



The Haven for Children

Newsletter

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Who We Are

The Haven is a temporary residential emergency shelter for abused, abandoned, and neglected infants and children through the age of nine. 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.

Executive Director's Message

All 31 members of our Haven family continue to do well at this time. We are anticipating several changes this holiday season as children who have been with us for several years begin to either be reunited with extended family members or be placed with adoptive families. We look forward to helping them succeed in these new forever families.

As Christmas is fast approaching we are looking for families or groups to "adopt" a child for Christmas by providing an item or two off of our children's "wish lists" to help make Christmas extra special for our kids. Contact me at 321-676-6888 or by email at thehaven@cfl.rr.com.

Thank you to all who help make our children's dreams come true.

Kim Straehla

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

If you will please call any error or omission to the attention of the editor, it will be corrected in the next issue.

The Haven Guild Projects

The Haven Guild was founded in 1990 by 96 enthusiastic women who saw the need to raise funds and volunteer their time for the success and development of The Haven for Children. Today we have 400 members.

2009 Accomplishments

- The Lamb Shoppe, Guild's successful thrift store..
- Havenly Affair, annual fundraiser event of dining, dancing & entertainment "Have a Heart for The Haven"
- Chef du Jour, providing evening meals for 3 homes

- Assist with the Board of Directors' sponsored Golf Tournament fundraiser
- Assist SCRA Melbourne 5-K Run for The Haven
- Special Occasions: Birthdays, Santa Claus, Easter Bunny
- Luncheons & Auctions
- The Guild Birthday Party
- 10-passenger van for The Haven
- Back to school supplies
- Membership dues

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A message from The Haven for Children President, Scott Kemps

This past year has been challenging for many people and personal financial hardships often trickle down and affect many worthwhile charitable organizations. If not for the generous contributions and ongoing support from the Guild, it is probable the Haven's children would also feel the brunt of the economic forces more harshly.

During this Holiday season, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend my gratitude for the countless volunteer hours, chef du jour meals and cash contributions made by the community and especially the members of the Haven Guild.

Tracy Bacon has done a wonderful job with the Guild and is a valued member of the Board by building upon the successful foundation laid by past Guild leadership. Pam Whittington, Ellen Parda, and the Havenly Affair committee are to be congratulated for their first-class event again this year. Of course, the many hours of dedication by the Lamb Shoppe volunteers provide the steady cash support which is very much appreciated.

The combined monetary benefit to The Haven children for fiscal 2009 was \$92,000; but the benefits of the love, dedication and personal sacrifice of the Guild members are beyond measure.

Through the ongoing efforts of the Guild, the excellent care provided to our children by Executive Director Kim Straehla and her outstanding staff continues uninterrupted. The Board of Directors is mindful of the value of your contributions and is active with regard to maximizing each dollar by continually monitoring expenses and careful investment of surplus capital.

Looking forward to 2010, I wish to thank you in advance for your continued generosity, whether it be in the form of cash donations, participation in the Guild activities, Golf Tournament, 5K Run, Havenly Affair or considering The Haven as a legacy beneficiary in your estate planning wishes—please accept our heartfelt THANK YOU and may God Bless you and your families in 2010.

Greetings from The Haven Guild by Tracy Bacon, President

As soon as the Haven children have discarded their Halloween costumes, they start the countdown to Christmas. Yet, some of us ask, why do we leap from Halloween, the second-most celebrated holiday in the U.S., directly to Christmas? Many Americans look forward to Christmas for the memories of times past, and the hope for times yet to come. But between the two holidays we have a big empty space.. Whatever happened to Thanksgiving?

While the Haven children may not give much thought to Thanksgiving, except for a big turkey dinner, they expressed the most profound messages of what giving thanks actually means in their handwritten messages displayed at this year's Havenly Affair.

- This place (the Haven) rocks!!
- I have a sister and 4 brothers and I get to live with all of them here.
- I am so lucky! We play. We live. We are safe and have fun at the Haven.
- This is the safest place I ever been.
- I have lived in 41 houses so I know this one is the best one ever. I'm lucky!

Please contact thehavenforchildren.com or call me at 321-757-5797 if you would like information about thanks and giving opportunities for The Haven.

Tracy Bacon

Please Support The Haven For Children

Enclosed is a tax-deductible gift in the amount of

\$25.00 \$100. \$500. \$1,500

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Please make check payable to The Haven for Children.

Mail to P. O. Box 327, Melbourne, FL 32902-0327

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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, Walmart, 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. During the last several months we have been privileged to speak to a number of businesses, professional organizations, school groups, church groups, and community service organizations. Many of these groups have honored us with donations of items on our "wish list" or monetary contributions. We are grateful to the following for their recent support of the Haven for Children.

- Bonnie Chatterton's 4th Grade Class at Indialantic Elementary School.
- Brevard County Administrative Association
- Tommie Johnson Circle, First United Methodist Church of Melbourne
- Lucy Haddock's Kindergarten Class at Freedom Elementary School
- New Neighbor's Club of South Beaches
- Palmdale Presbyterian Church of Melbourne
- Embroidery Guild Christmas in July



Membership

Welcome new Haven Guild members:

Judith Anderson, Shirley Black
Virginia Carney, Caryl Casapullia
Nola Copeland, Susan Eppers
Deidre Jackson, Penny King
Joan E. Lynch, Barbara Mahoney
Joyce Malakoff, Donna McKnight
Jan Meehan, Bonnie Miller
Christine Simon-Kenefict
Karen Sukolosky, Janice Whitney

How do you become a member?

You can call membership chairman Pauline McKeone at 321-373-5579 or stop by The Lamb Shoppe to pick up a membership envelope. The dues are \$25.00 per year, payable January 1.

As a member, you can volunteer to work on one of the committees or you can show your support by simply paying dues.

Reminder to current members:

Membership letters and renewal envelopes have been mailed. Please enclosed your check in the envelope provided and be sure to show information changes and check areas of interest. We also would like your email address if you have one so we can send out breaking news items and future issues of newsletters.

Birthday Cakes

Birthdays are special events for the children at The Haven. It's their day to be "special." We celebrate each child's birthday with party decorations and a special cake for them, along with a gift card to pick out their heart's desire. Volunteers sign up to provide the cake and it can be homemade or purchased at a bakery.

If you'd like to volunteer to be a Birthday Fairy providing the cake, get in touch with Ellen Parda at 259-0910 and she'll give you a choice of birthdays coming up for one of our children.

The local supermarket bakeries and Sam's will add the child's name to any available cake at no charge.



Help us Go Green and be environmentally responsible.

If you would like to receive your newsletter via Email, send your name, current mailing address and the email address where you would like to receive the newsletter to kayeorama@cfl.rr.com.

Note in the subject line: "E-newsletter"

The Haven for Children gratefully acknowledges the following donors
for August 1, 2009 to October 31, 2009

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Thank you for your contributions. You are helping children change their lives for the better, forever.
The Haven for Children ensures that your wishes are respected in the use of your gifts. Donations given to be used
wherever the need is greatest provide the highest flexibility; however, all gifts are important to us.

The Haven Drop-Off Points

Bank of America

6730 N. Wickham Road / Suntree / Melbourne, FL

The Lamb Shoppe

1765 South Patrick Drive / Indian Harbour Beach, FL / 777-6606

Listed above are The Haven donation drop-off points. The convenience of these locations has made it easy for The Haven to put your donations to good use. Please leave your name and address with your donations so that we can acknowledge receipt for your records. If your club or organization would like a representative of The Haven to accept a donation please contact LeGay Carter 223-9977 or Mary Gilbert 254-4030.

Havenly Affair 2009

This annual Haven Guild fundraiser was held in early October 2009 with the theme "Have a Heart for the Children." The Haven children were given paper hearts on which to express their creativity. The finished artwork was scattered among the tables for all to read and enjoy. The evening of dining, dancing and entertainment was held at the Melbourne Hilton Rialto Place. Thanks to the community for supporting this event.

The Guild grossed \$32,000. from this event that will benefit The Haven.



Left to right Mr. & Mrs. Alex Rudloff
Dr. & Mrs. David Rudloff



Left to right Senator Haridopolos and
Dr. Stephanie Haridopolos
Mr. & Mrs. David Gillis.

Case History

We will always remember the day 2 year old Ryan came to The Haven. (name change due to confidentiality) It was the day we were evacuating for Hurricane Francis. He arrived after an extended stay at Arnold Palmer Hospital as a result of severe physical abuse. The outward signs of his physical abuse were still very evident. Ryan could melt your heart with his beautiful blue eyes and sweet smile. He has grown with us and we have watched him grow from the once shy toddler to the now active and bright first grader. Ryan is part of our "Haven family" but our ultimate wish for him was to have a forever family.

This past summer one of our long term staff members, Nikki, came to us and told us that she wanted to make Ryan a permanent part of her family. She began the process of taking the classes and becoming licensed to make this happen. Nikki has quickly become "Mom" and will add Ryan to her forever family this holiday season.

**Making A Difference;
One Child At a Time**

Community Sharing

On-Going Contributions

Browning's Pharmacy
DRS Tactical Systems
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Hobbs Electric
Mio's Pizzeria
Olson Appliance
Pineda Crossing
Slug A Bug
Sun Plumbing'
Dr. Mark Stewart
The Surf Restaurant
M. H. Williams Construction C.o.

The children and caretakers had a great time at Oktoberfest again this year with admission and unlimited free rides. Thanks to Tif Molinaro of Fair Management Corp., organizers of the event for making this happen.



The Lamb Shoppe

We have been very busy at the Lamb Shoppe. We've made many significant changes to organize the space more efficiently. Thanks to **Kleo Whitlock and Judy Roub** for all their ideas and hard work.

We were closed for three days to prepare for the holidays and bring in all the holiday items we keep in storage all year long. On November 5th we opened with a line of anxious customers waiting to get in. One shopper remarked that she waits all year for this fun event. With the help of many of volunteers, who put in over 150 hours, the shoppe looked beautiful. As you get out your holiday decorations please set aside those unwanted items and bring them to the shop. They sell quickly.

We need additional volunteers for the shop. As you renew your membership, consider lending us a hand. Please don't wait for an invitation; call me and we will find a time that fits your busy schedule. We have lots of laughs and I promise it's not all work all the time. Thanks to all of you who faithfully give your time to the shop.

Special thanks to those who helped get the shoppe ready for the holidays. Thanks to **Tom and Linda Reese** who lent me their truck and **Carol Cook's husband Bob**, who built a great display for ornaments, helped organize and did most of the hauling of boxes out of the warehouse. And, as always, thanks to our cookie man, **Don Peters**, for his daily cookie treats.

The Lamb Shoppe has been open since October 1999. Thanks to our volunteers and customers for our success and for helping us grow during the past ten years. Contact Susie Morris Lamb Shoppe Chairperson. 779-1615 for more information.

Open:
Monday -Saturday
10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
1765 South Patrick Drive
Indian Harbour Beach, FL

(321) 777-6606

Hot meals at your door? That's Chef du Jour !

Chef du Jour started in 1991 with Louise Brosier chairing the program, and Patsy Fabian coordinating cooks and meals for the 10 to 12 children and caretakers at the original Haven 1. Now, 18 years later, it takes two co-chairmen to schedule cooks and evening meals for three houses, 30 children, and 9 caretakers on a daily basis.

Yes, Chef du Jour is truly a unique dining experience for The Haven kids. Each day they get to experience a wonderful home-cooked meal lovingly prepared by a different volunteer cook.

We have many volunteers who are dedicated to providing meals but we always need more. Our winter visitors leave us or people go on vacation and it makes for open slots in our monthly calendars.

We are always looking for restaurants to provide a meal as well. The Surf in Cocoa Beach and Pineda Crossing in Melbourne have been cooking monthly for The Haven since 1999. Perhaps your favorite restaurant would like to become involved as a Chef

**Would You Like to Cook
for The Haven children?**

Call

MaryAnn LaPorte 752-9788

or

Joyce Wheeler 259-6793



Volunteers are the best people

Congratulations on a successful 2009 Havenly Affair
Ellen Parda. & Pam Whittington, Co-Chairs

Committee:

Carol Colombo,
Victoria Wilmarth
Abby Riba,
Althea Krasny
Carol Stewart
Deb Uber



A job well done!!

**Ninth Annual
Haven Challenge Golf Tournament**
*With guest appearances by the
Orlando Magic*
Sunday, March 27, 2010
Suntree Country Club / Melbourne FL

Sponsorship Opportunities Available
Call 676-6888 for entry form

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



A Special Thank You to our 2009 Havenly Affair Benefactors

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