



# Haven House News

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## *From the Director's Chair*

Dear Friends,

In preparation for this newsletter, I just read my Winter publication and am thinking how quickly things have changed for all of us. By March we had ceased accepting donations, restricted the families we served to those from our immediate five county area, put all support group meetings on hold, and set up quarantine rooms to try to keep everyone safe. We postponed our 35th Anniversary Gala, knowing that we couldn't even consider an alternative date for months to come.

While some programs around the state made the decision to close their shelters temporarily, it seemed like the wrong decision for us. We prayed about it, considered all the consequences, and concluded that safety for victims of rape and abuse qualified as an essential service and that we needed to try. Every daily decision has been complicated, but thanks to a supportive board, an innovative and dedicated staff, and an understanding community, we have continued providing much needed emergency services to those in crisis.

Today, it seems that we made the right decision, but we know that it's a decision that will be revisited almost daily. Available testing makes quarantining shorter so we are serving more people, we are accepting some donations, and we are practicing social distancing for group meetings. Please continue praying for us and our work, and especially for those who need our services. I believe that's what has kept us going for 35 years!

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, or receive it both ways, let us know by contacting us at [haven@semo.net](mailto:haven@semo.net).

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## *Volunteer Corner*

Welcome to our newest volunteers, Jim Carrier and April Newton. Both have been providing haircuts to our residents since April.

The last few months have been challenging for many organizations in regard to managing volunteer hours and opportunities. We have so many dedicated volunteers, and we respect the decision of each as to safety for themselves and their loved ones. While some have opted to sit this out, others continue to step up during this difficult time. They are still sending thank you notes, providing office support, helping with donations and spreading the word that we are open and helping families who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Our residents are enjoying classes from Emily LeMaster, with the MU Extension Office, on nutrition and menu planning. Sarah Clark has been here weekly to offer bible study. Becky Stockwell, Ashley Carr, Jim Carrier, April Newton and Anita Freeman have all been providing services, while maintaining social distancing and meeting CDC guidelines.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your care and support of our mission! We look forward to having the team all back together very soon!

*Melody Ducote*

### **Shelter Statistics for January-June 2020**

Women and Children Sheltered	118
Meals Served	7536
Bed Nights	2512
Crisis Calls	254

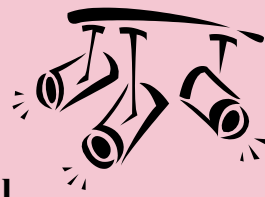
## **US Bank Grant**

Haven House was recently awarded a \$1500 grant from US Bank to develop and offer a Financial Empowerment curriculum for those who have been victimized by intimate partner violence. Financial abuse, while leaving no physical scars, can do tremendous damage to one's self-confidence. By being made to feel inadequate to share in family financial decisions or not allowed to work at all makes it even more difficult to leave a relationship, knowing that you are totally on your own. Helping survivors face their fears, find employment, keep a budget and take charge of their financial lives gives them the courage to step back into life, free of violence and intimidation. We are grateful to US Bank for helping us provide this much needed service!

Many thanks to the Blaich Family who will be hosting our **Haven House Trail Ride** on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020. All trail riders, please watch your mail as the pledge sheets will be sent out in early August. For 30 years the Haven House Trail Ride has proven to be our most successful annual fund raising event. And while this year brings its special challenges, we have decided to go forward with the event, and will do everything we can to provide a safe environment for the riders. For more information, please call 686-4873 and ask for Jane or Mary Ann.

We are accepting in kind donations Mon-Fri, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. We can accept household items, furniture, and toys, as well as in-season clothing for women and children. 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.

## Employee in the Spotlight



The spotlight is on **Jennifer Hill**, who has served as our Civil Court Advocate for the past ten years. Her job, which she does with compassion and expertise, is to meet with victims of crime who are in crisis and seeking ways to escape abusive relationships while keeping their homes, employment and lives intact. Often, the civil court is the answer and Jennifer is there to assist them with emotional support, information and referrals, and assistance in applying for emergency protection orders. She then accompanies them to court and offers follow up services.

But Jennifer is way more than that to the success of Haven House. She has worked for more than two and a half decades, in every capacity from Shelter Manager to Volunteer Coordinator, and every position we have needed her to fill. She has served in statewide leadership roles while being a team member and mentor to our staff here. Her experience and wisdom, her grounding in the philosophy of the movement and her dedication to Haven House and our image in the community makes her invaluable.

We are so blessed to have her on our team!

Interested in earning some state tax credits? We have the answer! Missouri tax payers who make a minimum of \$100 in annual cash donations to Haven House are eligible to receive 50% of their total contributions in state tax credits, in addition to their federal tax deduction. For more information about how you and Haven House can benefit from this program, please call 686-4873 and ask for Jane or Mary Ann.

## Shopping List

- Coffee
- Sugar
- Coffee creamer
- Trash bags
- Ziploc bags (gallon)
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Hair brushes
- Clorox wipes
- Towels
- Fresh vegetables



## 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. Any woman who has survived domestic or sexual abuse is welcome to participate at no charge.

### ***Mission Statement:***

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

Thank you.....to the following  
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 for their financial and in-kind  
 donations  
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 By: Ms. Paulett Jiles

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