



# Haven



# News



Fall 2021

## **Escaping Homelessness, One Step at a Time**



“I fall down a lot.” Beth will tell you that freely. But even if you don’t see her fall, you will notice something different about her walk. Beth has Cerebral Palsy (CP)... a disorder that she’s had since birth...a birth she describes as “difficult.” CP affects her legs mostly, giving her exceptionally tight hamstrings, tendons, and muscles. The disorder is so severe that Beth had to have multiple surgeries in her childhood. Now, as an adult, Beth finds walking to be quite difficult. Stairs are an even greater challenge. She has to move slowly. Each step is strained. And even with great care, she slips, trips, and falls frequently.

Beth is representative of many homeless women who are faced with serious illnesses. The Haven often has residents who are managing cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, and post-stroke challenges. According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, a full

20% of homeless adults are grappling with serious medical problems. As you can imagine, having such an illness makes escaping homelessness even harder. And being homeless makes managing your illness nearly impossible.

Despite the challenge of having CP, you won’t hear Beth complaining.

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She is the epitome of the ‘getting on with it’ mindset. When asked how she manages to get groceries, run errands, care for kids, or get a job, Beth shrugs her shoulders and replies, “I have to be careful, but I still have to live my life.”

Beth became homeless after fleeing the home of an abusive boyfriend. She and her children stayed in a series of hotel rooms until the money ran out. Then she didn’t know what to do. She didn’t think any shelter would take her because of her disability. Then she found the Haven. The Haven provides a safe home, food, and a caring

community of people who support and encourage her. The Haven also provides a range of services to help her to manage her life. As Beth puts it, “The Haven staff taught me how to cope.”

Having a serious illness can be lonely, but Beth is so grateful for the staff and residents of the Haven, who are always there for her. When asked what her hopes are for the future, Beth says she just wants to be a fully independent woman who takes care of her kids and herself. We think she is well on her way! We are so happy that, through our donors’ support, we are able to be there to change Beth’s life. Beth agrees: “I can’t thank Lake County Haven enough. I’m me again. I’m happy. This is what living should be.” ♥



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



Lake County Haven

# Hand Up Fund

This special fund at Lake County Haven provides direct assistance to our residents to help them overcome specific financial hardships, such as:

- Paying for medication or doctor visits
- Helping a family with rent or security deposit
- Paying for dental costs
- Helping a woman further her education or earn her GED
- Sending a child to camp or daycare
- Getting preventive health screenings

*Yes!* I want to give homeless families a **HAND UP** in their journey to independent living.

- I have enclosed a check payable to Lake County Haven.
- I'll donate online at <http://lakecountyhaven.salsalabs.org/2021handupfund>
- I'd like to donate via credit card and I authorize Lake County Haven to charge my:
  - Visa     MasterCard     Discover     AmEx



I'd like to make a gift of:

- \$25     \$50     \$100     \$250     \$500     \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Make It Recurring!!**     **Every Month**     **Every Year**

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## Join Us Online & Stay Connected!

VISIT us at [www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org) and  
LIKE us on Facebook ([LakeCountyHaven](https://www.facebook.com/LakeCountyHaven))

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

[www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org)





## Adopt a Night!

Every night of the year, women and children who have nowhere else to go, come to Lake County Haven seeking food, warmth, safety, and guidance. YOU have the power to provide that for them. By adopting one or more of the 365 nights in a year, you will provide sanctuary and sustenance for a local family.

### Select a Special Night and Make a Difference

You can adopt as many nights as you like and in any combination you wish. Adopt your favorite holiday, your birthday, or your anniversary. Adopting a loved one's birthday or anniversary is a thoughtful gift to offer them! You can also choose to adopt in honor or in memory of a loved one.

**You can adopt any night for only \$250!**

### A Gift for Others...and for Yourself

The Adopt-a-Night program will highlight your gift so that it will encourage others to give as well. Your name and donation will be:

- Displayed at the shelter as the patron of that night.
- Profiled on our website, including a link to your business, personal or club website.
- Highlighted on our Facebook feed.
- Displayed in an acknowledgement letter suitable for framing.

We sincerely hope that you will Adopt-a-Night, or two, or three! For information, please call Heidi at 224-595-3921 or email [heidi@lakecountyhaven.org](mailto:heidi@lakecountyhaven.org).

On behalf of the many women and children whose lives will be saved and changed through your generous gift:

**Thank You! ♥**



## Shelter Fall Wish List

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Spray bottles of all-purpose cleaner—without bleach (e.g., Spic & Span, Lysol, etc.)
- Bottles of concentrated household cleaners/disinfectants (e.g., Lysol, Pine Sol, Mr. Clean, Fabuloso, etc.)
- Spray cans of disinfectant aerosols (e.g., Lysol, etc.)
- Spray cans of furniture polish (e.g., Pledge, etc.)
- Dusters (e.g., Swiffer & store brands)
- Powder (only) dishwasher detergent
- Powder (only) laundry detergent
- Laundry baskets
- Toilet bowl cleaner & toilet bowl brushes
- Bleach
- Wax paper
- Aluminum foil
- Sandwich bags (e.g., Ziploc, etc.)
- Tall kitchen garbage bags (13 gallon)
- Ice melt (salt or comparable product for driveways/walkways)
- Women's razors & shaving cream
- Plastic clothes hangers (standard size), bundles of 10+
- Umbrellas
- Women's bathrobes (M, L, XL & XXL) (new)
- Standard pillow cases (new)
- Twin-size blankets/adult (new)
- Twin-size comforters/adult (new)
- Gift cards: Target, Walmart, Walgreens, Jewel, Aldi, Menards & Visa

Your gifts and donations mean so much. Items are gratefully accepted by appointment only. To arrange a drop-off, please contact the Volunteer & Resource Coordinator: [volunteer@lakecountyhaven.org](mailto:volunteer@lakecountyhaven.org) or 847-680-1870. ♥

# Our Heartfelt Thanks

Thanks to all the wonderfully generous individuals, organizations and corporate partners who have donated items, dinners, lunches, breakfasts and groceries to our Hope House and Renewal House shelters.



Our dear friends at Libertyville Bank & members of the Wintrust community organized a gift card drive on behalf of the Haven. Nearly \$2,000 worth of gift-cards were received (Michael Barbini, Laura Sabino & Deanne Schmidt).



Lauren & Susan Milanak donated groceries to our Hope House residents.



Rhonnie Bogenschutz & grandson, Nathan Gong donated lunch.



Kate Mitchell donated lunch.



Ana Boucek donated dinner.



Forest Orthodontic & Pediatric Dentistry donated groceries delivered by Gabby Rios.



Jim & Roberta Pfeiffer donated dinner.



St. Joseph Youth Ministry donated dinner (Tom & Brigid Dutton).



Harshini Malepati & family donated lunch.



# HAVEN IN WONDERLAND

On Sunday, August 1, Lake County Haven hosted our 2021 fundraiser, 'Haven in Wonderland' in the McGinley Pavilion at the Chicago Botanic Garden. With 250 guests in attendance, this day proved to be magical in many ways from the weather, atmosphere, unique entertainers, auctions, and our moving client speaker.

This event would not have been possible without our amazing Event Committee. Their creativity, hard work, and dedication to the Haven truly made this an event to remember.

We also extend our gratitude to our event Benefactors, Corporate Partners, and in-kind donors who helped make this day a success. The financial support, auction items and experiences, and behind-the-scenes help were greatly appreciated.

Lake County Haven is so grateful for your partnership and continued support. **We couldn't do our work without YOU! Thank you!**



Jamie & Roz Topolski with Julie & Ken Neumann



Lorraine Prichard (back) with Sandra & Richard Hutson



Nicole & Dan Pastore, Catherine & Joe Guin & Jane & Matt Dudley



Event Chairs Angela Lavista & Kathy Freese



Steve & Betsey Madden, Jeremy Rhoads & Michael Barbini



Jeff Lyall, Kate Ceithaml, Kalie Duffy Schultz, Laura Sabino, Beth McKenna, Liz Pleines, Kelly Furman, Heidi Schrage, Angela Lavista, Liz Andrew, Kathy Freese, Tacy Borgman, Melanie Gloria & Susan Mayfield

## EVENT BENEFACTORS

### Wonderland Level

Matt & Jane Dudley

### Golden Key Level

John Blazina & Kathleen Daly  
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 Sarah Kettlewell  
 Lorraine & Greg Pritchard

### EVENT COMMITTEE

Kathy Freese, Committee Chair

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# Thank You to Our Corporate Partners

We'd like to thank our amazing Corporate Partners who support the Haven, and our residents, all year long. Your commitment to the Haven, and our community, is unmatched. We are so grateful to have your support.

If you are interested in learning more about this program, or joining us as a Corporate Partner, please visit our website at [www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org) or email us at [kalie@lakecountyhaven.org](mailto:kalie@lakecountyhaven.org). ♥



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