

## **Chances And Services for Youth Announces Names of 2017 Dancing With the Terre Haute Stars**

On Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 6:00 PM, Chances And Services for Youth, Inc. (CASY) hosted a Kick-Off/Social/Media Event at The Dance Studio. At that time, Brandon Halleck, Chief Operating Officer for Chances And Services for Youth, introduced the 12 dancers for the 11th year of Dancing With the Terre Haute Stars, to be held October 6.

This year's dancers are:

Alyssa Andrews - WTWO  
Andrew Mathis – Wabash Valley Health Center  
Ashley Bennett – VCSC, Davis Park  
Becky Miller – Ivy Tech  
Deidre Metzinger – Clay County Schools/PULSE  
George Azar – Saratoga Restaurant  
Jess McDaniel – Scott's Custom Colors  
John Moats – Vigo County Sheriff's Dept  
Kash Ahmadi – Auto House  
Keith Carter – Kemper CPA  
Peg Carney Finzel – Century 21  
Robert Rhodes – First Financial Bank

In 2007, the first of what was to become Terre Haute's premiere fundraiser was held at St. Mary's of the Woods and featured 9 dancers who helped raise \$33,000. The winner that year was Dr. Danny Tanoos, Vigo School Corporation Superintendent. Since that time, the event has grown to the point where it is now held in Hulman Center, and 2016's event featured 13 dancers who helped raise over \$200,000. Last year's winner was Todd Newman of Newman Co., Inc. In total, Dancing With the Terre Haute Stars has had 123 stars who have helped raise over \$1.2 million for Chances And Services for Youth's programs.

Chances And Services for Youth (CASY) provides programs and services from "cradle to college," ensuring children grow up in safe, nurturing environments in our community. Since 1971, Chances And Services for Youth has remained committed to providing the necessary resources to help Indiana's most vulnerable youth grow into healthy, productive and nurturing adults. Last year, Chances And Services for Youth helped more than 7,500 children and families. Programs provided by CASY, that benefit from funds raised by Dancing With the Terre Haute Stars include: After School, Camp Rave, Safe Kids/Car Seats, Teen Court, Tobacco Prevention, iLead and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Besides Dr. Tanoos in 2007 and Mr. Newman in 2016, past winners include: Neil Ward, 2008; Jenny (Strole) Newlin, 2009; Natalie Overton, 2010; Terri McGuire, 2011; Amy Anderson, 2012; Kim Perkins, 2013; Marla Flowers, 2014; and Keith Lee in 2015. Each dancer is taught a 2 minute routine by a dance professional from The Dance Studio in just 10 lessons. Professional instructors include Brandon Halleck, Mallory Halleck, Cindy Marshall, and Josiah Pringle.

The 2017 Dancing With the Terre Haute Stars gala will take place on Friday, October 6, 2017 at ISU Hulman Center in Terre Haute, Indiana. The evening features a plated dinner, dance "competition" using our local STARS, and a silent auction. Over 1100 guests attend, including patrons, media, foundation and corporate representatives – sharing our desire to improve the lives of the Wabash Valley's children.