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When I think of my personal family, I like to say I am grateful. The meaning of grateful as an adjective describes a heartfelt appreciation. When I think of the children who enter our care, I often wonder if they have ever experienced the feeling of being grateful. I am guessing the answer is seldom or not at all. The children we serve have often experienced a great deal of traumatic events that children should not have to experience. A child seeking comfort from a mother who is addicted to substances, learns to not ask for comfort and thinks more along the lines of it is me against the world.

The children who enter our care have been traumatized, often live in fight or flight mode, and are only focused on what negative thing will happen to them next. Trusting adults is risky. As Gibault creates scenarios that contribute to trust, our youth begin to express hope and once they understand not all adults are going to be questionable, they increase their positive comments. In the beginning, our staff must be the thinking part of the brain for the youth. As children progress in treatment, staff teach them to make positive decisions by thinking through the process and experiencing trust in themselves and trust in others.

I am very grateful for the patience of staff and their ability to remain dedicated to our mission of providing life-changing opportunities to children, adults, families and communities.

Michele Madley

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M.S. LMHC, CCBT

President/CEO, Gibault, Inc.

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Friends of Gibault:

It is my great honor to serve as the Board Chair for this very professional and vitally important children’s services organization! As of March 2026, Gibault now has two fully functioning campuses (Terre Haute and Schererville), and we continue proactively moving ahead to a dynamic and bright future.

With the tremendous support from the Indiana Knights of Columbus and our two local area communities, Gibault remains focused on providing spiritual and material support to the children in our care.

Since 1921, Gibault has cared for over 11,300 children from every one of Indiana’s counties, as well as several from other states. With our near-term goals of increasing the census count in Schererville and having just opened a new private secure dormitory in Terre Haute, Gibault can truly expand our reach and help even more children with exposure to our highly dedicated staff and time-tested techniques.

Many thanks for your continued support and participation in Gibault’s mission. It is truly remarkable to observe the very positive impact your involvement has made/will continue to make in the lives and performance of our Gibault children, residents, and staff! I absolutely know we will continue to excel and honor the legacy of kindness that was started by the Knights of Columbus at Gibault in 1921 and Fr. Campagna in Schererville in 1947.

**Please continue to pray for all our children and the staff who serve them.
It makes a huge difference in our challenging world.**

With greatest appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen M. Lutz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Lutz
Gibault Board of Trustees Chair

Knights of Columbus Indiana State Council



Worthy Brother Knights, Ladies, and Friends of Gibault,

Since its founding in 1921 by the Indiana Knights of Columbus, Gibault has stood as a beacon of hope for youth in need. Our connection to this incredible mission is both deep and personal, our support unmatched. Together, through our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we continue to uphold and expand this life-changing legacy.

If you have not yet visited Gibault's campuses, I strongly encourage you to do so. Please consider attending the Gibault "Envoy" Conference for ALL KNIGHTS and Envoys where EVERYONE is INVITED to attend (including wives). This family and friends' picnic will be held on September 19, 2026. Meeting the children and staff will show you firsthand why Gibault is our #1 Knights of Columbus State Charity for ALL Councils and Knights and why our support is so vital! Grand Knights and Council Officers, along with their council Envoys, need to attend the conference every year!

**NOTE: The Gibault campus located in Schererville, acquired through the merger on February 1, 2023, was recently renamed to the "Northwest Campus" (formerly the "Campagna Campus").*

Everyone is invited to the events listed below. Some events may require an RSVP with Melissa Reed. We need YOUR Help and Support to make these events a success.

- GOLFERS – The 30th Annual Gibault Golf Scramble is May 14, 2026 – We need Sponsors and Teams!
- Fr. Campagna Birthday Celebration and Spaghetti Dinner – September 3, 2026 – Northwest Campus
- Gibault Family and Friends' Picnic (Envoy) – September 19, 2026 – Terre Haute Campus
- Trunk or Treat and Chili Supper – October 27, 2026 – Northwest Campus
- Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival – October 30, 2026 – Terre Haute Campus
- Friendsgiving Dinner – November 17, 2026 – Northwest Campus
- Knights Pizza Party – December 26, 2026 – Terre Haute & Northwest Campus

The past few years have brought tremendous growth. In February 2023, Gibault assumed the former Campagna facility—now known as Gibault Northwest Campus. As we have worked to bring this campus up to the high standards of care that Gibault is known for, you — our Brother Knights and supporters — have stepped forward in a powerful way. Your efforts have uplifted not only the children, but also the staff and the spirit of both campuses.

Why do we do this? It's part of OUR MISSION! Because we believe in the value of every life. Because we see these children as our own. Because we understand that without our help, many would face unimaginable futures—incarceration, homelessness, or returning to environments of abuse.

Instead, through Gibault, they receive hope, healing, and the skills to build a better life. The improvements we help bring are seen and felt by the children every day. Whether it's a warm bed, a meal, a safe space to learn, or simply knowing someone cares—YOU make a difference. Your involvement reminds them that they matter. Today, we ask you to continue that vital support, for both Gibault Campuses, in Terre Haute and the Northwest Campus in Schererville. We are actively working to enhance the quality of care and expand the services we provide, but we can only do this with your prayers, generosity, and continued involvement. It is URGENT for you to support Gibault NOW, especially as inflation rises and the needs of the children continue to grow! Please be the source of good that helps make Gibault the premier youth facility in Indiana. Thank you for all you've done, and all you continue to do to support the children of Gibault!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Gilbert E. Spisak

State Deputy, Indiana State Council

"Men on a Mission!"

P.S. – IMPORTANT – Any amount donated makes a difference in helping the children. Remember that Gibault is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and monetary gifts are tax deductible, as allowed by law.



Indiana State University Partners with Gibault

We are excited to share that Indiana State University (ISU) has officially added Gibault as a Preferred Partner, opening the door to valuable educational benefits for our employees. This partnership makes pursuing a degree more accessible, more affordable, and more flexible. To receive the benefit, employees simply report their employment to ISU. Once our HR team verifies their status, ISU applies the discount directly.



Benefits of the partnership:

- 15% tuition discount on undergraduate and graduate programs
- Waived application fees and enrollment deposits
- Expedited review of prior college credits for transfer consideration

One of the most exciting features of this program is employees living outside Indiana still qualify for in-state tuition rates, creating significant savings for our out of state staff. The benefit applies to all majors, giving them the freedom to pursue the degree that best supports their personal and professional goals.

This partnership reflects our commitment to investing in our team and supporting lifelong learning. Whether our staff are looking to finish a degree, explore a new field, or advance their career, ISU's Preferred Partners Program provides a great opportunity for our staff.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) used in Admissions Referrals



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming an increasingly valuable tool in our admissions work, offering faster processing and improved customer service. When used thoughtfully, it can streamline administrative tasks and support staff in managing high referral volumes. Still, its limitations make human review essential.

AI's biggest advantage is efficiency. A referral that once required one to two hours of manual review can now be processed in about fifteen minutes. This allows staff to focus more on coordination, communication, and supporting families, where human connection matters most.

However, AI technology has clear boundaries. Current AI systems cannot read cursive or handwritten documents, and they are restricted by federal and state laws governing child sexual exploitation materials. These legal limitations determine what can and cannot be uploaded or analyzed through AI platforms.

Most importantly, AI does not reliably identify key clinical information such as sexually maladaptive behaviors or histories of abuse and neglect. These details are critical for understanding trauma and planning appropriate treatment. Thus, staff must continue to review referral materials closely.

The admissions staff recognize that AI is a helpful tool, but not a replacement for professional judgment. Its value is maximized when paired with careful human oversight, ensuring accuracy, safety, and trauma-informed decision making.

Healing Through Trauma – Punch the Monkey

Over the past several weeks, people around the world have been drawn to the story of Punch the Monkey, a young monkey who was rejected by his mother shortly after birth at Ichikawa City Zoo. In response, zookeepers provided Punch with a stuffed orangutan to offer comfort and a sense of connection, particularly after he experienced bullying from other monkeys in the troop. Observers have watched as Punch carries the stuffed animal everywhere he goes, even falling asleep while holding it.

Over time, Punch has slowly begun to integrate more into the troop. At one point he was even embraced and groomed by an adult macaque. Yet, despite these positive steps, Punch continues to return to the comfort of the stuffed animal that helped him through a period of distress. Although the object itself is not living, it has served as a meaningful source of attachment, helping to calm his nervous system and providing a sense of safety during a vulnerable time.



Attachment is one of the most powerful forces shaping how human beings experience safety, stress, and healing. At its core, attachment refers to the emotional bond that forms between individuals, most often between children and caregivers. While attachment is commonly discussed in psychological terms, it is also deeply biological. The quality of early relationships plays a significant role in shaping how the nervous system learns to respond to the world.

When attachment is secure, the nervous system learns it is safe to calm down, connect with others, and recover from stress. When attachment is disrupted or inconsistent, as is often the case for many of the youth served in residential treatment, the nervous system may remain on high alert. This heightened state can make it more difficult for young people to regulate emotions, manage stress, and respond calmly to challenges.

The nervous system is constantly scanning the environment for signals of safety or danger. Warm eye contact, gentle voices, predictable routines, and safe physical proximity communicate safety to the brain. Over time, repeated experiences of safety allow children to develop the ability to regulate themselves. They begin to internalize the calming presence of trusted adults. In this way, attachment relationships help train the nervous system to move from states of distress back toward calm and stability. Attachment is not built through grand gestures or isolated moments, but through the steady rhythm of everyday interactions that communicate safety, consistency, and emotional attunement. It is the accumulation of these small, reliable experiences that allows a child to trust, connect, and feel secure. I was reminded of this recently while attending the Trauma-Informed Relationship-Focused Conference held at Chaddock, a residential treatment facility located in Quincy, Illinois. Like Gibault Children's Services, Chaddock's foundation is faith-based, and its mission reflects a shared commitment to the belief that every child deserves a chance.

During the conference, a second-grade teacher from Sandy Hook shared her experience from the day of the mass shooting that killed twenty first graders and six adult staff. She spoke candidly about the long and difficult journey of healing that followed such an unimaginable tragedy. Her reflections highlighted a complex reality: being around others who shared the experience could sometimes trigger painful memories, yet those same connections also provided comfort and understanding.

In time, she embraced the role of Survivor and became a co-founder of Teachers Unify to End Gun Violence. The organization works to bridge the gap between education and gun violence prevention efforts by helping communities better understand the realities educators and students face.

Another speaker, a trained chef, shared how he and his wife felt called to become foster parents. Their first foster placement disrupted when they realized they were not prepared to parent a child who struggled with significant attachment challenges. However, through reflection and learning they discovered meaningful ways to build connections with future foster children. Something as simple as chopping vegetables, preparing meals together, and cleaning the kitchen became opportunities to create safety, routine, and relationships. These everyday moments became powerful pathways for building attachment.

Stories like these remind us without connection and attachment, lasting change is difficult to achieve. Correction of behavior, skill development, and the cultivation of healthy relationships all depend on a foundation of trust and safety. Through the lens of attachment, professionals working in mental health and social services can develop greater empathy for the ways trauma shapes behavior. Children in treatment may act in ways that appear self-sabotaging, isolating, reactive, or harmful to themselves or others. Often, these behaviors are expressions of nervous systems that have learned to expect danger rather than safety.

As caregivers, therapists, teachers, and support staff, our role is to help soothe and stabilize these nervous systems. We do this through calm presence, consistent routines, clear structure, compassion, and collaboration. When young people experience these qualities repeatedly over time, they begin to internalize a sense of safety and connection.

As Abraham Maslow illustrated through his Hierarchy of Needs, a sense of safety is the essential foundation upon which all other forms of growth depend. Without safety, both physical and emotional, the deeper human needs for attachment, belonging, love, and connection cannot fully take root. Once a young person feels secure, their nervous system can shift out of survival mode, making space for trust, relationship, and learning. From that foundation, healing becomes possible, and meaningful growth can begin.

In many ways, the story of Punch the Monkey offers a gentle reminder of this truth: connection, comfort, and consistent care can help even the most distressed nervous systems begin to find their way back to safety.

Kara Jones
MS, LMHC, CSAYC
Director of Treatment

Positive Twitter Board Affirmations

Casey Jonas, LMHC, CSAYC, a therapist for many of the kids in McGivney, is making great strides for her innovative approach to supporting youth through both group and individual therapy. Ms. Jonas has a tremendous ability in building meaningful therapeutic connections. Her approach incorporates creative interventions that help clients feel more comfortable expressing themselves and staying engaged in treatment.

One of her most popular tools is the “Twitter Board,” a display featuring envelopes for each child filled with positive “tweets” gathered from their daily logs. Each week, Ms. Jonas reads these affirmations aloud and gives the youth their notes to keep. The activity has quickly become a favorite among the boys, who look forward to hearing the strengths and accomplishments staff have noticed in them.

Ms. Jonas credits the success of the Twitter Board to the dedication of the Behavioral Health Technicians (BHTs) who document these moments every day. “The kids absolutely love reading their notes each week, and I could not do it without staff,” she shared.

The idea began in February as part of a Valentine’s Day activity focused on recognizing positive behaviors. But its impact has extended far beyond the holiday. Throughout her years at Gibault, Ms. Jonas has worked with many children who lack consistent family support and often struggle with feeling unloved or unvalued. The Twitter Board was created with a simple but powerful goal: to ensure every child experiences encouragement, recognition, and love.

“I want each youth I work with to feel seen,” she explained. “Positive relationships and consistent affirmation can support healing and help them learn to extend that same care and respect to others.”

Ms. Jonas’s work also highlights the growing importance of collaboration between therapists and BHTs. By sharing insights, coordinating care, and maintaining open communication, the team has strengthened rapport with clients and created a more cohesive support system across sessions. This commitment to teamwork has helped set a standard for integrated care, one where collaboration, communication, and creativity work together to improve outcomes for the youth we serve.



Inclusive and Accommodating Education

Gibault Children's Services offers an inclusive and accommodating educational experience individualized to each student. This unique offering allows students to thrive at Holy Cross School on Gibault's beautiful campus. In fact, it is designed for low student to teacher ratios, positive behavioral interventions, and support programs for continued success. Upon admission, each student is assessed to serve their academic needs appropriately. Through accreditation standards and assessment plans, our structured classroom setting, curriculum, year-round calendar, and services give students an advantage to flourish.

Another component of our unique offerings is an individualized improvement plan for students. This year, Holy Cross has moved to a half day schedule to accommodate students' success. We have seen an all-time reduction in formal disciplines! This schedule for students attending either in the morning or afternoon has been a rewarding experience of seeing a positive change in students' behavior and personal educational growth. For example, one of our Gibson West students has really struggled academically. His individualized Title I accommodations, including reading remediation and 1:1 math instruction, have helped him gain confidence and now allow him to successfully complete simple multiplication problems. This achievement is extraordinary! Additionally, the ABLE (Autism Spectrum Behavioral Learning Environment) classroom is completing timed basic math skills without a calculator.

Being able to provide comprehensive services within a multidisciplinary approach to our students allows an adaptive setting to ensure individualized goals are not only met but surpassed beyond expectations. A consistent and structured environment for youth to learn and demonstrate new behaviors while improving emotional stability intensifies their success.

Gibault has adopted a Stages of Change Model which is a collaborative approach where children are encouraged to take a leadership role in their own treatment by identifying those issues they want to change and taking ownership of their treatment process, which includes their educational experience. For example, Bugby West youth have created a Cheer Team! The girls have been pitching the idea and have been working hard to identify cheers plus building confidence to cheer at Holy Cross basketball games. Watching them work as a team and being excited together truly makes Principal Ryan Cuffman so happy! Combining youth insights from academic and artistic disciplines leads to problem solving, critical thinking, engagement, collaboration skills, and adaptability, which is preparing students to tackle real-world problems.

Seeing the excitement in the eyes of the students at Holy Cross School is truly heartwarming. Many of these children have never experienced 1:1 academic support, been encouraged to join extracurricular activities, or had someone guide them through essential skills like multiplication facts. Moments like these remind Gibault staff why our mission matters, because every child deserves life-changing opportunities.

Their ability to build a stronger future depends on many factors, including the support of our community. If you believe in the impact Gibault Children's Services creates, we encourage you to support our students at Holy Cross School. Together, we can ensure they continue to grow with confidence, resilience, and hope.



Reopening Kunkler North – Private Secure Dorm

Gibault's Terre Haute Campus opened a new Private Secure (PS) dorm on March 23, 2026. The Kunkler Hall living unit, which includes 24 available beds, has been repurposed to provide specialized treatment for a greater number of children in need of services. Residential care options are increasingly essential in our state as youth face complex behavioral and mental health challenges. These services become especially critical when community-based support is exhausted, and a higher level of care is required.

We will continue to offer Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF). PRTF is typically a Medicaid funded placement, with most of those youth being placed by their parents. Occasionally, we do have Private Secure (PS) youth in PRTF, and they are usually funded through Department of Child Services (DCS) or Probation. All our PRTF units are licensed through the state as PS but also have an assigned National Provider Identifier (NPI) through Medicaid. Kunkler Hall will open strictly for PS and will not have an NPI number. All placements will come through DCS, Probation/Department of Correction, and the Department of Education. No parent placements will be assigned to Kunkler Hall. Programming and services in PS and PRTF mirror one another, and the staff-to-youth ratio will remain 1:4, with two staff member always on shift.



Because Kunkler Hall has been unused for several months, we need new board games, gaming systems, books, and recreational equipment for the youth who will be placed with us. To donate these items, please contact Fund Development at 812-298-3030.

Campagna Campus Renamed

In September 2022 CEO Michele Madley was approached by the leadership of Campagna Academy – formally known as Hoosier Boys Town, due to their concerns over the financial status of the facility. Revenue was down significantly as youth started to discharge, but staffing numbers and the number of units open did not change. Thankfully, Gibault answered the call for emergency action and merged with Campagna. This merger kept the doors open and allowed for residential treatment to continue for the children.

The merger made great sense to Gibault staff and the Board. Both facilities have a rich history of providing care for Indiana’s most vulnerable kids. Our missions were closely aligned – ours: Providing life-changing opportunities, theirs: restoring hope and building dreams in at risk youth. Gibault was once ran by the Brothers of Holy Cross, Campagna by nuns. It was a great match in values and beliefs.

Gibault administration took over daily operations of our now Gibault Northwest Campus on February 1, 2023. The name of the facility officially changed on March 1, 2026. It is important to stress this is NOT a partnership, Campagna Academy dissolved as an organization, all the administrative staff resigned before our transition, and we are now ONE ENTITY – Gibault Children’s Services with Michele Madley as CEO. Our Northwest Campus utilizes the Terre Haute Campus’ department heads. ONE Gibault but we expanded our campus, our quality of care, and our business model to Northwest Indiana.

Our goal is to deliver high-quality care to more Hoosier families, invest in improving our facilities and grounds, and continue advancing our mission of creating life-changing opportunities for children, adults, families and communities.

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What Is Crisis Intervention Training?

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training is a 40-hour community-based program designed to train law enforcement officers, first responders, and others who work with individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. The program provides tools to safely handle the crisis while reducing injuries during police encounters, reducing stigma, and redirecting individuals to mental health services instead of the justice system. Currently, Indiana has 35 counties providing CIT Training. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the organization that oversees and supports counties that have CIT Trainings.

The key training components of CIT include:

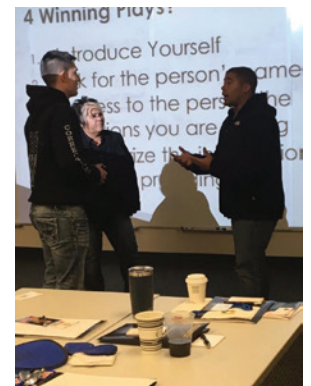
- Education
- Mental health
- Diagnoses
- Medication
- Signs and symptoms
- Community resources
- De-escalation skills
- Role play
- Empathy
- In-person experiences
- Site visits
- Community connections



Individuals in the community affected by serious mental illness, substance use disorders, or intellectual and developmental disabilities often lack adequate support. When symptoms escalate, many come to the attention of law enforcement rather than receiving the care they need. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training plays a vital role in changing that trajectory by helping ensure individuals in crisis are directed to appropriate services instead of entering correctional facilities.

Gibault has been an active partner in this effort through its involvement with Drug Free Vigo County. Since 2016, Keith Madley (Marketing and Community Relations Director), Tre Stephens (Marketing Coordinator), Kara Jones (Clinical Services Director), and Danny Coulston (Residential Treatment Director) have served on the local CIT Planning Committee. The team helps coordinate the 40-hour training and leads outreach efforts to encourage organizations and individuals to participate.

Throughout the weeklong program, Gibault staff present on juvenile mental health, support role-play exercises, and assist with graduation activities. Their ongoing involvement reflects a strong commitment to improving crisis response and strengthening community partnerships.



The African American Board Leadership Institute

The African American Board Leadership Institute (AABLI) is dedicated to expanding representation in leadership roles in the Wabash Valley. This 5-month program provides participants with essential skills and knowledge for effective board governance through group discussion, case studies, and problem-solving exercises. Cohort members also receive mentorship from seasoned community leaders. Through AABLI, local organizations build relationships with new leaders who seek to share their talents and expertise through service, thus benefitting our entire community.

Gibault's Marketing Coordinator, Tre Stephens, has been selected to participate in AABLI, a recognition that reflects his leadership, dedication, and commitment to community service. For Tre, membership is especially meaningful because it allows him to learn, connect with other African American professionals, and see firsthand how they are strengthening their organizations to better serve the broader community. The experience also supports his growth as a leader, equipping him with skills he brings back to his work at Gibault. He views this opportunity not only as a chance to advance his own development, but also as a platform to mentor others and demonstrate the impact African American leaders can make.



Tre's involvement in AABLI also broadens Gibault's reach, strengthening connections across Indiana, and deepening the organization's role as a community partner. His service helps bridge the gap between Gibault and the City of Terre Haute, while offering insight into how other African American leaders navigate challenges within their organizations. Tre believes this experience will ultimately strengthen Gibault by expanding his leadership capacity and enhancing the support he provides to youth, staff, and the community.

Gibault is proud to be represented in AABLI, and we commend Tre for taking the initiative to strengthen both our organization and the broader community. We look forward to sharing updates as he progresses through his training and highlighting the leadership practices he brings back to Gibault.

Gibault Foundation – More Than a Financial Structure

Gibault's Foundation is more than a financial structure; it is the safety net that protects our mission and the children who depend on us. It holds our land, buildings, and equipment, and it safeguards the investment income that keeps our programs strong. For nonprofits like ours, this model is not just best practice, it is essential. When crisis strikes, the Foundation is what allows us to keep saying "yes" to children who need us most.

We saw this firsthand recently. Without warning, our insurance carrier canceled our coverage, leaving us scrambling to secure a new policy. In child welfare, insurance is both mandatory and incredibly costly due to the risks involved. Companies know this, and they price accordingly. When we finally found a new carrier, the cost was staggering and our annual premium skyrocketed from \$750,000 to \$2.3 million.

That kind of blow would have shut our doors if not for the strength of our Foundation. It stepped in immediately, covering the cost so our children never felt the impact. But the ripple effects were real. The unexpected expense meant we could not offer raises to our dedicated staff, and some chose to leave, which is a heartbreaking consequence of circumstances beyond our control.

Estate gifts, endowments, insurance policy benefits, legacy gifts, and trust distributions all flow into the Foundation, building the financial stability that allows us to care for the most vulnerable children and families. These gifts do not create profit, they create possibility. They ensure when emergencies arise, our mission continues. They help us build the strength we need to continue this work for the next 100 years.

You can be part of that legacy. By supporting the Gibault Foundation, you help us continue offering life-changing opportunities to children who deserve safety, healing, and hope for many years to come.



Long-Term Health Care Feels Like Home

Unique to Gibault Care, McGivney Health Care Center provides long-term residential care to underserved and at-risk seniors in Central Indiana. The primary goal of McGivney is to provide a supportive and nurturing environment where each resident's unique needs are met with dignity and respect. This includes enriching daily life through meaningful engagement opportunities, group outings, and a variety of structured activities promoting connection and personal growth.

This past year marked several major achievements, highlighted by a strategic staffing transition that significantly enhanced team cohesion and elevated the consistency of care across the program. The shift has fostered a more positive and collaborative work environment where expectations are clear and shared across all departments. This renewed alignment has reinforced accountability, fairness, and professionalism, allowing staff to operate with greater purpose and unity. As a result, McGivney is better positioned than ever to deliver stable high-quality care and deeply responsive to the needs of the adults we serve.

McGivney continues to foster a supportive environment for residents through efforts aimed at enriching resident experiences and promoting social interactions. Prioritizing increased resident activity and quality of life by organizing outings and experiences has been fun! Outings to baseball games, local fairs, the zoo, and weekly Tuesday trips to the cinema are just a glimpse of the vibrant experiences offered. These activities, along with strong community partnerships, have strengthened McGivney's presence in the community and boosted resident morale. Thanks to collaborations with the Knights of Columbus, Saint Elizabeth Seton, Liberty Mutual, and the Girl Scouts, residents have enjoyed enriched engagement and deeper community integration.

Your continued involvement is essential to sustaining this stability and ensuring our unique residential care for seniors in Central Indiana remains strong. Looking ahead, McGivney is committed to maintaining a highly qualified team with strong clinical and educational backgrounds. Our focus on ongoing staff education and competency development will elevate our standard of care to an even higher level of excellence. At the same time, strengthening leadership presence and accountability across all levels will be critical to achieving these goals.

However, these efforts require support. With your trust and financial partnership, we can continue to improve and grow our services, ensuring our senior residents receive compassionate, 24-hour skilled nursing care delivered by licensed professionals, along with the supportive programs that make McGivney feel like home.



Recovery Rooted in Community Interaction

Through Gibault Care, Inc., the Odyssey House programs in Terre Haute and Shelbyville provide a structured, supportive, sober-living environment for adult men, grounded in the proven principles of the 12-step model. Both locations operate with certification from the Indiana Affiliation of Recovery Residences (INARR) and the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA). This certification, combined with participation in the State’s Recovery Works program, ensures residents have access to high-quality, evidence-based services designed to support a successful transition back into the community. Together, these elements create a stable, accountable, and recovery-focused environment where individuals can build the skills, connections, and confidence needed to sustain long-term sobriety.

This comprehensive approach includes essential support such as sober housing, employment guidance, educational assistance, and family reintegration services. From the first day of residency, individuals receive the structure and encouragement needed to establish a strong foundation for long-term recovery from substance use. Residents benefit from a clean, safe, home-like environment with affordable living costs, life skills training, opportunities for community involvement, and an individualized recovery plan tailored to their unique needs. Through these combined services, reinforced by mental health supports and a consistent recovery-oriented culture, Odyssey House empowers individuals to rebuild their lives, strengthen their support networks, and move toward lasting independence and wellness.



Josh Michael, Sober Living Director of Odyssey House, plays a crucial role in ensuring every resident’s transition from treatment to independent living is structured, supported, and grounded in accountability. Under his leadership, individuals experience a well-rounded and reassuring environment that promotes stability and personal growth. Daily routines build discipline, consistent encouragement, and access to essential resources—such as counseling services, employment support, and community connections—which form the core of this men-focused recovery hub. These offerings create a dynamic, recovery-oriented setting where residents are equipped with the tools, guidance, and confidence needed to move toward lasting independence and sobriety. Josh stated, “Odyssey House is committed to helping residents thrive in a positive and structured setting while pursuing lasting sobriety. Despite arriving through different avenues such as court-ordered recovery, Veterans Court, Drug Court, community partnerships, or house arrest, all share the same goal: to receive individualized treatment that strengthens their confidence in the 12-step program. Ultimately, to transition back into their community.”



Community at Odyssey House is more than social interaction, it is an essential part of the recovery experience. Residents actively participate in meaningful service projects that foster purpose, humility, and connection. Whether helping prepare swag bags and volunteering on the course for the Team of Mercy Color Run, serving on the Recovery Café board, or assisting with the USPS food drive, these experiences allow residents to give back while raising awareness about recovery in the broader community.



In addition to external service, residents engage through in-house community-building activities to strengthen relationships and reinforce healthy routines. This includes planning and hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for more than 150 guests, tending a community garden to provide fresh vegetables and herbs for weekly meals (which is guided by a former resident who now supports the program), and organizing a Christmas dinner and gift exchange. These experiences offer practical life skills, emotional connection, and a sense of ownership, all of which contribute to long-term recovery and sustainability.

Odyssey House can provide men in recovery, including those who may have once been served by Gibault Children’s Services, with a continuum of sound, supportive services promoting stability and independence. This work is made possible because donors like you ensure individuals in recovery have access to safe housing, meaningful community involvement, and the comprehensive support they need to rebuild their lives and maintain lasting sobriety.





Building Lasting Transformation through Aftercare Services

In the past year, over 60 children and families have actively participated in Gibault's Aftercare Services following their time in our residential treatment programs. This continued support is often the difference between temporary progress and lasting transformation. Aftercare is offered to every child as continued support through the transition of discharge; however, depending on the unique circumstances of each youth, some families or agencies choose not to utilize these services.

Aftercare provides guidance, encouragement, and stability as youth transition back home, to school, and into their communities. We walk alongside families during one of the most vulnerable seasons of their journey, helping them navigate challenges, strengthen relationships, and build confidence in the skills learned during treatment.

For many families, Aftercare means they are not alone. It means having someone to call before a crisis escalates. It means accountability, reassurance, and hope.

When children succeed, families stabilize. When families stabilize, communities grow stronger. That is the lasting impact of Gibault Children's Services.

Because of your support, healing continues beyond our doors, creating ripple effects that strengthen not only individual lives, but entire communities.

Chelsie Welsh
Aftercare Supervisor

A Continuum of Trusted, Quality Care

Samantha Carr, LMHC, offers outpatient therapy through Gibault Care, ensuring clients receive a specialized continuum of trusted, high-quality counseling support. Outpatient Counseling Services are comprised of individual and family therapy provided for children and adolescents aged 6-18 and their families. Outpatient Counseling treats clients who may demonstrate behavioral problems, emotional dysregulation, developmental disorders, trauma-related disorders, family relationship issues, and mood-related difficulties.

It has been the mission of Gibault Outpatient Counseling to provide needed mental health services to youth who reside in Vigo, neighboring counties, and those that live in our community; in some cases, counseling services provided are for youth immediately following their discharge from residential treatment.

Diagnostic and evaluation services offered at Gibault Outpatient Counseling are comprised of comprehensive psychological evaluations, psychosexual risk assessments, clinical assessments, and trauma assessments. Through this community service, our master's level licensed therapists and psychologists work to promptly provide evaluations to ensure no time is lost from the moment a family first reaches out.

Gibault Outpatient Counseling may be small, but Samantha and Amie Eslinger, Clinical Administrative Assistant, go out of their way to make an inviting and safe setting for the children and their families. Amie decorates for every holiday season, and many clients have commented they really love coming to therapy because of the welcoming environment. This component alone sets up the child's visit to be one that supports their first step into supportive services as calming, quiet, and a bright moment on their journey.

To make an appointment or to learn more about Gibault Children's Services Outpatient Counseling, please call 812-298-3015 or go to www.gibaultcare.org/community-services/ and use the "inquire now" button. Gibault accepts Medicaid and many other major insurances. Counseling hours are Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm, and Friday 8am-4pm.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Without the help of the Indiana Knights of Columbus, we would not successfully be able to provide the quality care we give to the most vulnerable Hoosier children and their families. Knights are our biggest donors – they give to Gibault fundraisers and events such as our annual golf scramble, the State K of C Raffle, appeal campaigns, and provide bright Christmases for our kids. Knights help us identify people who may have an interest in Gibault and invite them for a tour of campus to meet our kids! Knights use information provided in our monthly newsletter, on our website, or our social media posts to spread our mission to their area of the state. Fundraising is a very integral component to our partnership and continued success. Without Knights, donors, and other friends we would not be able to provide extra experiences for our kids that are incredibly valuable.

The special events held on and off our campuses hosted by Knights, the funding given to keep our environment safe and secure, and the talents used to engage others in our mission are essential to our work. Providing activities for our youth gives them opportunities to practice social skills, build confidence when interacting with new people, and strengthen their listening skills and vocabulary through conversations with adults. These visits reassure the kids they are seen, supported, and still held in the hearts of others.



We are blessed to have many Knights of Columbus members who wish to enhance the childhood of our youth by providing life-changing opportunities. Some wonderful examples include:

- Our children preparing and selling baked goods at local K of C fish fries in Terre Haute – earning over \$900! They were so proud of their efforts and were shown firsthand how hard work pays off.
- A little guy in our Autism Behavioral Learning Environment was overheard telling a Knight he enjoyed his spaghetti at the Fatima council’s annual luncheon so much he must be Italian and not Filipino.
- Children from our Northwest Campus were delighted catching fish during Griffith Council #3631’s fishing derby where they learned from a DNR Fish and Wildlife Ranger about baiting a hook and releasing their catch doing little harm to the fish. One of our girls was so excited to have the biggest catch of the day and could not wait to get back to campus to share her story with her mom during her evening phone call.
- Staff ate DELICIOUS food with our kiddos as Knights visited both campuses hosting cookouts, chicken fries, chili suppers, and ice cream buffets. Our youth are so happy when they get these special treats! We are not always sure where they put all the food they eat, some seem to be bottomless pits.
- Schererville and Highland Knights took us to a Gary RailCats baseball game. Watching the children see a game for the first time, roll down the hill, enjoy classic ballpark foods, and run the bases while connecting with the Knights was heartwarming. The kids who attended still talk about the experience today.
- We celebrated Father Campagna’s birthday together with the Knights and what a party we had! The kids ate their body weight in spaghetti and sweet treats while interacting with our guests.
- One of our favorite events is trunk or treat. Knights and community members show up with an abundance of treats for our staff and youth, while dressed in costume. Masked heroes, sports fans, horror movie celebrities, spiderman, lumber jacks, ladybugs, bumble bees, and a Barbie decorated their vehicle trunks and lined the main avenues of our campuses to provide a safe and excellent experience for our kids.
- During a Friendsgiving dinner we got to watch our youth practice manners, hold conversations, and launch into service as they played BINGO where they gifted a prize to the other dormitory.
- During our annual Envoy Conference, we welcomed children and their families to our Terre Haute Campus for a day of connection with staff and guests. Creating a safe space for Knights to hear and share the stories of our youth had a meaningful impact on everyone involved and helped strengthen their ongoing connection to our organization.
- Contributions from gift drives play a critical role in providing Christmas to our children on both our campuses. With the help of Knights and community partners we filled our gift rooms, and our staff had many items available to pick for our kids. Each child received many unique and sought after gifts. Thanks to these efforts, cheers, laughter, smiles, and even tears of joy filled our campuses throughout the Christmas celebrations. One of the brightest parts of the holiday season is the people who make our children feel valued and special all year.

We are committed to hosting more events that create meaningful opportunities for Knights and their families to visit. Building strong, healthy relationships—and bringing joy and fulfillment to our children—gives them positive connections they may otherwise lack. It is a big responsibility for our Indiana Knights and their families, but it is one they carry out with remarkable dedication.



Gibault 2025

WE CARE AWARDS

Indiana Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies receive recognition at the Indiana State Convention for their “per member” contribution to Gibault. The total annual (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025) donation of each Council/Assembly is divided by the number of active members as determined by the State Deputy records. This then gives a “per member” donation amount. The “per member” amount is used to place the Councils into one of five recognition categories.



Five Star Councils \$25.00 or more per member

- Bishop Arnold Assembly #243, Muncie
- St. Mother Theodore Guerin Council #541, Terre Haute
- St. Paul Apostle Council #560, Muncie
- Hail Holy Queen Council #656, Kokomo
- Christopher Columbus Council #1414, Columbus
- Fr. August Young Council #1790, Garrett
- Charles Carroll Council #1977, Delphi
- Fr. Pitka Council #6323, Syracuse
- St. John Neumann Council #6955, Monticello
- Msgr. Timothy F. Doody Council #9696, Lowell
- Fr. Seger Council #10371, Shelbyville
- St. John Neumann Council #10713, Greenfield
- St. Michael the Archangel Council #12177, Schererville
- St. Joseph Hessen Cassel Council #12379, Fort Wayne
- St. Cecilia Council #14368, DeMotte
- St. Michael the Archangel Council #14476, Cicero
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- Auxilio Council #16454, Mt. Vernon
- St. Therese Martin Council #17043, South Bend



Four Star Councils \$20.00 - \$24.99 per member

- Fr. Thomas A. Brandon Council #451, Fort Wayne
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- Fr. Thomas J. Kelley Council #6923, Fishers
- Bishop George A. Fulcher Council #12387, Carmel
- Holy Redeemer Council #12541, Evansville
- Bishop John M. D’Arcy Council #16396, Fort Wayne



Three Star Councils \$15.00 - \$19.99 per member

- Evansville Council #565, Evansville
- Unity Council #726, Hammond
- Cardinal Ritter Council #1221, New Albany
- Msgr. Rawlinson Council #1252, Seymour
- St. Thomas Council #1347, Hobart
- St. Michael Council #1542, La Porte
- John Paul II Council #1808, Lanesville
- Fr. Tremmel Council #1975, Plymouth
- Our Lady of Fatima Council #3228, Indianapolis
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Assembly #3551, Zionsville
- Scott County Council #8052, Scottsburg
- Fr. Lawrence Weber Council #9186, Auburn
- Fr. Reginald Gilman Council #9706, Noblesville
- St. Rose of Lima Council #10460, Franklin
- Holy Trinity Council #12741, New Haven
- Queen of All Saints Council #12951, Michigan City
- St. John Vianney Council #14582, Fishers
- St. Matthias Council #16945, Crown Point



Two Star Councils \$10.00 - \$14.99 per member

Santa Maria Council #553, South Bend
 Regina Coeli Council #1042, Greensburg
 Notre Dame Council #1477, Notre Dame
 Ss. Peter and Paul Council #2215, Haubstadt
 St. Clement Council #3283, Indianapolis
 Marquette Council #3631, Griffith
 Fr. Pierrard Council #4377, Brazil
 Annunciation Council #5581, Ireland
 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council #7473, Crown Point
 Newburgh Council #8746, Newburgh
 Nativity of our Savior Council #9114, Portage
 Msgr. Robert B. Weis Council #10596, Munster
 Fr. Solanus Casey Council #11276, Fort Wayne
 St. Mary of the Annunciation Council #11574, Bristol
 Mary Queen of Peace Council #11896, Danville
 Our Lady of Sorrows Council #12149, Valparaiso
 Queen of Angels Council #12154, St. John
 Knights of Our Lady Council #12417, Fort Wayne
 Fr. Krause/ Msgr. Stephan Council #12486, North Judson
 St. Malachy Council #12540, Brownsburg
 Fr. Louis Gootee Council #13105, Indianapolis
 St. Joseph the Carpenter Council #13968, Lebanon
 St. Patrick of Arcola Council #13971, Fort Wayne
 Fr. Dominic Duehmig Council #14214, Avilla
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 St. Pope John Paul II Council #16008, Highland
 Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi Council #16305, Greenwood



One Star Councils \$5.00 to \$9.99 per member

Richmond Council #580, Richmond
 Msgr. JJ Seimetz Council #864, Decatur
 Fr. Riehl Council #934, Madison
 Bishop Chartrand Council #1172, Tell City
 St. Christopher Council #1265, Tipton
 St. Anthony Council #1461, Batesville
 Msgr. Thomas Conroy Council #1591, Crawfordsville
 Msgr. James M. Downey Council #3660, Indianapolis
 Holy Family Council #3682, Indianapolis
 Holy Trinity Council #4047, Merrillville
 Archbishop Noll Council #4511, Warsaw
 Archbishop John Carroll Council #5570, South Bend
 Msgr. Bernard Sheridan Council #6138, Greenwood
 Our Lady of the Lakes Council #7053, Angola
 St. Benedict Cathedral Council #7544, Evansville
 Corpus Christi Council #7839, Kendallville
 Blessed Sacrament Council #8056, West Lafayette
 St. Michael's Council #9269, Charlestown
 Bishop John Bennett Council #9400, Oxford
 St. Clement Council #10257, Boonville
 Four Corners Council #10422, Hayden
 Fr. M. Joseph McDonald Council #11044, Carmel
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council #12510, Zionsville
 Precious Blood Council #12671, Wanatah
 Holy Trinity Council #13504, Santa Claus
 Good Shepherd of the Hills Council #13623, Celestine
 Good Shepherd Council #14673, Evansville
 St. Luke the Evangelist Council #14895, Indianapolis
 St. Simon the Apostle Council #15437, Indianapolis
 St. Thomas the Apostle Council #15712, Fortville
 St. Anthony of Padua Council #15777, Saint Anthony
 St. Jude Council #16065, Fort Wayne
 St. Xavier Council #16398, Paoli
 St. Robert Bellarmine Council #16440, Manchester
 Fr. Timothy Sweeney Council #17069, Bristol
 St. Monica Council #17947, Mishawaka
 St. Michael's Council #18497, Waterloo



Grants, Growth and Moving Forward

Gibault's Terre Haute Campus and Northwest Campus had another great year with a total of \$134,250 in direct grant funding. The grant awards listed below have allowed our staff to continue providing life-changing opportunities for our children in residential care.

The Frederick R. Benson Trust

Funded in the amount of \$2,000 for clothing and personal hygiene items for the children in residential care.

Walmart #4235

Funded in the amount of \$1,000 for clothing and personal hygiene items for the children in residential care.



Bombas Giving Program

We received 5,000 pairs of socks for the children in residential care. Gibault continues to be a giving partner with Bombas.

John Anderson Foundation

Funded in the amount of \$100,000 for Aftercare Services for Lake and Porter Counties, as well as building improvements and new technology for the Northwest Campus.

SSSG (Secured School Safety Grant)

Funded in the amount of \$9,250 for a school resource officer on the Terre Haute Campus.

Next Level Jobs

Funded in the amount of \$22,000 for employee training.

As we move through 2026, we are working on several projects that require additional funding. Since we took over Campagna Academy (now Gibault Northwest) in 2023, we continue to make necessary building and grounds improvements to provide quality care to the children in Northwest Indiana. The Terre Haute Campus is also looking to add some capital improvements by way of a snow removal tractor and a generator for the front gates. Aside from capital improvements, some other projects we would like to fund include new AED units, AI technology for clinical therapists, training material for our staff at McGivney Health Care Center, and new activities for our residents at McGivney. Together, these projects ensure we can continue providing safe, high-quality care while strengthening the services our youth and staff rely on every day.



Kroger Rewards continues to offer a great opportunity for Gibault to benefit from your everyday shopping.

Register your Kroger Plus card with our NPO number VU700 and Gibault will earn money based upon your purchases. Turn your shopping into life-changing opportunities. Thank you for your continued support!

Art From the Heart

In March, students participating in CAIR (Creative Alternatives in Recreation) traded textbooks for art supplies as they took part in a special creative art challenge titled "Gibault Through My Eyes." The event invited our kids to capture their favorite place on the Gibault campus, or where they find peace on campus, and transform it into a personal work of art.

The challenge encouraged students to slow down, look closely at their surroundings, and reflect on the spaces that make Gibault feel like home. Whether it's a quiet corner, the pond, or a visit from members of the Knights of Columbus, each young artist chose a location that holds meaning for them. The kids were also asked to write a few sentences explaining the meaning of their art piece. This added another layer of self-expression.

The staff hoped the project was more than just an art assignment, but an opportunity for self-expression, confidence-building, and community connection. By allowing students to interpret the campus through their own eyes, the challenge highlighted the diverse experiences and perspectives that make the Gibault community unique.

The finished pieces showcased not only artistic talent but also the emotional landscape of Gibault as seen by the kids who know it best. The masterpieces were displayed to celebrate the creativity of the kids and the many ways they see and experience Gibault.



The Heart of Gibault – Staff Reflection

It is not often when you ask an employee who works in a dormitory, “Why do your staff and children deserve cookies?” they will respond with a heartfelt description. But that is exactly what Sarah VanGilder, Behavior Health Technician-Level 4 in Bugby West, did when asked by CEO Michele Madley. In part, Sarah shared “I want to brag about the youth and the staff a little bit! For starters, our clients have gone quite a while without any sort of critical incident or major behavior. I think the last one was at the end of January. That’s impressive and I’m very proud of them! Secondly, I feel like as far as staff goes, we have a solid group of staff members who all really enjoy coming to work in the dorm and care for our kiddos. As much as it is about the children working hard on their treatment, the staff showing up, interacting, being creative, following rules and sticking to schedules is a huge part of their success as well. I am very lucky to be assigned to work with the clients and coworkers I have right now.”

If you have ever read the children’s book *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, you know the story of a little boy who offers a simple cookie to a mouse named Fran, only to find one small act of kindness leads to a humorous chain of requests. The mouse asks for a glass of milk, then a straw, then a napkin, a mirror, scissors, a broom, a blanket, a story, crayons, paper, and eventually... another cookie. This playful cause-and-effect mirrors something profound about the work we do. It reflects exactly what our staff provide every day: steady, compassionate care offered again and again, no matter how many needs arise. Like in the book, one small gesture often opens the door for a child to feel safe enough to ask for more support, reassurance, and connections.

Employees like Sarah, who genuinely love coming to work, embody this spirit. Their kindness, patience, and willingness to show up repeatedly create an environment where our children learn it is safe to reach out, safe to trust, and safe to hope. One act of care becomes the beginning of many, and those repeated moments are what help our young people heal.

Gibault Children’s Services provides a safe, trauma-informed environment where youth can begin healing from experiences that have shaped the way they think, feel, and behave. Their journeys are rarely linear, often marked by setbacks, uncertainty, and the “slippery slopes” that accompany trauma, but Gibault offers steady support through every step.

Sarah captures this spirit beautifully in her reflection on What Gibault Means to Me:



“I’m thankful for the opportunity I have to work here and be a part of something like this. This job has truly changed my life and showed me what I want to do in my life. I’m very appreciative of every single person who is a part of the Gibault organization.” Her words reflect what so many of our staff feel: that working at Gibault is not just a job, but a calling. Their compassion, consistency, and commitment create the stability our children need to rebuild trust, discover their strengths, and move toward a healthier future.

Gibault applies a holistic method to youth treatment where caretaker involvement is essential to the therapeutic process and outcome. This collaborative approach by our staff through leadership, and family engagement, is designed to provide life-changing opportunities through our core values of compassion, collaboration, empowerment, respect, and integrity. We strive to build our team with people who are energetic and motivated to help influence a positive change.

Sometimes a simple “thank you” does not fully capture the appreciation we have for our employees. Sometimes it’s the smallest gestures—a cookie, a moment of recognition, a reminder that we see their hard work—that reassure our staff they are genuinely valued. And in Sarah’s words, that care goes both ways. As she put it with a smile, “Long story short, I think my kiddos are doing great and would love some cookies!” This request reflects something deeper: when staff feel supported, encouraged, and valued, they pour that energy back into the children we serve. The cookies may be a small token of appreciation, but the message behind them is powerful: what you do matters, to us, and even more importantly, to the children whose lives you touch every day.

Discover Gibault at our Upcoming Events

We LOVE hosting visitors on our campuses and have several opportunities coming up to engage with our children and staff. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!



May 14, 2026

30TH ANNUAL GIBAULT GOLF SCRAMBLE



September 3, 2026

FR. CAMPAGNA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

Northwest Campus



September 19, 2026

GIBAULT FAMILY AND FRIENDS' PICNIC

Terre Haute Campus



October 27, 2026

TRUNK OR TREAT AND CHILI SUPPER

Northwest Campus



October 30, 2026

TRUNK OR TREAT AND FALL FESTIVAL

Terre Haute Campus



November 17, 2026

FRIENDSGIVING DINNER

Northwest Campus



December 26, 2026

KNIGHTS PIZZA PARTY

Terre Haute & Northwest Campus

Do you want to plan a visit to see our children?

We still have some open dates June – August. Call 812-298-3030 to get on the calendar, it will fill up fast!





Why Your Gift Matters

Many of the children who come to Gibault arrive in crisis. It is not uncommon for them to display aggressive behaviors—hitting, kicking, or biting—because they have never learned healthier ways to express fear, frustration, or pain. Their parents are often deeply invested but exhausted, having tried every resource available before turning to us for help. By the time these children reach Gibault, they have often been expelled from school, and outpatient therapy has failed to meet their needs.

We welcome kids who have fallen behind their peers, who struggle to communicate, and who sometimes arrive with only the clothes they are wearing, clothes that may be too small, worn out, or unwashed. Some have never received a birthday or Christmas gift. Several have never seen a doctor or dentist until they walk through our doors. Many are malnourished or significantly overweight. Nearly all have experienced trauma, and many have been moved from one foster home or residential facility to another, never finding the stability every child deserves.

This is the reality of the youth we serve and why your support matters so deeply. Your contributions help us build programs that meet these children where they are, offering safety, healing, education, and hope. You make it possible for us to provide clothing, medical care, therapy, and the compassionate structure they need to begin rebuilding their lives. You help us strengthen families and uplift communities across Indiana.

We are profoundly grateful for your generosity. Your support changes the trajectory of a child's life, giving them the chance to feel safe, valued, and capable of a brighter future.

Your gift matters because Gibault stands beside Indiana's at-risk youth in the very moments when they need hope the most. Every day, we provide life-changing opportunities to children, adults, families, and entire communities, offering safety, healing, and a path forward when the world feels overwhelming. When you give to Gibault, you are not just making a donation; you are becoming part of a child's story of resilience. You are helping a young person feel seen, valued, and supported. You are strengthening families and uplifting communities across our state. Your generosity fuels the programs, the care, and the compassion that transform lives. For the youth who walk through our doors, your gift can be the difference between despair and possibility. Together, we can provide Gibault children with life-changing opportunities that are crucial for their healing.

Dear Life-Changing Supporter,

Gibault's goal is to provide safe, stable, and nurturing environments where children can safely live, learn, and play. Life-changing opportunities come in many forms and we must meet the unique and diverse needs of those in our care. We are proud to provide the highest level of treatment services to children, but upgrades to our Terre Haute Campus are needed. This year our focus is constructing new pickleball courts.

Playing pickleball can help our kids with building teamwork and communication skills, teaching sportsmanship, and fostering friendships. It can also boost self-confidence, enhance focus, release energy, and reduce stress. Playing pickleball presents challenges and opportunities for growth. On the court, children encounter obstacles and setbacks that contribute to the development of resilience and perseverance. Recovering from a missed shot, bouncing back after a defeat, or practicing improving their skills can develop a sense of determination and never-give-up attitude that extends into other aspects of life. Accessibility is one great advantage to pickleball and can be enjoyed by children of all ages and abilities, including those who have physical limitations!

This is a multi-phase project. Phase one is to install two courts in our open recreation area outside of Holy Cross Hall with black acrylic resurface over the new pavement and paint the playing areas in standard colors. This is in a central location which provides each dormitory easy access to the courts. Our first goal is raising \$106,000 to get the project started.

Phase two will construct an 8 ft. black vinyl chain link fence with one gate around the court which will cost \$30,000. This fence will aide in keeping the balls in the playing area and will match the style of fencing we have around the playground and splashpad.

Phase three will fill cracks and seal the existing basketball courts that share the area as the new pickleball courts. The estimated cost of this phase will be \$8,000. Work will begin on phase one after we meet our first goal.

This is an extremely large undertaking, with the total cost of the project estimated at \$144,000. We hope you will consider a donation to support the installation of this new recreational area on our Terre Haute Campus. A gift of any size helps! Thank you for your continued support of Gibault and our mission to provide life-changing opportunities to children, adults, families and communities. Gibault is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations may be treated as a deductible contribution for federal income tax purposes.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Melissa Reed
Fund Development Director

Kindly be advised if you recently made a contribution we are grateful and it did not support this project.



GIBAULT

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

1921

Providing life-changing opportunities for children, adults, families and communities.

Gibault was founded in 1921 by the Indiana Knights of Columbus as a home for wayward boys. This year Gibault is embarking on 105 years of service and has provided life-changing opportunities for over 11,300 youth and their families since our inception. Over the years, Gibault has evolved to meet the needs of at-risk youth everywhere. Today, Gibault serves boys and girls with mild emotional disturbances, aggressive and oppositional behaviors, victims and perpetrators of sexually harmful/reactive behaviors, learning disabled children, youth on the autism spectrum, and children with a variety of clinical issues in residential and community-based environments.

GIBAULT

CARE

2001

Providing life-changing opportunities through mental health counseling, treatment, therapy, and long – term residential care for children, adults, families and communities.

As a continuum of care, Gibault Care was established in 2001 to provide mental health counseling, treatment, and therapy, as well as long-term residential care for people with chronic illness or disability in a health care center. Gibault Care encompasses outpatient counseling, supervised visitation, adult sober living at the Odyssey House, and long-term residential care at McGivney Health Care Center.



A gift can be made to support our work, and you can subscribe to our newsletter to stay connected by visiting the donate page on our websites.

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