

The History of the Maple Tree House Shelter

John and Kazuko Boyle were real icons of the close knit community as well as the surrounding communities of Payette & Washington Counties. The Maple Tree Fruit Stand they owned and operated for many years, from their front yard, was visited by thousands yearly. They made friends with many people throughout the years.

In 1998, Kazuko befriended a young woman from Japan. This young woman who was married to a resident of Payette turned to the Boyles for help to escape her abusive marriage. With help from the Boyles this young lady and her toddler son were able to return to Japan and to the safety of her family. In August, John and Kazuko Boyle were found brutally murdered in their home. The husband of the young Japanese woman was arrested and indicted for the murders. For hotly debated reasons, the man was acquitted of the crime and promptly left the state for a location in the Midwest.

In 2002, the surviving members of the Boyle family donated their parents property (land) to ROSE Advocates with the hope that a shelter/transitional housing would be constructed in memory of the help they gave to a young victim of domestic violence.

It is ROSE Advocates wish to bring some good from the tragic death of John and Kazuko Boyle by making a dream come true. With the construction of a shelter for abused adults and children on the Maple Tree property, ROSE Advocates hopes that it will bring long and overdue closure for the Boyle family as well as for the community of Payette, Idaho.

Through long-term support and services families devastated by domestic violence will go on to live safe and successful lives, free from abuse. Putting an end to the cycle of violence and keeping it from continuing on through generations.



Robert's Room

In 2009 Robert Manwill's body was found in an irrigation canal. He was 8 years old when he died from injuries to his head and chest. His mother was sentenced to 25 years for aiding and abiding second-degree murder. Her boyfriend was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole for first-degree murder.

In the midst of this tragedy ROSE Advocates was contacted by concerned community members who saw the need of education about abuse in their community. ROSE Advocates Maple Tree House Shelter children's room has been dedicated as Robert's Room. Katy Belanger, along with other local artists, are donating artwork to be sold. The money raised will be put in a scholarship fund for Robert Manwill's graduating class.

