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Fall 2022

### From the Director's Chair

Dear Friends.

WOW! I can't believe my first year at Haven House has come and gone. I've laughed and I've cried, but mostly I've uncovered a passion that has been in my heart for a long time. Years ago, I remember a professor once asking me "What do you want for your future?" I simply said "I want to change lives." I didn't really know what that meant at the time, but after spending a year at Haven House it has become clear.

For me, the holiday season has always been a special time for faith, family, friends, and reflection. As I think about the families that will be with us in shelter for Christmas, I am thankful they will be able to celebrate in a safe place. For the victims we serve, Haven House is an important part in their personal success story, but the truth is we couldn't do what we do without you. One of the greatest joys is seeing our community helping to meet the needs of our clients and their children. Whether it's providing winter coats, hygiene items, pillows, or volunteering, you all are always willing to help. The work isn't easy, but when part of your job is witnessing miracles, it makes the hard days just a little easier.

Thank you all for your loyal and continued support.

Sincerely, Amber Tinker

We are accepting in kind donations Mon-Fri, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We can accept household items and toys, as well as in-season clothing. Due to your overwhelming generosity, we have depleted our storage space for out of season clothing. As always, cash contributions can be mailed to P.O. Box 4875, Poplar Bluff, MO 63902.

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If you would prefer receiving our newsletter via e-mail, we'd be happy to oblige! We will continue sending it the old tried and true way, but know some would appreciate less paper in their lives! If you'd like us to email your newsletter, let us know by contacting us at admin@havenhousepoplarbluff.org

# Volunteer Corner

It's Christmas season again, and Haven House could not be more excited!! While the "Elf on A Shelf" game is being played within the shelter, the REAL elves have begun their mission of creating the most wonderful time of the year for each and every family. It truly takes a village to execute such a large Christmas operation, and Haven House is blessed with the best help out of the kindness of their hearts. Volunteers come in to help bake cookies, wrap presents, decorate the shelter and inspire hope during the season. They answer phones so staff are able to juggle multiple tasks; they cook hot meals to create a nutritious and welcoming feeling; they organize and sort through donations so each resident has everything they may need; sometimes they are an extra shoulder to lean on. While volunteering doesn't always mean "hands on with clients", we have something for everyone if it is something you may be interested in participating.

Please call 573-686-4873 and ask for Erika or Amanda, and they would be happy to give you any additional information.

### **Tax Credit News**

Beginning July 1, 2022 tax credits for monetary donations to Haven House will increase from 50% to 70%. This means if you make a monetary donation to Haven House of \$100.00 or more during the year, you will receive 50% of anything donated from January to June and 70% of anything donated from July to December back as a credit on your 2022 Missouri Income Tax Return. From July 1, 2022 forward, all donations will fall under the 70% rule. All you do is make the donation, and we will take care of all the paperwork. If anyone has any questions about tax credits, just call the shelter at 573-686-4873 and ask for Jane or Amber.

# **Difference Makers**

Haven House received a phone call earlier this year stating that we had been selected as the charity of choice to receive an award at the Difference Makers Banquet. The Black River Coliseum was so full of community members, and there was a wonderful meal provide by Pastor Greg Kirk and his team at the United Gospel Rescue Mission. We heard some incredible stories about a few of our community members and their journey to making a difference locally. Toward the end of the night, it was Haven House's turn to be in the spotlight, but no one could have ever prepared me for what was in store. We were presented with a check for a whopping \$11,131! This was and continues to help us serve our clients. A huge THANK YOU to the Daily American Republic for facilitating this event and for supporting Haven House!

# **Employee in the Spotlight**

Jennifer Hill has been employed by Haven House Inc. for over 30 years. She started as a night House Manager where she was in that role a total of 5 years. She was then promoted to the Volunteer Coordinator/Education and Prevention Specialist where she spent the majority of her time going to schools to teach students about Domestic Violence. Sexual Assault and Teen Dating Violence. When Haven House had an opening for a Victim Advocate, Jennifer stepped up to the challenge and served in that capacity for several years. Jennifer currently serves as a Civil Court Advocate. She assists with filing restraining orders and attends court with victims to provide support. Her office is in the basement of the Butler County Court House so that she can work closely with the judges and clerks, as well as her clients. Most recently, Jennifer partnered with Amanda Gowen to give a presentation called Equal Opportunity Leadership at our Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Conference. Jennifer is always seeking new opportunities. She has agreed to start a mentoring program where she will work with other Haven House employees to strengthen their knowledge of Domestic and Sexual Violence. Jennifer is a crucial part of the Haven House team, and we appreciate her beyond words.

# What's Been Happening

As many of you know, last year Haven House opened The Mary Ann Allen Outreach Center. Since that time, we have been collaborating with several agencies to utilize that space. These are just a few examples of what goes on at the Outreach Center.

We are able to hold support groups, counseling sessions, and so much more. For instance, Missouri Highlands provides peer support and makes medical and dental appointments for our clients. Also, The Learning Lab is assisting our residents in furthering their education through their grant program. The Butler County Health Department comes to teach groups on family planning and health education. The EDGE Program works with our clients to build resumes and help those we are serving to gain employment. The Nutrition Center has been utilizing our Outreach Center to teach about preparing food and receiving the proper nutrition. SEMO BH is teaching coping skills and FCC is educating on suicide prevention. We are so thankful to all of our community partners for helping us grow our program.

# **Daily Support Group Schedule**

Mon. 10am: Women's Health and Self-Esteem Group

Tues. 9 am: Substance Abuse/Domestic Violence Group

Tues. 10am: Group for Survivors With Young Children

6pm: Spiritual Healing

Wed. 10am: Domestic Violence Survivors Group

Thurs. 10am: Strengthening Life Skills

Fri. 10am: Peer Support Group for Sexual

**Assault Survivors** 

Groups are facilitated by Haven House staff members and community volunteers. Anyone who has survived domestic or sexual abuse is welcome to participate at no charge. Please call in advance as groups do change based on staff and volunteer availability.

# **Shopping List**

- · Coffee
- · Sugar
- · Coffee creamer
- · Trash bags
- · Ziploc bags (gallon)
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Hair brushes
- · Pine-sol
- Towels
- · Fresh Vegetables

You can also visit our Facebook page at Haven House, Inc. for our Amazon Wish List of current needs

# **Grant News**

During the past few months we have received several grant awards from community organizations.

Great Expectations \$2,500

PB Regional Giving Circle \$1,250

Commerce Bank \$400

Please visit us at:

www.havenhousepoplarbluff.org

for all the latest services and news!

### Mission Statement:

To end rape and abuse in Southeast Missouri through shelter, support, advocacy and education.

Thank you.....to the following individuals and organizations for their financial and in-kind donations March 22 thru October 2022

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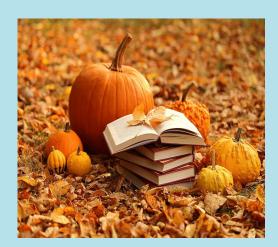
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