



The excitement of the Indianapolis Colts is quite prevalent in Terre Haute, where the Indianapolis Colts kicked off their 2008 Training Camp last week. One nonprofit in the area may be cheering louder than most. That's because The Villages, Indiana's largest child and family services nonprofit agency, is fortunate to have Coach Tony Dungy and the Indianapolis Colts support the important message that there is a great need for foster and adoptive families in EVERY Indiana community!

Throughout Indiana, nearly 12,000 children every year are unable to be safely cared for by their parents and are placed in out of home care to heal from the trauma of child abuse. In recent years, nearly 900 foster children annually were removed from their homes, due to abuse or neglect and placed in a nurturing and loving home trained, licensed and supported through The Villages. As a Villages' spokesperson, Coach Dungy encourages families to join the team by opening your heart and homes to children in need. In Terre Haute, as well as throughout Indiana, there is a critical need for loving families to care for special needs children and older youth.

So as the Colts craze continues during training camp, The Villages wants to give Coach Dungy a "high five" for all that he – and everyone at the Colts organization – do for our community! His presence in this community is as strong as it has ever been, and that is widely recognized and appreciated by the organizations you support, including The Villages. Coach Dungy's encouraging message to potential foster families has resulted in an increase of highly qualified parents coming forward to care for children in need. That means our most precious resource – children – are finding safe and loving homes.

We thank Coach Dungy and the Colts for serving as a spokesperson, supporter and friend of The Villages – and so many other great organizations in Terre Haute and across the state. Thank you for the support and strength you bring to our communities. We look forward to more "W"s in the win column on and off the field and are honored to be a team partner!

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The Villages is Indiana's largest child and family services nonprofit agency, serving over 1,200 children and their families daily.