

Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center

April 2010 Newsletter



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Important Dates:

March 15, 2010: 7 PM; Knoxville City Council proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Knoxville.

March 24, 2010: 6 PM; County Board proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Knox County.

April 5, 2010: 9:15 AM; Panel discussion on WGIL

April 5, 2010: 6:30 PM; Galesburg City Council proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Galesburg.

April 7, 2010: 7:30 AM; Tying 229 ribbons on Abingdon Grade School fence with Abingdon High School Student Council. The ribbons represent the 229 confirmed cases of child abuse in Knox County in 2009.

April 12, 2010: 9:00 AM; Panel discussion on FM 95 radio

April 14, 2010: 10 AM; Network For Young Children Parade begins at the corner of S. Cherry and South Streets and ends in the gazebo at Standish Park.

April 17, 2010: 9:30 AM—Noon; Network for Young Children Fun Fair for pre-school aged children (ages 6 and under) and their families at Hawthorne Gym.

April 17, 2010: 4:30- 7:00 PM; Mabel Woolsey Carnival in Knoxville.

April 19, 2010: 2:00 PM; Placing 100 pinwheels on center strip in Knoxville. The pinwheels represent 229 confirmed cases of child abuse in Knox County in 2009.

April 22, 2010: 4:00 PM; Hands Around the Courthouse at the Knox County Courthouse. Guest speaker will be Carol St. Amant.

Look for child abuse prevention bookmarks, buttons, and blue ribbons at local businesses.

Also, Knox County children are participating in a poster contest sponsored by the Blue Ribbon Task Force and the Exchange Club of Galesburg. Beginning April 1st, the posters will be on display at the Galesburg Public Library. The community is invited to view the posters throughout the month and to vote for their favorites. Winners will be announced May 1st on Safe Harbor's website (www.safeharbordv.org). Posters will be used to create placemats that will be used in several restaurants throughout our county. Special thanks to the Exchange Club for their contributions to the Blue Ribbon Task Force.

The Blue Ribbon Task Force consists of representatives from Knox County social service agencies, including: Bridgeway, CASA of Knox County, Family Planning Services/Initiative for Girls, Knox County Area Project, Knox County Teen Court, Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center, and University of Illinois Extension.

Calling All Cell Phones

Deactivated cell phones, utilized as 9-1-1 phones, are a vital service for Safe Harbor clients. They increase safety as well as peace of mind. Upon request, they are given free-of-charge to our clients. However, our inventory fluctuates on a daily basis. Therefore, we are putting an "**all-points bulletin**" out for used cell phones.



Safe Harbor accepts all types of used cell phones. We do ask that, if at all possible, the chargers be included. This way they can be kept fully charged and ready to go. Moreover, we even accept broken and analog cell phones!

We do request that donated cell phones be brought into the front office during office hours of Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For all of those who donate cell phones to Safe Harbor, thank you. It is appreciated.

You Can Now Find Safe Harbor On The Web!

That's right! Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center has a website: www.safeharbordv.org. This is a dream come true for everyone at the office. We have long wanted to have the ability to post information on the Internet, but for many reasons, haven't been able to get a website created. Now, thanks to our wonderful new Webmaster, Ted, the site is up and running. Log on today and take a look! We will be posting events, newsletters, pictures, and more on the site, so you might want to put it in your favorites column so it is just a click away.

The New Face At Safe Harbor

We have a new advocate at Safe Harbor. Her name is Kellie. Although she is originally from this area, Kellie and her family recently moved back to the area from Arizona. She has been a welcome addition to our office. Kellie says that learning “the ropes” has been an interesting challenge, and she looks forward to meeting new people and helping out wherever she can. Welcome Kellie!

Safe Harbor’s Annual Easter Egg Party

On March 30th, clients and their children gathered at Safe Harbor for our annual Easter Egg Party. Parents and kids alike enjoyed looking for the hundreds of hidden eggs filled with goodies. The party was a fun opportunity for staff, clients, and children to relax and enjoy the sunny weather. There was a parade, relay race, egg hunt, and sidewalk chalk drawing outside. Families gathered inside to decorate bunny cookies.



Food Drive for Safe Harbor

On March 20th, Altrusa Club sponsored a food drive for Safe Harbor. Altrusa members stood outside of the Henderson HyVee grocery store handing out flyers and accepting donations from 10 am until 1 pm. Their participation greatly increased our pantry supply. This will allow Safe Harbor to more effectively assist our clients in crisis. Everyone at Safe Harbor wishes to thank the members of Altrusa Club for their support, time and donations.

Purple Hanger News



Spring has sprung at the Purple Hanger. Since March 22nd, our inventory of spring items has been on display. Also, there is a new look inside. Several new and improved changes have been made to our displays. So, come on in and take a look. We look forward to seeing you at the Purple Hanger!

Safe Harbor’s Annual Plant Sale

It is that time of year again! Safe Harbor is once again having our spring flower sale. Order will be taken from March 1st through April 9th. Pick up will be 10 am to 3 pm on May 1st. The order forms as well as the receipt page are attached below. To order, please print and complete the following two pages. Then fax, mail or drop off the pages at our main office at 1188 West Main Street, Galesburg, IL 61401. Our fax number is 309/343-3956.

**Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center
Eighteenth Annual Spring Flower Sale**

| PLANT/FLOWER | SIZE | PRICE | QUANTITY | SUB-TOTAL |
|--|---------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| Accent Plants Spikes, Asparagus & Vinca Vine Please Specify | 3.5" Pots | \$2.00 | | |
| New Guinea Impatiens Assorted Colors | 4.25" Pots | \$4.00 | | |
| Non-Stop Begonias Bright-Red, Rosepink Salmon & Yellow | 4.25" Pots | \$4.00 | | |
| Geraniums Red, White, Deep Salmon & Violet | 4.25" Pots | \$4.00 | | |
| HANGING BASKETS | | | | |
| Double Impatiens Purple, Apple Blossom, & Salmon | Basket | \$16.00 | | |
| Fuchsia Purple-Red & Snowfire (Red-White) | Basket | \$16.00 | | |
| Non-Stop Begonias Orange, Yellow, Bright- Red & Pastel Pink | Basket | \$16.00 | | |
| Geranium Salmon, Red & Violet | Basket | \$16.00 | | |
| New Guinea Impatiens Assorted Colors | Basket | \$16.00 | | |
| Combination Flowers | Basket | \$17.00 | | |
| Ferns | Basket | \$16.00 | | |
| Please Specify Colors | TOTAL: | | | |

NAME _____

**SAFE HARBOR FAMILY CRISIS CENTER, LTD.
18th ANNUAL SPRING FLOWER SALE**

ORDER BLANK

Name of Purchaser: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

(We MUST have a phone number to reach you)

Amount Due: _____

Paid in Full: _____

Detach here – GIVE TO PURCHASER

PURCHASE RECEIPT

Name: _____

Amount Due: _____

Paid in Full: _____

Pickup will be on Saturday, May 1st, 2010, at the Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center office, 1188 W Main, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All items must be paid in full at time of pickup.

Please Bring This Receipt With You

Thank you for your purchase.

All proceeds go to Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center, Ltd. – Galesburg.

~ *Serving Knox County Survivors of Family Violence and their Children for Twenty Years* ~