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## April 2020 Newsletter

### Mark Your Calendars!

The next BASE Coalition Meeting will be held May 15th @ 8AM via Zoom, check your email for the invitation.

Virtual Events are still happening!  
May 5th and May 12th @ 11AM: Storytime With An  
Evansville Police Officer via Facebook Live!

Teen Quarantine Art Contest May 8th to May 22nd

Volunteers needed: August 6, 6-8 pm - Evansville Night Out  
@ Lake Leota Park

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### In this Issue:

BASE wants to take a quick moment to say "THANK YOU!"

for everyone who has shared and participated in BASE's virtual events! Your efforts have helped to continue the hard work of prevention in Evansville!

Please continue sharing events and inviting people to join us! You make BASE possible!

Thank you!

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## Storytime With An Evansville Police Officer



Tuesday morning has become a small celebration in Evansville. 11AM rolls around and the officers at the Evansville Police Department show our city what joy and resiliency looks like. What started as a brief 4 week run with the Eager Free Public Library and EPD has expanded into a weekly program that includes partnerships with essential services in Evansville.

May 5th and May 12th are slated to be the final days to see this wonderful series!

## Evansville Community Virtual Scavenger Hunt

As part of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Building A Safer Evansville has looked for ways to keep the community engaged, active and enjoying time together as a family. Each week in the month of April, BASE held a weekly photography scavenger hunt complete with clues and locations around town!

Themes for each week included historical landmarks in Evansville and art around town, motivating people to get out and enjoy our community. Prizes for each week were \$50 gifts to local businesses around town for families to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who participated!



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## **Trainings During Pandemic**

BASE members have participated in and provided trainings during this time of Safer At Home. In April, BASE Executive Director Jen Braun and board member Sean Mangold provided QPR trainings for Evansville community members, conducted digitally due to COVID-19 and physical distancing. QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer, the three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. QPR is a 90 minute suicide prevention program that teaches gatekeepers the skills to prevent suicide and give hope to others.

Coalition members Sean Mangold and Shaun Drefahl, along with BASE Project Coordinator Mark Mellecker attended the first ever virtual Substance Abuse Skills Prevention Training with other coalition members from across the state of Wisconsin. This 4 day training focused on building the fundamentals of a prosperous community coalition and putting theory into practice.

Officer Schmidt and board member Sean Mangold attended the Virtual Rx and Heroin Summit to share strategies on building coalitions, working in prevention, substance abuse treatment and law enforcement.

If you are interested in participating in future trainings, please contact Jen at [jbrown.base@gmail.com](mailto:jbrown.base@gmail.com)

## **“Show Us” Contest Series**

Not letting COVID-19 get us down, BASE wants Evansville teens to know they’re seen and heard. The “Show Us” virtual contests have been a great way to see what our youth are feeling and doing during this time of uncertainty.

“Show Us Your Quarantine” was a photography contest for Evansville students aged 12 to 18 years old, expressing what it means to be a teenager during COVID-19. Students took photos of their life during COVID-19 and wrote a photographers statement to express things they wished for judges to know about the piece. Judging will take place during the first week of May. The first place winner will receive \$100, second \$50 and third \$25.

“Show Us Your Prom” invited EHS students to show us the prom they weren’t able to attend this year. They were asked to glam up, dress up and send us their prom pictures! Students were encouraged to follow BASE on Instagram and DM us their photoshoots! All submissions were entered to win a \$100 visa gift card and will be shared on BASE social media during the first week of May.

Thank you to everyone who shared and participated in these events!

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