



Haven



News



Winter 2017

THANK YOU!

For Making Our Residents' Dreams Come True

Everyone has dreams. Some are grand. Others are more humble. All reveal our innermost hopes for ourselves, our families, and the world around us.

We are so grateful to you for making dreams a reality for the women and children of the Haven. You make it possible for our women to smile, our children to laugh, and for families to start anew. ♥



When You Help, There Is Hope

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



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.

LISA

A Bump in the Road

When you see Lisa, you will find that you are greeted with a joyous smile, words of gratitude, and, most likely, a hug. You would never know that underneath, she is struggling to overcome a lifetime of pain and loss. Lisa's very first memory is one of emptiness — the absence of her father. Then, when Lisa was just 13, her mother died. As the oldest child, Lisa looked after her siblings. This was a huge responsibility to put on such young shoulders. And as soon as she could, Lisa went out on her own. This opportunity came when she fell in love. But Lisa spent so much time loving him and trying to be what he

wanted, that she forgot who she was. For him, love turned into the need to control her, which he did through threats and intimidation. All of this came to a boiling point one day, which resulted in Lisa's ultimate homelessness.

Stopping for Directions

In the spring of 2016, Lisa found Lake County Haven. She had only the clothes on her back as well as a lot of doubt and fear. Would this place be able to help her? Would she be able to find her way back to her family, her sense of self, her independence? The answer was YES. On her first day, her counselor gave her a hug and showed her to her warm, cozy bedroom. There, she met a woman who, just like her, was trying to find her place in the world, to start over.



The Path Ahead

Lisa got to work right away. Now Lisa has a full time job in management. She is very thrifty and has saved up a nest egg. She has an apartment in Libertyville, which she loves. And she 'pays it forward' by volunteering to help the current Haven shelter residents often. Lisa is an important member of the Haven community, and we have nothing but hope for her future. Thank you for making her journey possible. ♥

Yes! I want to make dreams come true for local women and children.

\$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00 \$250.00 \$ _____

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 w/credit card & I authorize Lake County Haven to charge my:

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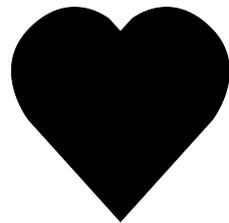
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To give immediately, please visit us at www.LakeCountyHaven.org.





Adopt a Night!

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 places a call home to her family 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!

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 new Adopt-a-Night contribution was received between 7/25/17 and 10/25/2017 for this year. To see the full calendar, please visit us at www.LakeCountyHaven.org. ♥

THANK YOU to Our Current ADOPT-A-NIGHT SPONSORS

7/24/2017	Barbara Higgins
8/1/2017	Lynn Morrissey & Joseph Salvatore
8/2/2017	Bloom Women's Conference
8/15/2017	In Memory of Shirley Wonders
8/18/2017	Bloom Women's Conference
8/30/2017	Barbara Higgins
9/1/2017	Lynn Morrissey & Joseph Salvatore
9/2/2017	Bloom Women's Conference
9/15/2017	Bloom Women's Conference
9/27/2017	Barbara Higgins
10/1/2017	Lynn Morrissey & Joseph Salvatore
10/2/2017	Bloom Women's Conference
10/15/2017	Iota Lambda Iota Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega in honor of Founders Day
10/16/2017	Bloom Women's Conference
10/17/2017	Barbara Higgins
10/31/2017	Liberty Auto City
11/1/2017	Bloom Women's Conference
11/3/2017	BGV Motorsports & Cuda's Bar & Grill Car Show Attendees
11/4/2017	BGV Motorsports & Cuda's Bar & Grill Car Show Attendees
11/5/2017	BGV Motorsports & Cuda's Bar & Grill Car Show Attendees
11/6/2017	BankFinancial Libertyville
11/13/2017	Key Club of Lakes Community High School
11/15/2017	Bloom Women's Conference
11/24/2017	Jeff and Anne Brandt
12/1/2017	Bloom Women's Conference
12/15/2017	Bloom Women's Conference
12/23/2017	In Honor of Our First Born Son, Zachary Adam Gay
12/30/2017	Daughters of Penelope Dione #316 Chapter



*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

Haven Happenings

Making our shelter into a home would be impossible if not for the efforts of our many volunteers and in-kind donors. This issue encompasses donations received between 7/25/17 and 10/31/17. Thank you to all our generous donors!



This is what happiness looks like!!

Pictured here is one of our residents who has just received her very first car! Thank you to Margaret Tritschler for donating your car to LCH and making this resident's dreams a reality!

Thank you to Liberty Auto City for everything you do! From looking over (and repairing) our residents' vehicles, to adopting nights at our shelter, to groceries and household items, and even donating movie passes for our residents to have a group outing at the theater, you truly do it all! We're so glad to have you as a part of our family!

Thank you to Bright Star Care in Gurnee for donating care packages to the residents in our shelter. A special thank you to Teri Krieger for coordinating the drive.

Don and Mary Lou Patulo made a generous donation of a laptop to one of our shelter residents. Thank you!

Chris Semenchuck from Chris Cycle in Libertyville donated bike helmets for our residents to wear as they bike to and from work and appointments. Thank you, Chris, for making sure our residents commute safely!

UPC Grayslake has held ongoing drives for items that our shelter needs. We want to thank them for their continuous support and give a special thank you to Judi Becker for dropping items off on a frequent basis. Our residents are so grateful!

Tom Sweeney has volunteered many hours helping us make repairs at our properties. Thank you, Tom, for assisting us whenever we need it!

We want to thank Norman Carl for donating a laptop to our shelter.

We want to thank Dave Padula of Padula Plumbing for donating his services to Lake County Haven.



Kurt Peterson took on the enormous task of volunteering to paint the Haven's office. Thank you, Kurt, for your hard work! The staff is thrilled with their fresh surroundings!

Anna Pawlik donated a backpack and school supplies to one of our newest shelter residents. Thank you, Anna, for your generosity!

We are so grateful to Katie Henning for donating a brand new crib for our little one. Thank you very much for your generous gift!

Caring Women's Connection donated new backpacks and school supplies to all the school-aged children in our shelter. Thank you!

Thank you to our friends at Dollar General for coordinating a drive for toiletries and hygiene items!

United Methodish Church of Libertyville conducted a month-long donation drive for paper towels and other wish list items. We want to thank everyone in the congregation for their generosity!

Kim Lockner donated a flat screen TV to one of our transitional housing units. Thank you, Kim!

Hope Food Pantry in Libertyville has been assisting us with weekly donation of milk. Thank you! Our residents are so grateful.

Barbara Peter generously donates farm fresh eggs to our shelter on a regular basis. Thank you — we are so grateful!

Our residents have been enjoying an abundance of delicious fresh vegetables thanks to the following gardeners: Marian Barrell, the students at Mechanics Grove School in Mundelein and the students of Rondout School in Libertyville. Thank you!

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Haven Happenings, continued

Janet Johnson donated several pounds of frozen meat for our shelter residents to enjoy. Thank you!

Lee's Donuts in Libertyville regularly donates day-end donuts to the shelter. They are delicious and well-enjoyed — thank you!

Thank you to KC Tax Group, Inc. for donating file cabinets to our office.

Lakeside Congregation Highland Park donates meals and goods on a regular basis. We are so grateful to this wonderful congregation for all they do! Thank you.

La Dotta Coffee & Tea, Inc. donated coffee, coffee cups and saucers for the residents in our program. Thank you!

Thank you, Carolyn & Kate Serdar, for the mattress, box spring and bedframe that you donated.

Touche Salon in Libertyville donated brand new hair styling products to the residents in our shelter. Thank you!

Thank you to our friends at Libertyville Noon Rotary for collecting wish list items on a monthly basis.

Sandy and Rich at Dan the Key Man donated keys for several of our properties. Thank you!

Thank you, Bruce Marsden, for the beautiful crib that you donated to one of our littlest residents!

Tatum Pearlman gifted residents with beautiful hand-made Halloween cards and hosted a drive for much-needed winter gloves. Thank you, Tatum, for always thinking of us!

We want to thank our friends at The Room Place for always ensuring our furniture needs are met. The Room Place fully furnished our newest unit. Thank you!

Thank you to St. Margaret Mary School's 1st grade class for coordinating a supply drive for our shelter.

The staff and students at Tricoci University in Libertyville conducted a clothing drive for the residents in our shelter.

Thank you for all the wonderful items you collected!

Thank you, Lauren Doto, for the donation of baby items for the littlest resident in our shelter.



Thank you to 8th grade students at Deer Path Middle School West for making a meal on site as part of their Community Service Day. A very special thank you to our volunteer nutritionist, Michelle, Schuck, for coordinating the activity. Our residents were overjoyed!

Thank you to Dr. Anthony J. Geroulis' Chicago MediSpa for appointing Lake County Haven as the recipient of their Spa Charity Week!

We want to thank Pizzeria DeVille in Libertyville for naming us as the beneficiary of Tuesday pizza sale proceeds in October. Thank you so much!

We were thrilled to welcome volunteers from Allstate to our shelter. Volunteers from Allstate's Talent Acquisition team and Diversity Inclusion team ran two groups at our shelter focusing on job searching and career development. Our residents learned a great deal — thank you!



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Haven Happenings, continued

We had two outstanding Eagle Scouts complete their Eagle Projects with Lake County Haven. Thank you to Ian Nagle and J.T. Yurek from Troop 71 in Libertyville for their exceptional work, and congratulations on earning this prestigious rank!

Ian Nagle completed his Eagle Project by installing flooring at one of our Stage II properties.

J.T. Yurek completed his Eagle Project by replacing a privacy fence at one of our Stage II properties.



Thank you to the following donors, who have generously donated a meal, bagged lunches, groceries or food items to the residents in our program. One of the best gifts our residents have received is feeling like someone cares for them during their tremendous hardships, and the gift of sustenance makes them feel so special. Thank you!

WISHLIST ITEMS

Jennifer Ceithaml
Pat Balmes
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Elaine Wells

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Traci Sperle
Elise Steffe
Jill, Laney, Alex & Finn
Wiegel
Jodi Zachara
Melyssa Zierk
Trisha & Maddie Zubert
The Zunker Family ♥



Our volunteer group, **Friends of Lake County Haven**, invites you to join us for one of our upcoming group volunteer activities. Volunteer with us to help homeless women and their children and to meet others in our community who enjoy volunteering! Please contact us at 847-680-1870 or volunteer@lakecountyhaven.org to RSVP to any of these events, or to learn more.

Decorate Shelter for Holidays

Thursday, November 30, 2017
 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
 Location: Shelter
(RSVP for address)

Make Freezable Meals

Saturday, January 6, 2018
 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
 Location: Shelter
(RSVP for address)

Prepare Bagged Lunches

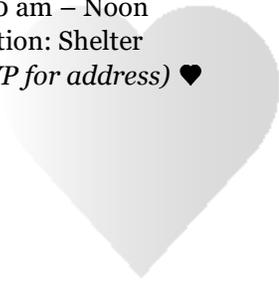
Friday, March 23, 2018
 10:00 am – Noon
 Location: Shelter
(RSVP for address) ♥

Haven Resident Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 12, 2017
 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
 Location: Shelter
(RSVP for address)

Make Valentine's Day Cards

Tuesday, February 13, 2018
 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
 Location: Libertyville Civic Center



Lake County Haven Presents Save the Date

SATURDAY ♥ APRIL 14, 2018 ♥ 6:00 PM

Marriott Lincolnshire Resort

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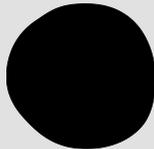
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- See our current wish list
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- Be informed about homelessness in your community

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- All-purpose cleaner
- Automobiles (*donate your used car!*)
- Clorox or Lysol wipes
- Copy paper
- 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
- Murphy's Oil Soap
- Paper towels
- Postage stamps ♥