



The Haven For Children Newsletter

Who We Are

The Haven is a temporary residential emergency shelter for abused, abandoned, and neglected infants and children through the age of nine, at time of acceptance. Our three homes provide a loving, secure environment for up to thirty children.

The primary goal of The Haven is to nourish and protect the children while starting them on a path of healing and positive self-growth. Through the loving staff of professionals and paraprofessionals, The Haven begins to break the tragic cycle of child abuse.

Since 1987 The Haven has taken a positive role in the lives of over 1000 children from Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. It is with the monetary support of our community that we can continue to care for our children.

Christmas in July?

That was the last thing on anyone's mind on a sweltering summer day on July 19th, when the Indian River Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America invited the Haven Guild to attend their monthly meeting to receive a presentation. But what a surprise was in store! This active group of stitchers had collected enough items from the Haven Wish List, along with back-to-school items, to fill a banquet-sized table to overflowing. Additionally, individuals made monetary donations totaling over \$450!

Thank you Indian River Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America!

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Please call any error or omission to the attention of the editor and it will be corrected in the next issue.

Summer Is Almost Over!

Executive Director's Message

Summer is almost over. The children are back in school and the snow birds will be returning in a few months---we hope. Thank you to all of the cooks who prepared meals during this hot summer and even took extra days when needed! You all are greatly appreciated! The children enjoy a variety of foods and think we're all great cooks! We always have a need for more cooks for each house.

Suggestions for meals-----anything your children or grandchildren enjoy. Fried chicken, baked chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, meat loaf, tacos, roast beef, beef stew, fish sticks, pizza, spaghetti, baked ziti, macaroni and cheese, ham, sweet potatoes, sloppy joes, barbeque, tossed salad, jello salad, mashed, baked, scalloped, french fried potatoes. Also fresh fruits, vegetables, cooked, or raw with a dip. Cookies, cakes, ice cream or other desserts.

We don't hear how they always like our meals. BUT, no news is GOOD news. Allison will contact the coordinator if something didn't go over well or was not enough. It would be difficult to respond to everyone 365 days a year from all three houses.

We have two new coordinators replacing Joyce Wheeler. Joyce did a wonderful job for five years. She is still active in the Guild, but will be traveling a lot this next year and didn't have the time to continue in this role. Shauna Brown will be the new coordinator for Haven II. My Huynh recently assumed the role of the coordinator for Haven III.

Mary Ann La Porte has been coordinator for Haven I for seven years. You can reach Mary Ann at 752-9788 or malaporte@aol.com if you would be interested in preparing meals for The Haven children.

Kim Straehla

The Haven for Children

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Guild Members Come, Guild Members Go

Tracy Bacon, President
The Haven Guild

What does that mean? It is the natural ebb and flow of life because of relocations and lives changing due to circumstances and interests. Which is why we are so excited about the influx of new members over the last couple of years!

All members want to help support the Haven "kids". Some members prefer to just pay dues to support the cause and to be kept abreast of what's going on. We welcome your continued support and interest in the children; nothing more is expected of you. You will ALWAYS be valued members of the Guild!

For those who feel they might want to be more involved, we encourage you to seek your level of interest, from attending luncheons to more extensive activities. The members are the treasures who make substantive contributions to the children, by baking birthday cakes for each child on their day, saving funds by cooking meals for the children and staff, or by sustaining our ongoing source of income, the Lamb Shoppe. And, there is a special place in our hearts for those who help to pull off our annual fundraiser, the Havenly Affair! This year's event will be on October 2 at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place. Chairs Victoria Wilmarth and Carol Colombo have planned an unforgettable evening, so please attend if you are able!

Guild and Haven Board members also helped our kids prepare for the upcoming school year by purchasing school supplies for one (or MORE!!) of the kids, and by labeling their new school and "appointment" clothing. Many hands make light work and many laughs were shared. If you would like to be involved in efforts such as this, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Abigail Hughes, at (321) 327-8886 or hebron98@yahoo.com.

And speaking of relative newcomers during the past couple of years, we welcome two new members of the Guild Board of Directors:

- Terra May, as the new Editor of this Newsletter. We welcome the perspective that a set of "young eyes" will bring. Terra joined the Guild in 2009.
- Shauna Brown, as the Chef du Jour Coordinator for Haven II, who, in addition to managing her husband's office and keeping track of a young family, is stepping in to this important slot. Shauna has been a member since 2008.
- We thank both Joyce Wheeler and Kaye Boggs for their many years of "blood, sweat and tears" in their capacities for the Guild. We look forward to your continued support!

The Guild is a committed group of individuals, who together, have helped The Haven make a difference, one day at a time, and one child at a time, throughout the years.

Thank you for your loyalty,

Please Support The Haven For Children

Enclosed is a tax-deductible gift in the amount of
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Wish List

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

Gift Certificates

McDonald's, Papa John's, Office Depot, Wal-Mart, Target, Toys "R" Us

Movie Passes

Tickets to local attractions

Food Items

Breakfast Cereal, Applesauce, Animal Crackers, 100% Fruit juice drink boxes, Fruit snacks, Goldfish crackers, Pretzels, Pudding/Fruit cups, Canned Ravioli and Spaghettios, Peanut butter.

Paper & Household Products

Antibacterial soap, cleaning products (Windex) 409, Clorox, etc.) Dishwasher detergent, Kleenex, Laundry detergent, Lysol spray (scented), paper towels, paper plates, cups, napkins, toilet paper.

Personal Hygiene

Baby wipes, Baby shampoo (No More Tears) and conditioner, children's sunscreen (WaterBabies) kid-size tooth brushes and kid's toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, washcloths. Boy's Disposable Diapers (XL),

Toys

Art Supplies, Elmer's Glue and Glue Sticks, construction paper, small incentive toys to be used as prizes.

Miscellaneous

New Pillows

Money

Activities and Field Trips

This project is funded in part by the

State of Florida, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumer services by calling toll-free, within the State. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval or recommendation by the State. 1-800-435-7352

Education & Advocacy

The Haven appreciates the opportunity to let the community know of their work with children who have been removed from their homes because of some form of abuse or neglect. Contact Executive Director, Kim Straehla or volunteer Kaye Cantrell if you need a speaker for your organization. We promise an informative presentation with time for questions and interaction with the audience. Call Kim at 321-676-6888 or Kaye at 773-3302 or email thehaven@cfl.rr.com to schedule a speaker.



Membership

Welcome new Haven Guild members:

Nancy Green
Cynthia Snell
Elizabeth Hansen
Arlene Sample
Mary Lou Szydowski

Passed Away

Mrs. Jane Eller

How do you become a member?

Call the membership chairman at 321-373-5579, or stop by the Lamb Shoppe to pick up a membership envelope. Membership dues of \$25.00 are payable annually by January 1st. Mail information and \$25.00 annual dues to:

Pauline McKeone, Membership
3543 Osceola Dr. / Melbourne, FL 32901

Upcoming Guild Directory

The Guild Directory is currently being updated and will include all members whose dues have been received by June 1, 2010.

Volunteer Spotlight



Shauna Brown is the new Chef du Jour Coordinator for Haven II. She is a Florida native who moved to Melbourne 12 years ago. Shauna works full-time managing her husband's dental practice. They are empty nesters as their two daughters are both away at college—Katie at FSU and Jordan at UCF. Shauna has been involved with the Haven for the past two years as a cook for the Chef du Jour program. She loves

to cook and bake, enjoys running and snow skiing, and plays both the violin and the piano when she can find the time! Shauna is excited about her new position and looks forward to becoming more involved with the Haven Guild.

Welcome Shauna!

In Search Of: RETIRED SPOUSES WHO WANT TO "DO SOMETHING FOR ABUSED, ABANDONED, AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN?"

Check out how you can be an advocate for these children and speak for them in court or other situations where they may have a difficult time speaking up for themselves.

YOU can be that person through the **Guardian ad Litem** program.

For information, contact Patty Williams at 321-690-6823



The Haven for Children gratefully acknowledges the following donors
for May 1, 2010 to August 31, 2010

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Happy Ending!

Making A Difference One Child At A Time

If you have visited the Haven anytime in the last nine years you were probably greeted by the smiling face of one of our staff members named Sherry. Sherry has boundless energy and always has a smile on her face. People constantly ask us if she is always like that and the answer is a resounding "YES!" We have gone on more evacuations than we care to count with Sherry and she is all smiles even at 6AM! Our kids would tell you that Miss Sherry plays a lot of fun games and loves them very much. JoAnn and I would tell you that she is a great employee and that she looks forward to the outings with the kids even more than the kids do!

In December of 2006 we were lucky enough to have little boy named Tony join our Haven family. When Tony joined our family he was 6 years old and unsure of how his new life at The Haven would be. Tony had

rough days and struggled with his past and at times wondered how his life could get better. Through his rough times Tony had a true friend in Miss Sherry. Miss Sherry was always there to provide a warm smile, a friendly hug, and an "I love you!" Sherry and Tony continued to grow closer and closer over the last four years and so it just seemed natural when Tony came to JoAnn and myself and said, "I have always wanted Miss Sherry to be my Mom — can you please make that happen?"

On August 9th, Tony started a new elementary school to go along with his new life with Miss Sherry who is now Mom. Tony is a different boy from the small, scared 6 year old boy that joined us a couple of years ago. Today, Tony is a thriving 10 year old in the 4th grader who plays defensive tackle on his football team. His Mom, "Miss Sherry", is his biggest cheerleader!

Birthday Cakes

The Haven Children continue to enjoy the beautiful Birthday Cakes baked by our student bakers, Jenna Fleis and Amanda Bard, and our Guild Volunteers! Some of our bakers have gotten quite creative in their endeavors, and have taken cake-decorating classes and our kids are the lucky recipients of their lessons! I have to admit I'm a Publix cake person myself, not being blessed with those talents. However, no matter what type of cake you bake, rest assured the children are enjoying every last bite!

If you are interested in baking cakes for the children, please contact me, Ellen Parada, 259-0910, and I will add you to the list. If you have contacted me before, but have not been called to bake, please call me again as a reminder that you would like to be part of this "sweet" program.



**Do you know of a club or organization
that might like to adopt The Haven for
Children as a project?**



The Lamb Shoppe

Autumn is fast approaching but who can tell with this sweltering heat? In spite of the heat, we at the Lamb Shoppe are making some plans for the upcoming seasons. We will be having some select thrift shop items available at the September Guild/ Luncheon for the Silent Auction. This is always a successful way to make a little more money for our kids. So far, we have collected a Fenton bell, some figurines, some genuine and some not-so genuine name brand purses, a crystal vase and a new suede Brighton jewelry case. If you have something to donate, please contact me at home (779-1615) or at the shop (777-6606) on Wednesdays. Gift certificates are always a hit! We will also be announcing a wonderful new opportunity for Guild members only at the September luncheon. It will be a way to help the Haven and possibly help yourself at the same time. Are you curious? Stay tuned for more information.

We will be bringing out Halloween and Thanksgiving costumes/decorations on Wednesday, September 22nd.

In October, we plan to have a week-long costume jewelry sale. We are asking guild members who are attending the September luncheon/guild meeting to bring outdated and unwanted items for the sale. If you have any of these items to donate and will not be attending the luncheon, please drop them off to the shop before the first of October. We will bring out new items every day so that all of our shoppers have the opportunity to select new items. Costume jewelry is a hot item and sometimes our shoppers wait on the spot while we price items.

The shop will be closed Nov.1-3 for our annual clean-out/ clean-up/ and stock the shop with all our Christmas goodies. We will reopen on Thursday November 4th. The shop is always beautiful. Shoppers sometimes line up out the door to get first dibs on our holiday items.



Thank you so much for your continued support of The Lamb Shoppe. It is so important for the financial well-being of The Haven and our precious children.

The Lamb Shoppe is a project of The Haven Guild.
So join up and join in the fun!

Contact Susie Morris
Lamb Shoppe Chairperson.
779-1615 for information.

1765 S. Patrick Drive
Indian Harbour Beach,
Open Monday through
Saturday
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
321-777-6606

Chef du Jour



HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU WONDERED?

How many times have you wondered if the kids liked the meal you delivered?

How many times have you wondered if you prepared enough food?

How many times have you wondered if the kids had a special meal request?

We have always operated on "no news is good news" meaning that if the kids didn't like it or if there wasn't enough, your coordinator would let you know. However, your Chef du Jour coordinator can give you one of the evaluation cards or you can just make one up yourself and include it with the meal when you deliver it. Be sure to address the card back to yourself and add a postage stamp so that the caregiver of the day can quickly complete the information requested.

Contact your Chef du Jour coordinator and ask for one of the yellow cards.

Want to Cook for the Haven children?

Contact

MaryAnn LaPorte 752-9788
Haven I

Joyce Wheeler 259-6793
Haven II

My Huynh 724-3335
haven3chef@gmail.com
Haven III

The Haven for Children
P. O. Box 327
Melbourne, FL 32902-0327

**We may not be able to change
the world, but we can start,
one child at a time.**



Havenly Affair 2010 *A TOAST TO 20 YEARS!*



On October 2, 2010, the Havenly Affair will celebrate the 20th Anniversary of The Haven Guild, at the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place starting at 6:30 p.m. This year we will feature the lively music of "Len Turner and the American Express Band" for your dancing pleasure. Genna Jewelers has once again generously donated fabulous men's and women's Movado stainless steel watches from the Esperanza collection that one lucky winner will go home with. Petty's Meat Market will be providing fine wines from around the world for your tasting pleasure.

This year the Havenly Affair will celebrate 20 years of success. Success that you and each and every one of our members have contributed towards! Without all of our past and present members, the Guild would not be the outstanding organization it is today. We invite you to celebrate this evening with us, and perhaps invite a past member to join you in celebrating this joyous occasion.

Since its inception, The Haven has provided a home for over 1,000 children, and the ultimate goal of providing a "forever" home has been accomplished 83 times in just the past five years alone. Members, give yourselves a pat on the back for playing a huge role in this endeavor! Some of the many services The Guild has provided include dinners 365 days a year to three separate homes, birthday cakes for each child, gifts for holidays and special events, vehicles in which to transport the children, funds for extracurricular activities and financial support for daily living.

So, join us on October 2nd for "A Toast to 20 Years" of success at the Havenly Affair!

Tickets are just \$150.00 per person. Contact Victoria Wilmarth at (321) 610-7684 or Carol Colombo at (321) 952-8569 for more information.

We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you!