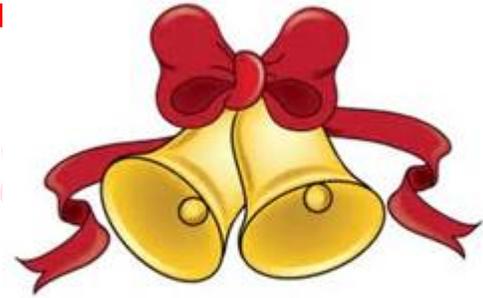


Haven House Family Shelter November 2016 Holiday Newsletter



Happy Holidays from Haven House Family Shelter

Haven House is a
United Way Agency



Success Story

Haven House Family Shelter Staff and Board Members wish you all a joyful and peaceful Holiday Season!

So many living in an abusive environment will experience heartache, rather than happiness; and violence, rather than peace during the holidays.

Unless the cycle is broken, this pattern of behavior is likely to be repeated or imitated by their children creating new generations of abusers and victims.

Thanks to your generosity and support, Haven House continues to reach out to victims of domestic violence in our

community by providing needed services to victims such as a 24 hour crisis line, shelter, counseling, court advocacy, outreach assistance, and referrals. You, our supporters, are changing lives; victims are becoming survivors and hope is being restored.

I knew Myself Not Yesterday
By Tracey Irvin

I knew myself not yesterday,
But I know myself today.

I love who I am inside of me,
and there's a lot I need to say.

I will never let another person,
Bring me to my knees.

Because I have chosen to grow and
fly, to find my destiny.

Haven House Family Shelter has been assisting victims of domestic violence since 1985.

A Note from Georgia Grodowitz, Executive Director

We thank you for your generous support. This has been a year of transition and change with many challenges on the administrative and legislative fronts. Cuts in funding and a steady stream of new

residents have required us to do more with less.

The good news is that our staff, donors, and volunteers have been enthusiastic and loyal in support of DV victims. Most importantly we

have been able to provide for the needs of those seeking our help. I continue to be inspired by your giving spirit and the courage of those who choose to become survivors.



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Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October was Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). The Coordinated Community Response Team (CCR) and Haven House Family Shelter worked to bring awareness of the problem of domestic violence to our community. Haven House staff attended the Purple for Peace Luncheon where the Honorable Judge Toni Terrot was honored for her role in the community against domestic violence. We also attended the 2016 United Way Color Run and the Men of Action held a fund raiser, where there was a walk against dv.

Some Holiday & Winter Needs Are:

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Angels Throughout The Year!

Haven House extends our warmest Holiday wishes and thanks to the individual volunteers, organizations, and dedicated groups that have helped Haven House be a safe refuge and a "haven" for our residents throughout the year. You are true angels to the broken hearted.

Also, a very special thank you to the Haven House Board of Directors and Staff for your hard work and dedication this year.

Santa's Helpers

Christmas can be a difficult time of mixed emotions for our residents and children. Thanks to our volunteers and donations from our loyal Haven House friends, Christmas Day is filled with anticipation and excitement as the children wake up on Christmas to find Santa's elves left gifts under the tree for each one. Santa's Chief Elf, Dayatra Walker, makes sure everyone has toys and gifts, collected and wrapped in time for Christmas. Please contact Dayatra, 601-638-0555, to make arrangements for donations or to volunteer to wrap presents. Haven House will only receive new items during the holidays but will resume taking used donations after Christmas since santa's helpers are so busy during the holidays.

24 hr Crisis Line

1-800-898-0860

or 601-638-0555

Website

www.myhavenhouse.org

Note From Dayatra:

