them enough to make their lives brighter, happier and healthier, then the ripple effect can change so many," said Anne. 

"Highfields continues to grow by adding services unique to families needs."



(L - R) Kristen Schleman, Anne Brown, Joshua Freeman, Carrie Freeman, Brian Philson



Beginning a New Year can be filled with challenges, but Highfields has a strong sense of togetherness with the families they work with, and each other. The ability to change lives wouldn't be possible without your generous support. So, our staff would like to say a few words:

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support! It means the world to us as employees along with the numerous children and families that we work with!" *Becky, Director of Quality and Education, Mindfulness and Meditation Coordinator*



"Our youth come from different backgrounds, upbringings, and have different morals and ambitions. While this has led to some difficult moments, it has come with great opportunities as well. We are provided opportunities to help youth find out who they are, what they want to be and who they want to become. Highfields' Residential Treatment Program provides youth with the chance to reflect on their choices and situations. They are given the ability to identify personal goals and discover ways to accomplish them. Our youth are able to experience things like creating art, traveling across Michigan and learning how to cook. With your support, we are able to continually help provide these opportunities. Thank you for helping us to provide hope to youth that are often hopeless." *Tyler, Manager of Treatment Services*

"Thanks to your support, families are heard and needs are met through community resources. Not only do I feel like my opinion matters as an employee, you are helping give families a voice. Your support helps give families hope in a time they need it most." *Theresa, Families Together Building Solutions Counselor*



Highfields services

Highfields is a nonprofit human services organization providing opportunities to children, youth and families through home-based counseling programs, a residential treatment facility, and educational services.

Highfields provides 17 different programs in 13 counties and serves about 7,000 individuals every year.

Our Mission

To provide opportunities to children, youth and families to become more responsible for their own lives and to strengthen their relationships with others.

Our Vision

To create bright futures for children, their families and communities.

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