



# Haven



# News



Spring 2017

## ***Lake County Haven Nears Quarter-Century of Help and Hope for the Homeless***

We are approaching a very exciting milestone on May 19th. On that day, 25 years ago, Lake County Haven opened its doors to our very first residents. At that time, our program focused on helping women to get a job, save money, manage their finances, care for their children, and ultimately achieve permanent, independent living. Those are still the goals of our program today. And now, 25 years later, although our program is much bigger, it is still full every single day with women and children whose greatest dream is to transition from a life of homelessness, violence, and chaos to one of safe, stable, independent living.

Twenty-five years ago, our first residents came to us from living in their cars and sleeping on park



benches. These situations are not safe or stable for a woman and her children. And none of those situations provide the intervention, services, or resources that women need in order to climb out of the pit of homelessness. That is what the Haven does. We provide the shelter and services so that our residents will never be homeless again. And our program works. 88% of our residents move on to independent living.

When we first opened, our clients described the Haven this way: "If it wasn't for the Haven, I would be living on the streets." And, "I feel like a part of a family here... something I haven't felt in a long time." Today, our residents describe the Haven in much the same way, but often adding that the Haven's program saved their life: saved them from freezing while living in their car, saved them from being assaulted while sleeping in the park, saved them from having to return to an abusive home.



**We are honored to have done this work for 25 years...work that YOU, as our friends, volunteers, and donors, have made possible.** Homelessness doesn't have to be a death-sentence, as long as there are people who care enough to reach out and help their struggling neighbors. On behalf of the women and children whose lives have already been changed by your generous gifts: Thank you! ♥



***The Lake County Haven empowers homeless women and their children to achieve permanent, independent living.***

LAKE COUNTY HAVEN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY GALA BENEFIT



Gala Celebration

SATURDAY  
MAY 6, 2017 6:00 PM  
Marriott Lincolnshire Resort  
Lincolnshire, IL

COCKTAILS DINNER  
DANCING RAFFLES AUCTION

The Haven's 2017 Gala is fast-approaching!  
Please join us for a night of dancing, fine dining, auctions, and more!  
For more information, please visit [www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org)  
or contact Maria Slevert at 847-680-1870.

\$200 PER PERSON

**Yes!** I want to reserve Raffle Tickets for the 2017 Gala!



Raffle Tickets are \$20 each, 3 for \$50, or 10 for \$150

Total # of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: Please complete the payment information below. Your raffle ticket stubs will be mailed to you.

I have enclosed a check payable to Lake County Haven. (Mail to Lake County Haven, P.O. Box 127, Libertyville, IL 60048.)

I'd like to donate via credit card and I authorize Lake County Haven to charge my:  Visa or  MasterCard

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**

**Thank you** to all of our friends and neighbors who have helped the homeless women and children in our community find a place to call “home” this past year. Because of your generosity, each of them received not only the basic necessities of life, but also:

- Case Management and Life-Skills Training to help them learn the skills they need to live independently.
- Counseling and support to help them heal from the trauma they experienced while living on the streets.

If you’ve adopted a night at the Lake County Haven, then you know how powerful just that one night can be! So much is accomplished each and every day at the Haven, and by adopting a night, YOU are the sponsor of that change. Here are just a few of the ways our Adopt-a-Night Sponsors have helped change the lives of Haven residents:

- A child walks (or rather, runs) for the first time!
- Haven residents work together practicing mock interviews.
- A new resident has a place to call home after 4 months of living on the streets.
- A woman reunites with her daughter and grandchild.
- Haven residents learn how to create a household budget.
- A young Haven resident gets her first full time job!



## **THANK YOU to Our Current ADOPT-A-NIGHT SPONSORS**

1/1/2017	Nathaniel Alden	1/25/2017	In Memory of Alice Maguire	5/8/2017	Sassy Sisters
1/1/2017	Lake County Haven Board of Directors	1/26/2017	In Honor of Amy Witherspoon	5/19/2017	Lake County Haven Staff
1/2/2017	Gerald Phillips	2/1/2017	Eagle Test Systems	6/1/2017	The Shannon Grandchildren
1/3/2017	Eagle Test Systems	2/2/2017	Kenna Heat Cool Solutions	6/2/2017	Teradyne
1/4/2017	Roz & Jamie Topolski	2/3/2017	Joel Klahn	6/5/2017	Paula Lipson
1/5/2017	Richard Niemann	2/5/2017	Nancy Binder	6/12/2017	In Honor of Ali Walton
1/6/2017	Ladies of Tantara	2/6/2017	Anonymous	6/22/2017	In Memory of Melbadyne Poglayan
1/7/2017	Michelle Long	2/26/2017	Bob & Carol Patulo	6/23/2017	In Memory of Anthony Albano, Jr.
1/8/2017	In Memory of Cecilia Perkins	2/27/2017	Valerie Kidwell	6/26/2017	In Honor of Terry Mayfield
1/9/2017	In Honor of Laura Sabino	2/28/2017	Valerie Kidwell	7/1/2017	Ladies of Tantara
1/10/2017	In Honor of Nicole Kalisik	3/1/2017	In Honor of Iota Lambda Iota Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega's Hera Day	7/2/2017	Teradyne
1/11/2017	Anne Collins	3/2/2017	Eagle Test Systems	8/31/2017	In Memory of Gerry Rak
1/12/2017	In Memory of Grandma Rose Castellucci	3/28/2017	In Memory of Anna Helmer	10/4/2017	In Memory of Gary & Lorraine Block
1/13/2017	David Mayfield	4/1/2017	Eagle Test Systems	11/2/2017	In Memory of Rocco & Thomasine Sabino
1/14/2017	Joel Klahn	4/2/2017	Ladies of Tantara	11/24/2017	In Memory of Anna Helmer
1/15/2017	Pages for Paige	4/8/2017	Marcel the Greatest Dog Ever	12/3/2017	In Memory of Rose Castellucci
1/16/2017	Mary Kay & James Kennedy	4/9/2017	Nora Coxon	12/7/2017	In Memory of Jody Shannon
1/17/2017	Barbara Higgins	4/21/2017	Scott & Gail Okin	12/18/2017	In Memory of Alice Maguire
1/18/2017	Anthony Albano	4/25/2017	In Honor of Red Hat Society Day	12/28/2017	Shawna & John Neal
1/19/2017	In Honor of Audrey & David Johnson's Grandchildren	5/1/2017	Teradyne		

There are many more nights available and countless women and children who still need your help. For just \$250, you can give them the tools and resources they need to make life-saving changes for their families. Please call Kate at 847-680-1901 to Adopt-a-Night at the Lake County Haven.



*We are so grateful to all those who have participated in our Adopt-a-Night program. Those listed here are people whose Adopt-a-Night contribution was received as of January 19, 2017, for this year. To see the full calendar, please visit us at [www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org). ♥*



The women and children at Lake County Haven are thankful for the following donors who provided clothing, household goods and cleaning supplies to our shelter. Thank you for ensuring our residents are well-cared for!

Al Aikus	Katie Johnson
Andrea Andero	Denise Kaplan
Mildred Applegate	Jill Koch
Laurie Barbini	Kristina Koza
Donna Barnett	Maryann Krenger
Meryl Barnett	Nikki Larsen
Melissa Bassler	Sharon Lialios
Judi Becker	Liberty Auto City
Sue Behling	Libertyville Noon Rotary
Kimber Beiser	Bianca Limon
Marlene Carl	Nick & Alice Lucca
Kristy Ciaglio	Loretta Metra
Patricia Cigecnik	Jim Moran
The Clothes Gallery	Kathy Mueller
Susanne DePaepe	Jennifer Ostrolencki
Samantha Doughty	Tatum Pearlman
Betsy Dunk	Gail Pitasch
Richard Edholm	Meredith Price
Lori Fieldsteel	Denise & David Reilly
Cheryl Fitzpatrick	Michelle Sanchez
Brittany Fries	Judy Sell
Cara Garland	Debbie Simmons
Shona Geier	Maria Strezewski
Sharon Goodman	Gayle Tavares
Marie Grimaldi	Joy Van Crey
G2 Consulting Group	Lizz Verbeten
Jen Hatten	Vernon Hills High
Mary Hanson	School Girls
Highland Middle	Softball Team
School	Chris Vicik
Evie & Maya Hoffman	Visual Pak
Nan Huffman	Emily Watts
Hunt Club Farms	William Weirick
Bunco Ladies	Wauconda Area Library
Aras Islam &	Kristen Wiers
Lynn Tyler	

# Haven Happenings

Making our shelter into a home would be impossible if not for the efforts of our many volunteers and in-kind donors. Donations received as of January 15, 2017. Thank you for all you do!



Holiday season can be a hard time for many of our residents. We are so grateful to the many donors who stepped forward to make sure our residents had a joyful holiday season. Thank you for providing holiday gifts and cheer!

AbbVie	Denise Lollino
ATI Physical	Cheri Marshall
Therapy Gurnee	Sara Molitor & Friends
Mary Albertson	Julie & Ken Neumann
Arrow Plumbing	Nancy Ochi
Delores & Tom Bartels	Only Child Brewing
Courtney Callen	Company
Caring Women's	Natalia Panico
Connection	PharMEDium
Mackenzie Carter	Services, LLC
Claire Cherry	Jeri & Joe Prybell
Shari Damlich	Denise & David Reilly
Dance Academy	Stericycle
of Libertyville	Lisa & Patrick Stewart
Egg Harbor Café	St. Joseph's Church
"Superchicks"	Anne Stone
First Presbyterian	Christina Trendler
Church of Libertyville	Two Girz Packing
Girl Scouts Lake County	United Methodist
Grace Lutheran Church	Church of Libertyville



Sara Hetzel	United Protestant
Lauren Jordan	Church of
Kalle USA, Inc.	Grayslake
Deb Kepler	Nicole Vandebloom
Teri Kreiger	Walgreen's New
Lake County Cares	Health Initiatives
Libertyville High School	Liz Wilson
JV Poms Squad	Zingit Solutions
Libertyville Noon Rotary	



Thank you to the following donors, who have gifted our shelter with meals and fresh food products over the past several months. Not only do these individuals help feed our shelter, they also make our residents feel cared for and special. Our residents are very grateful!

Tami Anderson	Jennifer Fast
Jackie Barr	Yesenia Hague
Loredana Becheanu	Katie Henning & Family
Robin Bertucci	Lesley Hogan
Mike Bill	Sue Hogland
Lance Buhrmann	Elisabeth Hubbard
Lisa Carnes & Family	Christine Hughes
Claire Cherry	Margie Knutsen
Molly Coe	The Kopka Family



***Haven Happenings, continued***



Savannah Curry	Patti LaBeck
Dena Denman & Family	Jackie Lancioni
Nancy Devroy	Yvonne Lovelady
Marilyn & Jim Dopler	Linda Lutter
Mary Lou Duffin	Sheri & Dean
Katarzyna Elser	Maertens

Pattie Parks hosted a “Girls Nite” where she collected donations for Lake County Haven. Thank you, Pattie and friends, for your support!

A group of donors came together to donate bottles, diapers, and much-needed baby supplies for the Haven’s littles resident. Thank you to Tina Blomgren, Danielle Boettcher, Maggie Morales, Multiple Choice: Mothers of Multiples Club, Amanda Seibert, Liberty Auto City and the Libertyville Noon Rotary for your generosity!

Penny and Jeffrey Hecktman generously donated couches, chairs and tables to our shelter. Thank you for helping spruce up our shelter — our residents are enjoying their new surroundings!

Girl Scout Troop 609 from Barrington made Christmas ornaments for the shelter’s tree. Thank you to these young ladies for spreading holiday cheer.

Anthony Candeli generously donated a new flat screen TV to one of our transitional housing units. Thank you, Anthony!

First Presbyterian Church in Lake Forest held a Christmas Tea and generously collected socks, underwear and wish list items for the Haven. Many thanks to the congregation for their long-standing support and for always thinking of Lake County Haven!

Don and Mary Lou Patulo donated two laptops with gift cards for our residents. Thank you, Don and Mary Lou, for your generosity!

Thank you to the Jewish Council for Youth Services for coordinating a drive for gift cards in January!

Multiple Choice: Mothers of Multiples Club is coordinating monthly donation drives for Lake County Haven. They collected winter wear in December, and baby items in January. Thank you for your great support!



For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, we have partnered with Stevenson High School for their Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Fourteen students spent the morning cleaning our shelter from top to bottom, and learning about how they can help those in need in their community. Thank you to these great students!

Lake County Cares hosted a “Show Your Love” Community Day of Auction where they made hats for the residents at the Haven. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Star Auto Authority in Vernon Hills coordinated a donation drive for women’s professional wear. They were able to collect over 500 pieces of clothing during the months of November and December. Our residents were so excited to have a plethora of nice clothes to wear to work and interviews. Thank you!



We want to extend a very special thank you to Mothers With Young Children through St. Joseph’s Church in Libertyville for teaming up to prepare a beautiful meal for the residents’ holiday party. This amazing group of women prepared ham and delicious sides as well as a festive cookie exchange. Thank you for making the party special for all who attended!



The young women of Lake County Community Pageant toured our shelter in December and collected wish list items for our residents. Thank you to these charitable young women who each represent different cities in Lake County.

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, Kathy Kilroy hosted Mentor Group Cocktails & Connections Holiday Fundraiser to benefit Lake County Haven. Over 75 guests attended and enjoyed great food and shopping with unique vendors. The event raised over \$2,000 for the Haven!

Tom Hedlin, the Haven’s IT volunteer, always takes time out of his busy schedule to visit us when we need computer help. Thank you, Tom, for making sure our computers are always up-to-date and functional!

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# Volunteer Opportunities

There are many different volunteer opportunities for both individuals and groups.

There are many volunteer opportunities available at Lake County Haven. Below is a listing of a few such opportunities.

## Grocery Shopping

The Haven is in need of volunteers to grocery shop on Sundays between 1:00 pm–3:00 pm. We supply the grocery list and gift cards. Volunteers will go out and do the shopping, then bring the items to the shelter.

## Two Bags of Groceries

Volunteers can sign up to donate two bags of fresh groceries for our shelter to be used in weekly meal planning. Items can include produce, frozen meat, dairy or cleaning products. Grocery drop-offs occur on Fridays between 5:00–5:30 pm.

## Donate a Meal

Do you love to cook? Perhaps there's a really great take-out place near you? Volunteers can sign up to donate a

meal for 10 to our shelter. This is one of our most popular volunteer programs and our residents love it, too! Meal donations can be dropped off hot or cold (with re-heating instructions) between 5:00 pm –5:30 pm on the night of your choice.

## Office Helpers

We always need help with a variety of light clerical projects, including creating Word or Excel documents, assembling mailings, organizational projects, or hand writing/hand addressing notes.



## Marketing Helpers

The best way we can help those in need is by making sure they know how to find us! Help us spread awareness about the Haven's programs. Volunteers will work with our Volunteer Coordinator to distribute informational flyers to local businesses to hang on community resource boards.

## Special Events

Do you like doing good while having fun at the same time? The Haven is in need of volunteers to help plan and organize fundraising events for the Haven. There are many opportunities to become involved, big and small. To learn more about our events, please contact Maria Sievert at 847-680-1870 or volunteer@lakecountyhaven.org.

## Special Activities

Is there something special you'd like to do? Perhaps you have a special skill or would like to organize a donation drive for food, clothing, or cleaning supplies? If you have an idea, we'd love to hear from you! ♥

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## Haven Happenings, continued

We want to extend a special thank you to one of our long-standing volunteers, Sharon Wells, who routinely helps us sort and re-direct donations. Thank you, Sharon, for your weekly support — we don't know where we'd be without you!

Libertyville High School Girls Basketball Program conducted a bake sale to adopt two nights at the shelter and spent an entire day hanging up flyers in the community to raise awareness for Lake County Haven. Thank you!

Thank you to our friends at Liberty Auto City for helping one of our residents who was experiencing car troubles. ♥



*Thank you for giving!*

We are so grateful to all of our donors who give of their hard-earned treasure to support our programs.

A complete list of our donors can be found on our website at

[www.LakeCountyHaven.org/get-involved](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org/get-involved)



# One Woman's Journey

Lake County Haven provides food, safety, shelter, counseling and life-skills training to women and children who are trying to find a path out of homelessness. Each and every day, our residents work to rebuild their lives. For many, it is a constant, uphill struggle. Here is...  
*One Woman's Journey.*

## KELLY

### A Bump in the Road

Kelly was raised in the northern suburbs with a loving family. She graduated high school and went right on to college. However, Kelly soon realized that she just couldn't afford the high cost of tuition. She decided to take some time off to work and save money. She lived at home with her parents and started saving. Then it happened — Kelly fell in love. She decided to move in with her boyfriend while continuing to work and save for college. But Kelly's

boyfriend had other plans. He became very controlling and abusive, especially when he had been drinking, which was often. As scared as Kelly was, she couldn't get up the courage to leave.

### Stopping for Directions

One night, she had a moment when she realized that he would eventually kill her. She put everything she could carry into a couple of bags, and with just \$7, she left. Kelly never looked back. Never returned to her job. Never tried to get at the money in her bank account for fear he would find her. This is when Kelly found the Haven. While at the Haven, Kelly got a new job and opened up a new savings account.



She took charge of her life and rebuilt her confidence from the ground up.

### The Path Ahead

What's next? Well, that's up to Kelly. She still has plans to finish college. She may even want to be a counselor so she can help other women like herself get a new start in life. The sky is the limit, Kelly, and we're with you all the way! ♥



**Forgotten.  
Unwanted.  
Outcast.  
Invisible.**

This is how it feels to be homeless.

These are just a few of the thoughtful words that our community members have shared with Haven residents.

*"Stay strong and stay hopeful. Never give up!  
Do it for yourself and do it for your children.  
Sending prayers to you."*

A few moments of your time will give countless moments of hope & encouragement to someone who has none.

Please visit our web site & submit your **Kind Words** & share with your friends & family members. You'll find info there to share by mail or email, as well. Thank you! ♥

[www.lakecountyhaven.org/get-involved/kind-words-campaign](http://www.lakecountyhaven.org/get-involved/kind-words-campaign)



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- LIKE us on Facebook
- Check out client videos
- Find out about upcoming Haven events
- See our current wish list
- View pictures of yourself and your friends at the last Haven gathering
- Be informed about homelessness in your community

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- All-purpose cleaner
- Clorox or Lysol wipes
- Clothing, new or gently used, for women, all sizes
- Dish soap
- Frozen meat
- Fruits & vegetables  
(frozen or fresh)
- Furniture polish (*wood safe*)
- Garbage bags: kitchen size & large size
- Gift cards to Target, Walmart, Home Depot, Jewel, Lowes
- Hand soap
- Laundry detergent (*powder only*)
- Mops
- Paper towels
- Pine Sol
- Postage stamps ♥

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