It’s A Family Tradition!
In the Schellhardt family, giving and caring for others less fortunate is just part of being a Schellhardt. Mama and Papa Schellhardt started the family tradition of giving to Our Little Haven in the early ‘90s. Their tradition has grown to include 8 children and 12 grandchildren.

The Schellhardt Family giving tradition drew added momentum and inspiration through granddaughter Audrey as an 11-year old in 2011. When asked what she wanted for Christmas she said: "Give my presents this Christmas to someone who may not have any".

The family’s giving tradition continued strong this year. The children and grandchildren shopped for gifts on the Our Little Haven Wishlist. And together the grandchildren made their yearly trip to Our Little Haven to deliver the Schellhardt Family’s generous donation.

Our Little Haven is grateful to families like the Schellhardts who instill the spirit and compassion of giving, and what it means to give to others who may not be as fortunate. We look forward to our yearly visit from the Schellhardt grandchildren as well as from many of our wonderful donors who share in our Mission during the Holiday Season.

Thank you to all who gave so generously on behalf of the children and families we serve!

Full Cookie Jars
Every hug, kiss, high-five, and celebration — we get a Cookie in our Cookie Jar. These Cookies nurture us for the rest of our lives. Children come to Our Little Haven with Cookie Jars that aren't full. It's our job, with your help, to fill these Cookie Jars.

Community Support Makes Holidays Happy
With tremendous community support, we were able to provide a Happy Holiday for so many children this year. Adopt-A-Family was more successful than ever. We had 90 children ‘adopted’ (ages 12 and under) and 15 teenagers ‘adopted’ for Christmas. Thank you to everyone who made the Season bright!

Between the young men of the SLUH Hockey Team and Keith Martin’s generous group at Streib Electric and John & Marianne Iovardi of Pietro’s who provided the lunch, a great time was had by all at the Christmas Party! Each year Streib Electric provides a Christmas party for a Our Little Haven’s Foster Care Case Management children at the OLH Taylor Family Care Center. Santa made a surprise visit this December to say hello to the children and families, bringing with him a present for every child. Thank you to Keith Martin and Streib Electric, who have been hosting this party for many years. Your support changes the lives of these special children.

Children and families come to Our Little Haven with complex needs due to mental and/or behavioral health concerns, abuse, neglect, trauma or abandonment. Our Little Haven therapists and case managers provide professional early intervention services to set groundwork for success and help make their lives more hopeful.

Thank you!

Aetna donated many Cookie Jar gifts!

Children and families
SLUH Hockey Team at the Taylor Family Care Center
Aetna, Kiwanis Club, H&H Health Associates and Our Lady of Providence Church.
We look forward to passing out more cookie jars with special wishes next holiday season. For more information contact Chris.
Spring Auction Gala April 19th

Please join us on Sunday, April 19, 2015 from 3-5 p.m at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis as our Event Chairpersons Ron and Carmen Cameron welcome you to our Spring Auction Gala in support of special children at Our Little Haven. Again, we celebrate “Cookies For Life: A Full Cookie Jar For Every Child.”

This outstanding annual event raises funds so Our Little Haven can continue to serve even more children in the coming year. The fun evening includes cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, sit down dinner, silent and live auctions, Fund The Need and a welcome by Our Little Haven alumni youth. New this year is The Wine Pull, where pay to play and choose a mystery bottle valued at $25 to $250! Your ticket includes complimentary valet parking, open bar, photo booth, a theme activity, and live music by Delicious Fishes. Sponsor tables, tables of ten and individual tickets are available.

Please join us as we celebrate FULL COOKIE JARS for our special children, who come to us with complex needs due to mental and behavioral health concerns, abuse, neglect, trauma or abandonment. Don’t miss this outstanding event! We can’t wait to see you there! Invitations are in the mail and available for viewing online.

Reserve your tickets online! go to: ourlittlehaven.org/events

Get Your “Our Little House” Today!

Be the first to fill an Our Little House Change House with love… and your loose change! Those coin collection boxes are shaped like a house because home is where our unique story begins for every child. The Houses are available in large size and small size. Call Chris to get your coin collection House (314) 533-2229 x232.

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Thank you for your continued support.

New Staff

Ebony Blabham, MSW, LCSW
Keytone Family and Child Psychologist/Therapist, Grants Admin/Clinical Data Mgr/HRAP Security Officer. Welcome back Ebony! After a short hiatus taking time to care for her two adopted sons, Ebony is back at Our Little Haven as a Keystone Therapist. Grants Admin/Clinical Data Mgr/HRAP Security Officer. Ebony is a graduate of the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University and was an intelligence officer for 10 years in the U.S. Army. Ebony enjoys spending time with her family, reading, skating, and an occasional Betty Davis movie.

Kwana Hofmberger, Foster Care Case Manager, Taylor Family Care Center
Welcome, Kwana! A graduate of University of Missouri-St. Louis, Kwana comes to Our Little Haven with a Taylor Family Care Center with experience working with children with developmental disabilities. She has a passion for helping families and seeing children reach a place of success. Kwana says “I would have a great addition to OHL. As a quote that Kwana holds dear to her work is “I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song, if I can show somebody he’s traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

Leisha Gustman, MA in Counseling, Educational Therapist, Our Little Academy Leisha joins Our Little Academy team. As an Educational Therapist for Our Little Academy Therapeutic Preschool, Leisha recently transitioned from a PRN position. She enjoys seeing the smiling faces of her students each morning spends her time away with her family and two active children. “I have loved my two years at Our Little Academy and feel very privileged to work with such amazing therapists serving the children of our community.”

We love having you here as well Leisha.
Upcoming EVENTS

Sunday, April 19, 2015 - Spring Auction Gala to Benefit Our Little Haven - 5-9 pm - Saint Louis Renaissance Grand Hotel - 800 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63101 “Cookies For Life: A Full Cookie Jar For Every Child”


Wednesday, June 10, 2015 - Annual Card Party - Chaminade College Preparatory School. Call Scott for more info, at (314) 533-2229 x224.


Please mark your calendars for Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 21st and 22nd, and contact Scott if you would like to receive a registration/invitation, or to get more information about sponsorship opportunities: sgotthummel@ourlittlehaven.org

Saturday, November 7, 2015 - Chic Boutiques Fashion Show and Sale to Benefit Our Little Haven, St. Louis Frontenac Hilton Hotel Ballroom, 10 am – 2 pm.

Guests will enjoy a day of boutique shopping, auctions, raffle, lunch and a fashion show. For more information, contact Chris at (314) 533-2229 x232 or cmunoz@ourlittlehaven.org

Wish List

Gift cards are extremely helpful. Children enter foster care, often with nothing, and foster parents are scrambling to find clothing that fits. A gift card would help meet this immediate need.

EVERYDAY ITEMS/GIFT CARDS
- Schnucks, Aldi’s/Shop N Save
- iTunes (for the preschool)
- Target/Walmart/Amazon
- Michael’s/Hobby Lobby

EVERYDAY NEEDS
- Paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex
- Healthy snacks: 100 calorie packs, etc.
- Copy paper; large white paper for painting
- Model magic, stickers, felt, playdoh, tie dye kits, Crayola Washable Kids Paint/Glitter Colors
- Small prizes for clinician’s Treasure Boxes
- People playsets; animal playsets
- Matchbox cars, movie character playsets.

SPECIAL WISHES
- Preschool/Playmobil sets, especially construction or community sets
- Fisher-Price Loving Family Dollhouse
- Furniture & people (we have the house)
- Lazy-Boy reclining chair (for therapeutic work to help clients struggling w/anxiety)

Can you help us have the greatest dinner auction ever to raise needed funds for our programs? Needed are: Large baskets for the auction; sponsorships; auction items (gift certificates, tickets, awesome items, unique opportunities, trips), volunteers to help at the event. Chris, x232.