

# YES NEWS

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## A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS

The eventful year of 2020 has come to an end and we are looking forward to a fresh start in 2021. 2020 has brought many hardships to the staff and youth of the YES Home but we have conquered each obstacle as it arose and have taken each day one at a time. We would like to thank all of our community members for their generous donations, kind words, and thoughtful prayers throughout the year and we feel truly blessed to have such a strong support system during hard times. We wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas, and a happy new year!



## ELI LILLY GRANT

We are pleased to announce that Youth Encouragement Services (the YES Home) has received a \$54,000 grant through the Youth Program Resiliency Fund of Lilly Endowment, Inc. The YES Home will use

the grant to support the additional costs COVID has brought to the home, including additional technology services, tutoring for e-learning and general operating expenses. With this support, the YES Home will be able to continue its commitment to the youth of southeastern Indiana. This grant to the YES Home is one of 297 that Lilly Endowment has made through the Youth Program Resilience Fund to help youth-serving organizations across Indiana adapt their work to challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants from this fund are part of more than \$170 million in grants that Lilly Endowment has made to help organizations serve individuals and communities amid the pandemic.



**Harley of Cochran providing us with our Christmas Dinner. It was delicious!**

### **STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

Our staff spotlight this issue is about our Case Manager, Kerri Fox. Kerri has been

the YES Home Case Manager for 3 years now. She has incredible passion and compassion for people who are hurting. Kerri worked as a case manager at Community Mental Health and was a



probation officer with Ripley County Probation. She even had her own dog rescue for a number of years. She and her husband, Chad, foster youth and provide support to former YES Home youth in her community. Kerri has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the YES Home. She loves all things natural, including hiking, nature, and kayaking. She meditates and brings calm to the home. Thank you, Kerri for your dedication to the YES Home, our youth, and our surrounding communities!

### **YES HOME FUN FACTS**

Did you know that...

- ★ The total cost of the YES Home building in 1882 was \$21,754.

- ★ The Dearborn County Asylum for the poor was operational until changes in social welfare caused it to close in 1978.
- ★ The YES Home receives different forms of donations from surrounding communities and local businesses every month throughout the year, and nearly every week during the holiday season.



**Thank you Mike and Kate Detmer and Perfect North Slopes for the tickets to go tubing, we had a blast!**

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