



Haven Happenings



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The Eighth Annual “Haven Challenge” Golf Tournament

*March 28, 2009
Suntree Country Club*



The Eighth Annual Haven Challenge Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, March 28, 2009 at Suntree Country Club. We are pleased and proud to announce that this year’s event sponsor is once again Matthew Development.

There will be three divisions: Corporate Challenge, Open and Women’s. Corporate Challenge team members must all be employees of the company to qualify. The winning corporate team takes home the custom-made Swarovski crystal trophy presented by Wesche Jewelers in addition to prizes for each of the players. The winners of the Open and Women’s divisions will receive prizes as well. Hole-in-one prizes include a Buick LaCross to be awarded by Lane Pontiac/Buick/GMC and a set of Callaway Golf Clubs from GolfUSA. In addition, valuable prizes will be awarded for the closest to the pin and longest drive winners.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Players will receive a box lunch, complimentary beverages, free-range balls, and gifts. The event culminates with an evening of cocktails, dinner and auction for each player and his or her spouse or guest—all included in your entry fee.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Please call The Haven at 321-676-6888 or email thehaven@cfl.rr.com. You may also contact Patrick Hughes, Chairman of the Haven Golf Tournament Committee, at 321-773-2557 for more information. You may get your sponsor brochure online at www.thehavenforchildren.com.



**27th Annual Downtown Melbourne
5K Run and Walk**

**A run for the children
of The Haven**

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Run/Walk or are interested in running/walking in the 5K, please call (321) 676-6888 or E-Mail thehaven@cfl.rr.com. You can register online at active.com.

See Race Information on page 5



Haven Director Kim Straebla, Pam Whittington, Kathy Dixon, Ellen Parda, Debbie Uber, Brenda Herndon, Kaye Boggs, and Kaye Cantrell in front of the van The Haven Guild purchased for The Haven.

To find out more about The Haven, visit our new web site www.thehavenforchildren.com

THE HAVEN STRIVES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF NEGLECTED, ABUSED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN BY ASSURING THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF CARE FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE PROGRAM’S CONTINUED SUCCESS

Wish List

The smallest new item means everything to a victim of child abuse who comes to us with nothing

Certificates & Tickets

- McDonald's Gift Certificates
- Movie passes
- Office Depot Gift Certificates
- Papa John's Gift Certificates
- Toy's R Us Certificates
- Wal-Mart Certificates

Clothing & Essentials

- Boy's / Girl's clothing (3-16)
- Boy's / Girls's white socks (6 1/2 - 2)
- Diapers (boy's size medium, large & x-large)

Food

- Animal crackers
- Applesauce
- Breakfast cereal
- Children's snacks
- Fruit juice
- 100% Fruit Juice Drink Box
- Fruit snacks
- Gold Fish
- Pretzels
- Pudding / fruit cups
- Ravioli
- Spaghettios

Furniture

- Pillows

Money for

- Activities & field trips

Paper & Household Products

- Antibacterial soap
- Birthday wrapping paper
- Cleaning products (Windex, 409, Clorox, Etc.)
- Dishwasher detergent
- Kleenex
- Large, clear plastic bins with lids
- Laundry detergent
- Lysol spray - scented
- Paper plates & cups
- Paper towels
- Party theme paper plates, cups & supplies
- Toilet paper

Personal Hygiene

- Baby wipes
- Baby conditioner, No More Tangles
- Children's Sunscreen (WaterBabies)
- Diaper Genie refills- super size
- Desitin
- Kid size toothbrushes
- Kid's toothpaste
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Washcloths

Toys

- Art Supplies -- paint, markers
- Elmer's Glue / Glue Sticks
- Small incentive toys to be used as prizes
- Construction Paper

On Going Contributions

Brownings Pharmacy
 Donald Peters "The Cookie Man"
 DRS Tactical Systems, Inc.
 Harris Corp. Matching Funds
 Hobbs Electric.
 Mio's Pizzeria
 Olson Appliance
 Pineda Crossing
 Slug A Bug
 Sun Plumbing
 Dr. Mark Stewart
 M.H. Williams Construction, Inc.

We would like to express our appreciation to all of our contributors.

While every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication, we apologize for any errors or omissions.

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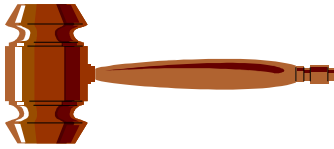
NEW MEMBER "WELCOMINGS"

All members new to the Guild in 2008-2009 are invited to "Welcomings" to meet each other, the Guild Board and committee members, and to learn more about opportunities within the Guild. In order to accommodate working members, there will be an early evening, in addition to a morning Welcoming. Invitations will be mailed with more details, but please "save the date" to attend one of the following:

- Friday, March 13, 10:00am-12:00pm at Haven III
- Thursday, March 12, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Tracy Bacon's home

Any current Guild members who wish to learn more are also welcomed to attend; please call Membership Chairman, Tracy Bacon at 757-5797.

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN
 HELPING WITH THE HAVEN
 HAPPENINGS
 CALL NANCY SEARES
 @ 259-0798**



From the Haven Guild President

Well can you believe it is 2009? What a great 2008 we had making things happen in The Guild.

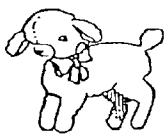
We were able to buy two new vans this year to transport the children. We bought an eight passenger van in February and a fifteen passenger van in November. We were also able to help purchase a new monitoring system for The Haven so that Kim can see what is happening in all houses while sitting in her office. We were able to give \$1,500 for special Christmas gifts that were requested by the older children. We also made two large donations, \$40,000 at the birthday party in May and another \$50,000 in November. We were able to buy most of the shower gifts needed to open the third house. All of this was made possible by the hard work of all The Guild Members. I personally want to say THANK YOU to everyone that made 2008 a great year for THE HAVEN.

The luncheon will be February 11 at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club. Please bring a prospective member. We will be honoring all volunteers for the Guild. Please make plans to attend the special event and help us say thank you to all of our hard workers.

The Lamb Shoppe has had its best year since opening. More people are shopping second hand shops since money is so tight. The Lamp Shoppe grossed over \$128,000 for 2008. There is no question where most of The Guilds' money comes from. Please take the time to say thank you to Susie Morris and her crew because they have made this happen for the children.

Thank you to all who have worked so hard in 2008. I have enjoyed being a part of this great group of people.

Brenda



Lamb Shoppe

The Lamb Shoppe had a fantastic holiday season. As a matter of fact, the whole year was a great success. The total sales were about ten percent higher than the previous year. As retail sales in major stores have dwindled, business in resale shops in general have increased. So, the downturn in the economy has actually helped our business. And, what is good for our shop is great news for The Haven. All of us are mindful everyday of our mission, and that, of course, is the support of our children.

The winter luncheon/meeting is coming up in February and the shop will sponsor another silent auction. We can use some items for this, so if you have something to donate, please call me.

Thank you for cleaning out your closets; keep up the good work! We have lost a few volunteers lately, so please call me if you want to help out. I have a few new names and I will try to be in touch as I am able. In the meantime, don't wait for me, give me a call.

Thank you for your support donors, customers and volunteers.

Susie Morris 779-1615

*Haven Guild
Semi-Annual Membership Luncheon
Wednesday, February 11, 2009 11:30 am
Eau Gallie Yacht Club*

Volunteer Recognition

*Silent Auction
includes Lladro figurines*



Christmas at The Lamp Shoppe



The Happenings at the Haven From Kim

Christmas time was once again a wonderful time for our children. Thank you to all of you who helped make our children's Christmas so special.

Two of our little boys spent their first Christmas with their new "forever family". The brothers ages (3 and 5) had lived with us for two years and in that time grew very close to one of our staff members in particular. Our staff member and her husband began the process to adopt in early 2008. They made their transition to the family just in time to celebrate a lot of firsts -- first day of kindergarten, first Thanksgiving with their new family, and their first Christmas with their new family. They all agree that the best was their first Christmas together and look forward to many more!

Christmas Donations

Art Kraft Sign Company
Bank of America
Brevard County Administrative Association
Brevard County Schools – Food Services Division
Tracy Brower
Ms. Bortner
Brevard Woodworker's Club
Bunko Babes.
Camelot RV
Cindy Kane
Chapel By The Sea
Chief Mark Klayman of the Cocoa Police Department
Amy Chocolaad & William Murphy
Compass Pointe Community
Crowne Plaza
Curves of North Melbourne
Sharon D'Alessandro

Daniel & Donna Peters
Mary Deen
Earl & Carolyn Dixon
Emanuele & Julia Contarino
Emerald Seas
Employees of the Eau Gallie Yacht Club
Endodontic Associates of Brevard
First United Methodist Church
Fiserve Lending Solutions
Health First
Jeffery & Pamela Peters
Joseph & J. P. McClure.
Keller Williams Realty
Ms. Lanza and Family
LifeHouse.
Mandy Hancock & Son
Mom's Club of Rockledge/Viera
National Association of Women in Construction

Nancy Janokaitis
North Brevard Association of Medical Services
William & Terry O'Brien
Jeanne O'Grady
Palm Bay Eagle Riders
Red Hat Dolls & Americana Resorts
Red Hat Dolls – Antique Dolls
Janet Ward
Sam Wood
Satellite Beach Police Department
Mrs. Gail West & Majestic Mama's Red Hatters
Wal-Mart – Eau Gallie Boulevard
Joseph & Joyce Wheeler
Satellite Beach United Methodist Church
Vistana Resort

Eagle Riders Bring Jungle to Haven

Again this Christmas, the Palm Bay Eagle Riders have gone out of their way to raise over \$1,200 to purchase individually requested gifts for each of the 31 Haven children. Carol and Larry Green have spearheaded this effort in 2007 and 2008. They "shopped till they dropped" to find what each child had requested, ranging from sports team jerseys plus one other item, such as a cap, to jewelry kits and dolls. Well, to give credit where it is due, Carol did most of the shopping, with moral support from Larry!!!

In addition to these gifts, the Palm Bay Eagle Riders have sent monetary donations throughout the year. The Eagle Riders raise money one dollar at a time, through Saturday breakfasts, group bike rides and other events, which we will be telling you about in the next Newsletter. We are grateful for their continued support. THANK YOU, Palm Bay Eagle Riders!



Carol Green and daughter, Wendi Kunkel, deliver Christmas gifts for all Haven children.

27th Annual Downtown Melbourne 5K Run and Walk
Saturday April 4, 2009
A space-Coast Runners' *Runner of the Year* Event

Entry Fee :
\$20 until April 3rd
(\$19 for SCR Members)
\$25 race day



Race Directed by:
Running Zone

A run for the children

Start Times

Men 7:30 AM * Women 8:15 AM * Youth Series 9 AM * Awards 9:15 AM

Starts two blocks W of US 1 on New Haven Ave in Downtown Melbourne, This USATF (FL94005DL) certified course loops twice through historic downtown Melbourne. Men, women, and youth run separate races. **The race benefits The Haven, a shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children.**

Space Coast Runner Youth Series

The Space Coast Runners Youth Series aims to include youth in organized runs so as to encourage participation and interest in running and fitness. There will be no charge for these runs, but parents will be required to sign a waiver for their children to participate on the morning of the race. Distances: 1/4 mile, 1/2 mile, and 1 mile.

Registration

- On line at active.com ending April 2nd (Search for Downtown Melbourne 5K)
- At Running Zone on Wickham Road (between Parkway and Post Road)
- By mail to Running Zone ending March 31st (3680 N Wickham Road, Unit C, Melbourne FL 32935)
- Race day at Holmes Park, corner of Melbourne Ave and Melbourne Ct, beginning at 6:30 AM

Packet Pick-Up

- Friday, April 3rd from 10:00 am to 6:30 pm at Running Zone (between Parkway and Post Road)
- Race day at Holmes Park, corner of Melbourne Ave and Melbourne Ct beginning at 6:45 AM

Information

Frank Webbe * 321-674-8104 Days * 321-725-3770 Nights * Fax 321-674-7105 * E-Mail: Webbe@fit.edu

Make checks payable to The Haven



Chef-du-Jour



Join the National Spirit – Do a Community Service Project

YES, you can do a community service project. Help The Haven children by cooking or by getting your group together and selecting one or more nights a month to provide the evening meal. Members of your sorority, bowling league, golfing buddies, Mom's club, book club, Church, etc., can set up a group to share cooking. We are happy to report that several organizations have joined the *Chef du Jour Program* and their members are able to combine community service work while supporting The Haven Kids.

The purpose of the *Chef du Jour Program* is to provide a home-cooked evening meal for the children and their caregivers. Meals are delivered cooked (not frozen, packaged, or in cans) so the staff can serve or reheat in the oven or microwave. Meals consist of a main dish, vegetables(s) and/or fruit, and dessert. Rolls and a drink are also welcome. All food is to be in disposable containers.

There are three Haven homes and cooks are needed 365 days a year so join the spirit and at the same time help The Haven Kids.

Contact coordinators Mary Ann LaPorte, 752-9788 or Joyce Wheeler, 259-6793, to learn more information about how you or your group can become a part of this program.



Donations



J.E. Alexander
 Vicki Ann Allen
 Tierra & William Anderson
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 Nicole Bernhardt & Family
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 cApollo Realty
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 GFWC Viera Women's Club
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 The Pollock Group
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 United Way of Brevard County
 United Way of New York
 The Viera Woman's Club
 West of Eau Gallie Civic
 Association
 Wiginton Fire Systems

*** Thank you so very much! We appreciate each and every gift ! ***

*Havenly Affair 2009 Planning Meeting
 February 20, 2009 2 pm
 at Pam Whittington's, 4246 Turtlemound Road*

If anyone would like to help with the 2009 Havenly Affair set for October 3rd, please come to the planning meeting. We are looking for inputs, ideas, and people to help make this a Havenly Affair to remember.

If you are interested in any capacity, please contact Co-Chairs:
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Ms. Michele (Karina) Romandetti
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DON'T FORGET TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP!!

In case your membership renewal envelope got pushed aside during the holiday rush, please remember to send it in ASAP! Renewals are due in January. If you need a new envelope or have any questions, please call Tracy Bacon at 757-5797. Your membership means you SUPPORT The Haven and its goals, as well as the children who are safely sheltered there. EVERY one of you makes a difference, so PLEASE remember to renew!

