



Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center

*Providing Services for
Survivors of Domestic Violence*

Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

24 Hour Crisis Line 309/343-7233 (SAFE)

Quick Announcements



Help Us Go Green

Beginning with this edition, our quarterly newsletter is being e-mailed. However, the transformation stage from print copy to electronic e-mail is getting a slow start. We are still attempting to acquire contact information of existing readers. As a result, we are asking for your help. We have your e-mail addresses, but if you know of someone who would like to be on our list, please have them e-mail their electronic addresses to safeharborfcc@yahoo.com.

On the other hand, if you do not have the capability to receive electronic mail or just simply wish to continue getting a paper copy of our newsletter, please call Sherry at 309/343-7233.

Thank you, we appreciate your support.



Hygiene Drive

Imagine yourself being forced to flee your home in the middle of the night dressed in only your pajamas. You are holding your child in one hand and a few dollars in the other hand. You have no family or friends in the area that can help you.

Many of our clients are in the very same situation as the scenario above. For this reason, one of the vital services offered at Safe Harbor is emergency hygiene items. As a result, we are asking for donations of hygiene products such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoos, conditioners, body wash/lotions, baby wash/lotion/powder for both females and males. We also ask for additional products like tampons, pads, diapers, body puffs, and razors.

Please drop off all items for this hygiene drive at Safe Harbor during office hours. Your assistance can make the difference between a victim breaking the cycle of violence or returning to a violent relationship. Therefore, we at Safe Harbor thank you for your support and donations.

Event Updates

Christmas 2009

Thanks to the wonderful response from our community, Safe Harbor was able to provide Christmas gifts to 225 children of our clients.



Above Left: A sweet pink teddy bear waits to be dropped into a child's bag as a stocking stuffer.

In October, we began signing the children up for the program. On November 1st, our Angel Tree was set up in our reception area with cards listing each child's needs and wishes. Agencies, organizations, and individuals then adopted those names and purchased gifts for the children. Then, from December 18th through the 20th, The Laser sponsored its annual "Stuff the Truck" fundraiser at Wal-mart.



Above Right: This year's Angel Tree stands in our reception area with the names and wishes of children waiting to be fulfilled.



Left: Members of The Laser braved the cold and snow to drop off gifts received from customers at Wal-mart.

Event Updates

Christmas 2009: continued



Above Right: Toys from “Stuff the Truck” await to be placed into children’s bags.

Left: Members of The Laser’s “Stuff the Truck” crew.



Each year, we at Safe Harbor are humbled by the outpouring of support our clients receive from the community. It is more than gratifying to see the spirit of goodwill in action during this particular time of year. As staff members in an agency that struggles against some of the worst violence that can be inflicted upon a human being, it is invigorating to bear witness to the countless random acts of kindness that occur during the holiday season. From everyone at Safe Harbor, thank you for making this Christmas a time of hope and joy.

Event Updates

Fall Fundraiser 2009

Our sixth annual Fall Fundraiser was the biggest and best yet! It was again held at the American Legion on October 24th.

Some of the attendees took advantage of the themed event and dressed in a wide array of creative costumes. The winner of the best costume won a hundred dollars. People listened to live music provided by the band *No Reason* while they enjoyed the delicious food catered by *The Cellar*.



Above Right: The grand prize winners of the costume contest happily showed off their outfits. The four graciously re-donated their winnings to Safe Harbor.

Above Left: Brandon showed off his scuba costume for the event.

Right: Barb Buzick and her guest took a break from viewing the silent auction items to pose for the camera.

Event Updates

Fall Fundraiser 2009: continued



Above Left: Members of The Cellar gathered for a quick photo before heading back into the kitchen to finish preparations for the night's dinner. Thanks Cellar, it was fantastic!

Above Right: Val Harding and her guests kicked back and enjoyed the evening.

Above Left: Pat Nusbaum and her guest took a break from their silent auction bidding to enjoy the music.

Event Updates

Fall Fundraiser 2009: continued

Although attendees really got into good-natured bidding wars over silent auction items, it was the door prize that took the prize! Selling tickets for the HP Netbook kept greeters at the front table busy for much of the night. The moment of reveal had the audience holding their breath. The winner was more than ecstatic! At the end of the evening, the announcement of the silent auction winners provided moments of laughter and high excitement.



Above Left: Some of the most popular baskets were auto care kits, cooking/baking, and homemade blankets. Of course the top bid was on an all season basket designed by Hope.

Above Right: Lois Hanson was the winner of the HP Netbook raffle item. Just wait until this year's item is revealed!

We hope to see you again for this coming year's fundraiser. Mark the date, October 16th, at the American Legion. More information will be included in upcoming newsletters.

Thank You

Key Club's Book Drive

During the week before Christmas, Galesburg High School's Key Club delivered a very exciting donation that left many of the staff speechless. The Key Club sponsored a book drive for Safe Harbor clients that netted more than two thousand books. There were a wide range of fiction and non-fiction titles that would appeal to both adults and children.



The Key Club's donation arrived just in time to become a part of our Christmas program. Every child was given several books as Christmas gifts. Adults were encouraged to look through the titles for themselves as well.

The staff at Safe Harbor extends a huge thank you to the members of the Key Club for their support and dedication to our agency.

Food Drives

Safe Harbor's food pantry has undergone a massive change. Donations of food came from many different areas of the community. Our once critically low pantry is now well stocked and ready for the demands of the new year.



Everyone at Safe Harbor wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who donated food items to our agency. With your donations, Safe Harbor will now be able to meet essential food needs of our clients.