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Quarterly Newsletter

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your support through this holiday season. We are humbled by the outpouring of support we received in this difficult economic climate. Thanks to the enormous generosity of the board members, donors, businesses and volunteers, we were able to provide a truly Merry Christmas to many families plagued by violence.

2011 was a year of momentous change for the agency, and while we continue to settle into our new home, we look forward to the challenges 2012 holds for us. Without you, we would not be able to meet these challenges or grow to tackle new hardships faced by victims of domestic violence. We depend on the continuous support of the community to keep our services in place and be able to meet the needs of the families we serve.

As we enter the new year, consider ways you can join us in assisting the women and children impacted by domestic violence. Opportunities are many, including purchasing a ticket to our Annual Spring Gala, sponsoring a child's birthday, volunteering to sort donations and spreading the word about our programs and services. Our strength is linked directly to our volunteers and family of faithful donors who keep us afloat. Let us stand together in the fight against violence, so women and children can look ahead to a future free from pain and fear.

Sincerely,
Julie M. Pellegrin

"Together we can heal the violence."

SPRING FLING GALA 2012

A new year is here again and The Haven's Board of Directors are planning The Haven's 13th Annual Spring Gala. The Gala is our opportunity to raise needed funds and public awareness concerning our services. This year's theme is "Home Is Where the Heart Is," and the event will be on Saturday, April 21 at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Patrons at the Gala will enjoy an enchanting ambience filled with delicious local cuisine, great company, networking opportunities and lots of dancing, all while supporting an important cause. As in years

past, we will also be holding a silent auction and Gourmet-to-Go. Guests are invited to come in their favorite dressy casual attire.

Tickets are available by calling (985) 872-0757 or at the door. All proceeds from the benefit go directly to The Haven. For additional information or to inquire about sponsorship, please contact Daphne at (985) 872-0757.



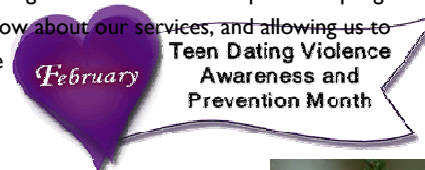
MEETING THE VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Domestic violence is very much a continuing issue in our community. Sometimes, it is only when we are able to go out into the community that we realize how endemic an issue it is. Our sexual assault and domestic violence prevention programs allow us such an opportunity. We provide these programs to children from Pre-K all the way through college upon request of educators in the community. In entering their classrooms, these children are allowed a safe forum in which to discuss the violence they see and experience in their communities and sometimes their homes. Simultaneously, we are able to promote the services provided by The Haven, in hopes that those who need help become aware of the ways in which we can assist them to escape a life of terror.

Often, participants use the sessions as an opportunity to talk about personal experiences with peers; peer pressure, bullying and how to process violence in the world they see around them. However, for those students with an unfortunately intimate knowledge of domestic or sexual violence, the sessions can help them start to put their pain into

words. In one particular session, a student disclosed to her classmates the nightmare of her mother's boyfriend visiting her home and holding both the student and a younger sibling at gunpoint. In another session, a young boy talked about how scared he was when his father attempted to strangle his mother. Both instances allowed the students to gain support from their classmates while gaining information from our staff on how to start to heal or seek help after the session's conclusion.

The threat of violence is constant in many homes in our community. With your help, we are able to educate our youth and their families in an effort to increase awareness and get word out that there is hope for their futures. As our prevention and community education programs grow, we are able to reach out to more women and children living in fear. Thank you for supporting us in our dream to expand our programs, for helping to let people know about our services, and allowing us to bring hope to all the people we serve.



We would like to extend a special thanks to the following for donating their time, talents and Treasures to The Haven

- ~ Denise Womack, for arranging for Santa to visit the Shelter; Shane Fletcher for playing Santa; and Denise, Shane, Donovan Savoie & Cajun Meat Market for providing a fantastic meal
- ~ Vandebilt Catholic High School, for making The Haven part of their annual Christmas project and donating an abundance of supplies for the shelter including towels, cleaning supplies, hygiene items and a rocking chair
- ~ Elizabeth Robichaux; Gem Trim; Denise McCarthy; Kenneth Dawson Properties; First Baptist Church; Todd Ledet, Hannah Hawk with Hagen, Beyer ENT; Jeff Hale; and Joni Duet & Gayla Cheramie for donating meals during the Holidays
- ~ Kate Theriot, MPS, for providing Wellness trainings to the survivors and staff
- ~ Pastor Glenn Naquin and Brandi Naquin, for providing interpretation services for our non-English speaking survivors
- ~ The Doctors at Houma Radiology, for making a donation to The Haven
- ~The employees of TPCG, for collecting supplies for Margaret's Home



Top: Denise Womack with Shane Fletcher as Santa



Left: Students with The Haven's Julie & Kim

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Honor of Dr. & Mrs. Russell Henry

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Services Offered

- 24-Hour Emergency Shelter
- 24-Hour Crisis Line
- Advocacy
- Children's Services
- Community Education
- Parenting Workshops
- Individual & Group Counseling
- Information & Referrals
- Safety Planning
- Violence Prevention Programs
- Legal Advocacy

The beauty of the Christmas Season reminds us of all the love, peace and hope in life that we often take for granted. This Christmas Season, we would like to thank all who provided Christmas gifts, holiday meals, supplies and monetary support to help families plagued by violence feel that love, hope and peace are possible.



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We were blown away by the selflessness of our donors this Christmas. Every single family seeking shelter in our residential facility, as well as all of our non-residential women and children, received Christmas presents donated by businesses and members of the community. It is because of your generosity that we continue to be able to give these survivors of domestic abuse hope for



Board member Ricky Felio with some of the many presents donated to the women and children living in the shelter. Photo courtesy of the Daily Courier



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Our Mission

The mission of The Haven is to empower survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence to live safe, independent and violence-free lives.

The Haven is dedicated to breaking the cycle of abuse by changing attitudes and beliefs in order for all people to live free from the threat of violence.

Ending violence in our community is possible but it requires a commitment from each and every one of us. We are asking you to support battered women and their children, victims of sexual assault, and our community education and awareness activities with your financial contribution. Your donation will help us continue to provide and expand services to survivors of violence and the community free of charge.

WE NEED AND APPRECIATE YOUR HELP

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Happy New Year!

