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Spring 2022

From the Director's Chair

Dear Friends,

Let me begin by saying how happy I am to be part of this incredible organization. My Haven House journey officially began Oct 11, 2021. In my short time here, it's been exciting to say the least. I've gotten to see a community rally together and provide things like blankets when we said we didn't have any. I've watched families come in shelter with nothing and leave with a support system, resources, and donated items from you all to help these victims and their children be able to get a fresh start in their new home. Most importantly, I've gotten to witness God moments that, without being here, I may have otherwise taken for granted.

When I'm not working, I love spending time with my family. I was blessed with 3 beautiful children that I am immensely proud of. In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, being outdoors, and serving others. That's just another reason Haven House is more than a job, but rather a calling.

I'm looking forward to many years of working with this community. As always, we are grateful for your continued prayerful support of our work. We appreciate you!

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

Haven House might just have the best group of volunteers there is, and we could not be more appreciative of everything they do. From answering phones, cooking lunch, keeping up with sorting donations and writing thank-you notes, to leading residents in groups related to all types of valuable life skills, they fill the void with all the compassion and dedication needed to assist us in our efforts to made life better for those we serve.

In addition to our regular volunteers, we also have certain groups doing special projects around the shelter. Just recently, 12 volunteers from Bluff Church came to clean and remulch our children's playground and do some painting and cleaning up around the shelter. And every month a member of 7th Day Adventist Church shows up at the door with a birthday cake for residents celebrating during that month, and employees of Vanity Salon come by to give free haircuts.

We recently had our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. Check out our Facebook page for pictures and articles about our great volunteer staff.

If being a Haven House volunteer is something you think you might enjoy, please call us at 573-686-4873.

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.

In 2021, Haven House Staff:

- answered 802 calls on the 24 hour hotline.
- served 207 women and children in the shelter.
- provided 4306 bed nights of emergency shelter.
- Served 12,918 meals
- served 951 clients through our outreach program
- facilitated 256 support group meetings.
- served 1386 victims in the civil court advocacy program.
- Facilitated 84 groups in the batterers intervention program.

With operations being conducted having Covid protocols in place, our Outreach Services greatly expanded.

What's Been Happening

Since you last heard from us, we have been very busy here at Haven House. Below are just some of the exciting things that have happened in the past 6 months:

- During Christmas 2021, we were able to help 27 current and former residents with Christmas gifts for them and their children
- Our employees rang bells at WalMart for the Salvation Army during the month of December
- Our employees had a great time passing out Snowman Soup (hot chocolate with marshmallows) at Santa Land
- We have renovated 4 of the shelter bedrooms, as well as the dining area, sitting area, family room and kitchen with replacement of ceilings, new lighting and fresh paint.
- Our staff was able to serve a Sunday meal for the homeless at the Bread Shed here in Poplar Bluff.
- We recently participated in the Outreach Day held at the Butler County Health Department
- Hasn't happened yet, but be looking for the announcement of our 2022 Haven House Trail Ride coming soon!!

Employee in the Spotlight



Although we usually highlight a certain employee in this section, we want to take the opportunity to mention all of our current active Haven House Volunteers by name, and thank them for all they do to help us run the shelter both efficiently and effectively.

Sarah Clark Emily LeMaster Marilyn Martin Jean Cross Susie Bogan Angi Poole

Cassie Rideout

Abby Hanner

Allen Pullett

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Vanity Salon Employees

7th Day Adventist Church—Personal Ministry

Thank you for all you do!! Haven House Staff & Board of Directors

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

Arby's Foundation Grant

Haven House was recently awarded a \$5000 grant from the Arby's Foundation to purchase new mattress for all beds in our shelter. We are so grateful for the award. We had not purchased new mattresses for several years, so in addition to renovations, we can also fill this need.

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.

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