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**LISA HAESSIG
BHS CLASS OF 1972
BATESVILLE, INDIANA**

Education and Training after BHS:

- Three years at Ball State University

Career summary:

- Owner of my own business: "Lisa's Sew & Tux."

Volunteer positions:

- I am one of the founders of a nonprofit called Totes for Tots & Teens (Project T3), founded in 2004, and am still a board member. We help children in foster care, group homes, and shelters in 15 counties in Southeastern Indiana by giving them a tote bag filled with personal items, along with many other items they may need when they are removed from their families. We also supply the children with "back to school" backpacks filled with their school supplies.

Volunteer positions (continued):

- Also, I am one of the founders of the nonprofit Batesville Area Resource Center, organized in 2014. I am still on the board, and I am their new Administrator. This center houses nonprofits that help the underprivileged and lower income individuals who are in need of assistance. We now house the Batesville Food Pantry, the Southeastern Indiana Health Clinic, Southeastern Indiana Economic Opportunity Corporation, One Community One Family, Choices, Crisis Pregnancy Hotline, Project T3, the So Loved Closet, and the Laughery Township Trustee.
- Finally, I am a member of the Phi Beta Psi Sorority Xi Chapter. I have held many offices, including President & Treasurer. I was awarded the National Presidents Award while I held the Xi Chapter office. I have become very active with this sorority since I am now fighting cancer myself and can see the need to help local cancer patients in many different ways. Our main goal is cancer research and helping our local cancer patients that are in need or just need to be cheered up. I was able to start a new fundraiser for the sorority called "Soups & Sips" to help fund the cancer projects. Our first year was January 2016 and since then it has become our biggest money maker (even during the Covid years by thinking outside of the box). We are so fortunate that Batesville is a very giving community, not just with monetary donations but with people giving their time to help those in need. We also have a phenomenal cancer center here that is happy to work with our organization.



Professional Memberships, Publications, & Awards:

- National Presidents Award, Phi Beta Psi Sorority

Current location/residence:

- I was born in and still live in Batesville. I am very proud to have called Batesville my home my entire life.

Family:

- I never married but I have an amazing brother who also still lives in Batesville. I have four wonderful nieces and nephews, as well as great-nieces and great-nephews. They all live in the area. And I cannot forget about the best friends that I have that have become my extended family.

Activities while at BHS:

- National Honor Society, band, and Future Teachers

Best education-related memory from BHS:

- Former BHS English teacher Mary Jane Suhre once told me, "Don't worry about what people think of you but do the best you can for yourself." She told me that we should especially help others who are in need or forgotten about. She also said to me, before she passed away, that she was very proud of the person I became, along with what I had accomplished and how I have given back so much of myself to the community.

A personal quote about the importance of education:

- "Whether you go on to college or a trade school - your education is very important to have, along with life education itself that you receive along the way. Never give up on yourself."