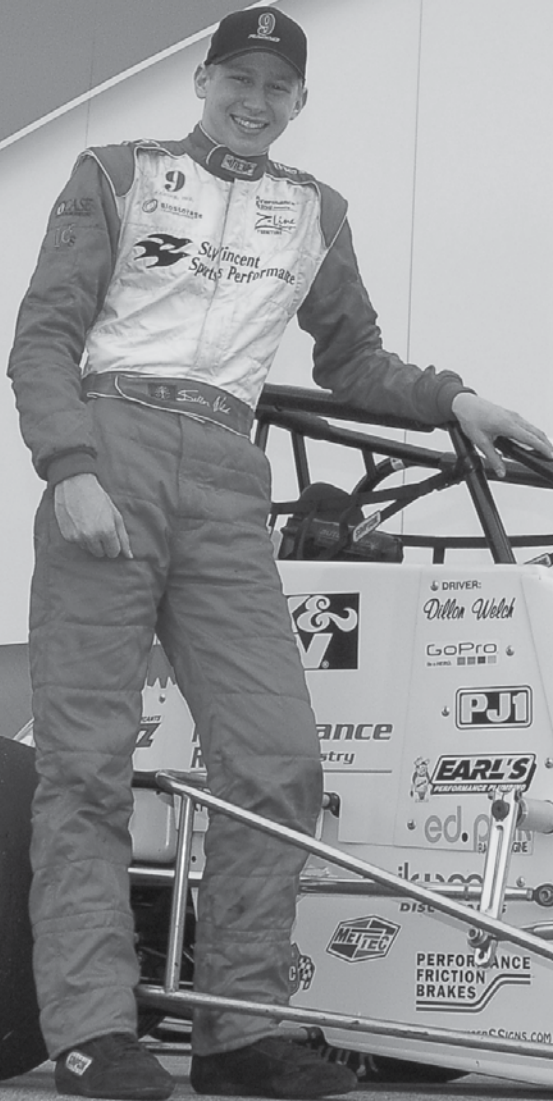


SHARED BLESSINGS

WINTER 2012 NEWS *from* SHELTERING WINGS

Dillon Welch is a race car driver. The Carmel High School senior tries to drive the oval tracks as fast as possible, but he is equally diligent in his efforts off the track to stop a different kind of cycle: The cycle of abuse. "Abuse comes in a variety of forms, including bullying, dating violence, and domestic abuse," Welch said. "Bullying through social media is also becoming a significant issue with kids."



Racing for Wings



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Statistics indicate children who experience violence at home often turn the violence outward into society. For young people many times that violence comes in the form of bullying. Bullying can turn into dating violence. Dating violence is a forerunner for domestic abuse. Domestic abuse affects everyone. Children then tend to act out against other children. It is a cycle. Stopping the cycle of abuse will not happen overnight, and it will not happen with the efforts of just one person. Still, Welch believes he can use his racing program as a vehicle to deliver the message. “Because of the sport’s uniqueness, kids tend to find race car drivers interesting,” Welch said. “That gives me a platform to reach them.”

In a partnership with Sheltering Wings, the 18-year old racer is developing an awareness program to educate young people on the signs and dangers of abuse. “Our Racing for Wings program will give kids a chance to identify the signs of abuse,” Welch said. “Are they a victim or maybe even the abuser, the bully; regardless, they need help and we want them to know

there is help available for them.” Welch, who competes in the USAC National Midget Series, is passionate about his desire to win races. He is equally driven to be a difference-maker in the community. “We will take this message to the students and families locally. It will be equally important to take the message on the road as we visit race tracks around the country.” For more information visit www.dillonwelch.com.

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H2O - Healing, Hope & Opportunity



Meets weekly—every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00. The group is open to the community and will be facilitated by a master's level adult Therapist and a peer survivor.

Every two minutes a sexual assault occurs in the United States—equating to the lives of one in six women being scarred by sexual assault (www.rain.org); and 80% of these assaults are women under the age of 30 which often go unreported. A lesser known fact is that a victim of sexual assault can be either male or female and more than half of attacks occur within one mile of the victim's home. Whether an assault is reported or not, the effects upon the individual are painful and include: anxiety, depression, fear, guilt, shame, nightmares, substance use/abuse and flashbacks—along with many others. If you are dealing with the effects of sexual assault, please know that you are not to blame and you are not alone.

If you think you may have been the victim of sexual assault at any time in your lifetime, we have opened our facility to you each Monday night at 6:30 for “Healing, Hope, and Opportunity”. Please join us at Sheltering Wings where new beginnings occur daily. If you have further questions, or are even unsure if you have been the victim of sexual assault, please call us at 317.745.1496.

From Our Development Team Did You Know...

- Total giving nationwide in 2010 was \$290.89 billion, a 3.8% increase in giving from 2009
- Corporate giving increased 23%
- Foundation giving dropped 2.3%
- Individual giving decreased by 1%
- Giving to human services increased by 1%

Also keep in mind that on average 75% of giving comes from families that make \$100K or less per year. In Indiana over 70% of households give, and over 75% of their gifts remain in Indiana. *Source: USA Giving 2011 or Advancing Philanthropy*



Orange Leaf Fundraiser to Benefit Sheltering Wings

Orange Leaf in Avon will be hosting a fundraising day on **March 19** from noon-9:30pm for Sheltering Wings. Just take in a flyer (*a flyer can be downloaded from our website*) or mention you're there for the shelter when you check out, and 20% of your ticket will go to help Sheltering Wings. Orange Leaf is located at 7565 East US Highway 36. We appreciate your support!

Thank You!

The staff and families of Sheltering Wings are so very grateful to our community for all of the support that we receive each and every day. Here are some of those who have given over the past few months:

Hendricks County Community Foundation, Hendricks Regional Health, Beauty Brands, Gannett Foundation, Duke Energy, MIBOR, UW/Ruth Lily Foundation, Dollar General Literacy Foundation, Charbonos, Indiana Pacers, IU West Hospital, Brownsburg Fitness, Aqua Systems, HIP Studios, Keller Williams (Avon), Indianapolis Colts, Buffalo Wild Wings (Avon & Brownsburg), ICJI, INCASA, TJX Foundation, Office of Faith Based Initiatives, IHEDA, Maurice's, WalMart, Blanford Family Foundation, Central Indiana Community Foundation, United Way, Domestic Violence Network, Danville Auto Service & Tire, Magnum Logistics, Kingdom Racing, Cra-Wal Container, Crane Federal CU, Danville South Elementary, John J. Bates Foundation, Delta Alpha Gamma Sorority, Christian Businesses of HC, Belleville Lodge #65, Anderson Family Foundation.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



The building is complete.

Pavers sold – 448 (goal 9000).

Pledges thus far - \$3,056,542.44 (goal \$3.25M).

We have been blessed beyond our dreams with financial, in-kind and prayers from everyone. **Thank you!**

Spread the word, we are almost there ...\$193,458 to go!!!!

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Upcoming Events

10th Anniversary Celebration

In January, we celebrated ten years of opening our doors to women and children in our community who were fleeing domestic violence. In that ten years, 988 women and 1,205 children have had the opportunity to live safely free from the destructive environment of abuse. In celebration will be hosting several events and partnering with our community to educate, share and celebrate with our partners, neighbors and friends.

April 19

Family Health & Fun Night | AvonY | Avon

June 23 - rain date June 30th

Motorcycle Ride | (location TBA)

July 14

Cornerstone Golf Outing | West Chase Golf Club Brownsburg

August

Softball Tournament | (date and location TBA)

September 29

Break a Sweat Break the Cycle | 5K Walk/10K Run | Hummel Park

October 27

Battle of the Bands | 512Venue in Avon

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. | www.the512musicvenue.com

Social Media



See us on twitter.com/shelteringwings or www.facebook.com/shelteringwings

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