

Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center

July 2011 Newsletter

Safe Harbor's Annual Volunteer Party



On April 28, 2011 Safe Harbor staff and volunteers gathered at Galesburg's Hungry Hobo restaurant for our annual Volunteer Party. The luau theme created a fun and festive atmosphere that allowed everyone to relax and enjoy the evening. The food was catered by Hungry Hobo and consisted of several types of sandwiches, chips and drinks. There was cake and cookies for desert.

New this year was a video presentation of the many volunteers who have donated their time and talents to Safe Harbor throughout the past years. Many of the attendees were pleasantly surprised when they saw their photos on the screen. At the end of the night, each person was able to choose a gift to take home as a token of thanks for their hard work on behalf of Safe Harbor.

The staff wishes to thank the wonderful people who give of themselves to our agency each day. It is through your gift of time, money and talent that we are able to assist Knox County victims of domestic violence. Thank you!

Purple Hanger News



The Purple Hanger is ready for summer! Our inventory is constantly changing with new items being displayed every day. Shoppers can browse through five rooms displaying women's, men's, teen's and children's clothes, toys, knick knacks, stuffed animals, household items, small appliances, electronics, books and videos. Moreover, The Purple Hanger has *Daily Specials* to help make the treasure hunt more exciting. The specials are different from

those at our old Losey Street location, so come in and take a look at what each day brings at the Purple Hanger!

For example, are you looking for the next great novel? Come by on Mondays; books are buy one get one free. Is your favorite pair of shoes wearing out? Then Tuesdays are for you! You can buy one pair of shoes and get the another pair free. We put a twist on Kids Day with clothes included in the special. Walk in on Wednesdays and children's clothing and toys are buy one get one fifty percent off. Want to complete your wardrobe with a unique accessory? Come by on Thursdays and purchase a purse, belt, scarf or pair of socks and get another one free. Need something for the house? Stop by on Fridays when household items are fifty percent off. Whether you are looking to update your style or expand your wardrobe, make it a point to shop on Saturdays, when adult clothing is buy one item and get fifty percent off another item.

If you are looking for something specific or just want to spend a pleasant time browsing, please stop by and take advantage of the Purple Hanger's version of bo/go and half-off days. The Purple Hanger is now located at 367 East Tompkins Street. Our hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00am until 5:00pm and 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturdays. We look forward to seeing you at the Purple Hanger!

As always, all proceeds directly benefit Safe Harbor. Moreover, if you are getting ready to do some summer cleaning or just want to clear out a closet, please keep the Purple Hanger in mind. We gratefully accept just about any item. You can drop off your donations during operating hours or place them in our new purple donations bin located on the west side of our shop. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Also, the Purple Hanger is now on Facebook! Like so many other businesses, we are taking advantage of the social network to increase information about Safe Harbor's resale shop. We encourage everyone to log on to their account and "like" the Purple Hanger Resale Shoppe.

Calling All Cell Phones

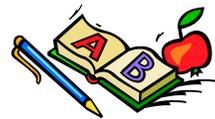
Deactivated cell phones, utilized as 9-1-1 phones, are a vital service for Safe Harbor clients. They increase safety as well as peace of mind. Upon request, they are given free-of-charge to our clients. However, our inventory fluctuates on a daily basis. Therefore, we are putting an **“all-points bulletin”**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



Safe Harbor Needs School Supplies!

Although school has only been out for summer break for a couple of weeks now, it won't be long before parents will be shopping for those back-to-school items that every student will need for a successful academic year. Community support has helped Safe Harbor distribute school supplies to children of Safe Harbor clients for many years. This year our inventory is very low and we need your support more than ever. Items needed include; pencils, pens, scissors, glue, glue sticks, markers, crayons, colored pencils, pencil boxes, highlighters, erasers, water colors, 2 pocket folders, backpacks, boxes of kleenex, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, and ziplock bags (quart and gallon size).

This is one of many important services Safe Harbor is able to provide to clients. For many victims of domestic violence, there just isn't the money to buy basic school supplies due to escaping a violent relationship. Being able to offer such items allows victims to focus on other needs that will allow them to remain free from the violent relationship. Moreover, because of budget cuts, Safe Harbor must rely even more on the support we receive from the community. As a result, your support is greatly appreciated.

REMINDER: Save-the-Date for Safe Harbor's 2011 Fall Fundraiser

Even though Safe Harbor's Fall Fundraiser is still several months away, we would like to remind everyone to mark November 5, 2011 on their calendar! Below are some highlights from last year's record-setting event.



Above Left: A section of the silent auction baskets from the 2010 Fall Fundraiser. **Above Right:** Attendees enjoy the food and music while they visit and browse the themed baskets during the 2010 Fall Fundraiser.



Above Left: The generously donated talents of the band, No Reason, got the party started and kept it going throughout the night. **Above Right:** An example of one the themed baskets that were filled through generous donations from local and national businesses, organizations and individuals.

Everyone at Safe Harbor is excited about this year's Fall Fundraiser. As always, there will be themed baskets for the silent auction. Donations have been arriving and the range of baskets will be awesome and just in time to fill your Christmas list needs! The band, No Reason, and the pizzeria, The Cellar, have generously announced that they will again donate their talents for music and food for the event. This year's raffle item will be an iPad 2. The price of the ticket includes admission, food and music.

Tickets will be on sale prior to the event and can be obtained at Safe Harbor administrative offices and the Purple Hanger. For more information please call Safe Harbor at 309-343-7233 during office hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Also, visit Safe Harbor's website at www.safeharbordv.org for a listing of auction items closer to the event.

Knox County Human Service Council's Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



On May 25, 2011, one of Safe Harbor's volunteers, Chris Ferguson, was honored at Knox County Human Service Council's annual Volunteer Appreciation luncheon.

Chris has been volunteering at our office three days a week since he completed training. He assists the office with administrative projects as well as direct client services and court advocacy. He has been an important asset to the office and staff. His time and talent is very much appreciated. Thank you, Chris!

Above Far Right: Chris holds his volunteer certificate that he received from the Knox County Human Service Council.

Safe Harbor Needs Your Help



One of the free services Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center offers to victims of domestic violence is food. Victims in crisis often have only the clothes on their backs and very little means with which to obtain basic necessities. Whenever a client in crisis needs food, Safe Harbor is able to provide non-persishable food items that will feed them and their family. However, our small food pantry is critically low. As a result, Safe Harbor's ability to assist victims in crisis is severely limited, and we need your help to restock our pantry.

Therefore, we are requesting donations in the form of canned meats (aka tuna, chicken and ham), canned dinners (spaghetti rings and ravioli), soups, creamed soups and canned fruits. Additional items also include: *Tuna Helper* (and other varieties), *Betty Crocker Complete Meals*, cereals (both cold and hot versions), peanut butter and jelly, crackers, mac-n-cheese, pasta, spaghetti sauce and canned beans. Another wonderful donation idea is five dollar gift cards to local grocery stores. We also need dish soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, diapers (especially sizes 4, 5 and 6), baby wipes, baby hygiene products, and feminine products.

Your time, donations and support are greatly appreciated by everyone at Safe Harbor.

Week of the Young Child Parade

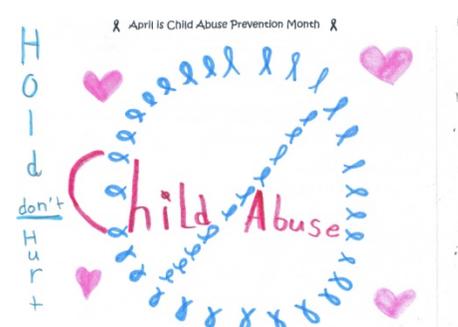
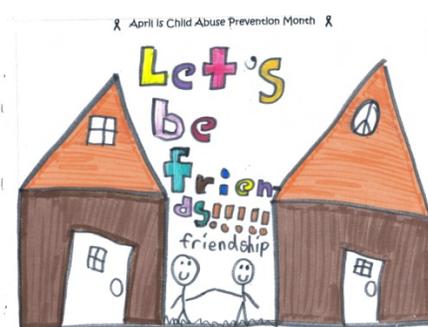


The annual Week of the Young Child Parade was held on April 13, 2011. Several agencies took part in the parade sponsored by the Network for Young Children. It began at 10:00 AM at the corner of South and Cherry streets and ended in Standish Park with a sing-a-long.

Highlights for April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

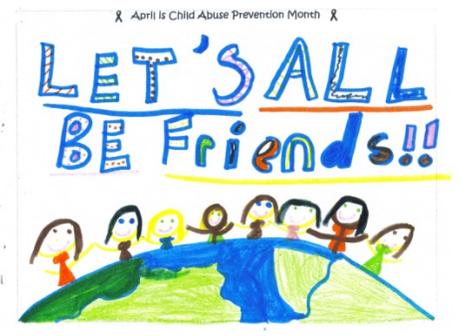
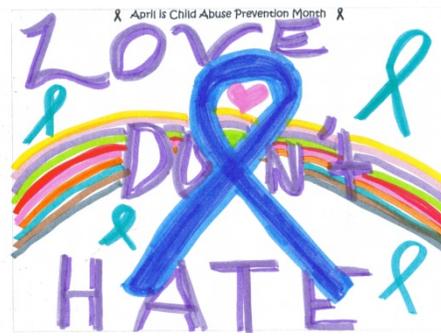


Left: Members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force place pinwheels along the square in Knoxville. Each pinwheel represented the number of child abuse cases in Knox County in 2010.



Above are pictures of the K-2nd Grade winners of the Child Abuse Prevention Poster Contest sponsored by the Blue Ribbon Task Force of Knox County and the Exchange Club of Galesburg.

Above Left: 1st Place winner was Connor who is in the first grade at Silas Willard.. *Above Middle:* 2nd Place winner was Logan who is in the second grade at Silas Willard. *Above Right:* 3rd Place winner was Chloe who is in the second grade



Above are pictures of the 3rd -5th Grade winners of the Child Abuse Prevention Poster Contest sponsored by the Blue Ribbon Task Force of Knox County and the Exchange Club of Galesburg.

Above Left: 1st Place winner was Haley who is in the fifth grade at Nielson. *Above Middle:* 2nd Place winner was Samantha who is in the fourth grade at Nielson. *Above Right:* 3rd Place winner was Payton who is in the thrid grade at Silas Willard.



On April 27, 2011 members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force of Knox County and members of the community gathered at the steps of the Knox County Courthouse for the annual Hands Around the Courthouse. The event includes speakers from the legal system and members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force who highlight important information concerning child abuse in Knox County as well as how people can prevent abuse against children.

Above Left: People gathered on the Knox County Courthouse steps to listen to speakers concerning the issue of child abuse and the importance of stopping the violence against children. *Above Right:* Participants begin the process of linking hands around the Knox County Courthouse.

Please Visit Safe Harbor's Website

Safe Harbor's website has become an important educational tool for our office. The number of visitors to our website has remained steady since it went online. Visitors are able to learn more about our agency, services and contact information. Our Webmaster posts information on upcoming events, fundraisers and newsletters. He is also continuing to add more information, so we encourage people to visit often to see the changes! You might want to put it in your favorites column so it is just a click away. The address for our website is www.safeharbordv.org.