



**Haven House**  
*Helping Lansing Area Families Help Themselves*

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**FROM THE DIRECTOR**

## A Year in Retrospect

I have now been at the Haven House for one year. I just can't believe how the time has passed so quickly. I have enjoyed meeting so many of the donors along the way, and I look forward to meeting more. I have gotten to know our wonderful volunteers who give their time each and every week. I look forward each day to seeing the volunteers. They always bring in new ideas, creativity, and energy to the House when they are here.



Angie Mayeaux

In just one year, we have made many minor changes around our office and in the House, all to create more efficiency. Our volunteers have been a huge help in this area, with their muscle and their brains! I believe what I have learned in the past year that is most precious to me, is that Haven House is LOVED in this community. It is so wonderful to see all the different people—from all different walks of life—donate their time, resources, and items, to an organization they believe in so wholeheartedly. It always puts a smile on my face when I meet a long-time donor and hear them tell me why they feel Haven House is so important. As the director, I have the opportunity to go to different organizations and speak about all the good work that Haven House does. It's always easy to for me to talk about the good work we do, but to hear why it is important to our donors and volunteers is icing on the cake.

Homelessness has gotten quite a bit of news coverage this past year: The movie the "Pursuit of Happyness" brought the issue to the general public; the cold, cold weather this winter had many area newspapers reporting about the homeless, and area providers came together to create a 10-year plan to end homelessness.

This has been a great year for me. So many exciting things are happening in our local community, statewide and nationally that the next year to come will surely keep Haven House staff and myself very busy. I look forward to reporting to you our accomplishments, needs, thanks and the broader issues of homelessness in the coming year.

*—Angie Mayeaux*

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# HAVE A HEART FOR THE HOMELESS

## Campaign a Success!!

Our sixth annual Have a Heart for the Homeless campaign raised needed funds for our shelter. Thank you to Coach P. and the MSU Women's Basketball team and the businesses that participated. Thanks also to those of you who purchased a paper heart as a contribution to Haven House. Those dollars really add up!! Participating businesses were:

L & L Foods

Beaners

Breadsmith

St. Martha's School

Maurer's Sanitary Cleaners

McDonald's

Lansing School District

AP Capital

Oade, Straud & Kleiman

Woody's Oasis (Okemos)

Benson's Vinaigrettes

Michigan Department of Community Health

GM Delta Plant

Steak-n-Shake

Cappucino Café

Dykema & Gossett

Coffee Jam

If your business would like to participate next year, please call Angie Mayeaux at 337-2731.

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## Mother's Day & Father's Day Cards

We will once again offer cards for Mother's Day and Father's Day for a small donation to Haven House (\$10 donation requested). The card will state that a donation was made in the recipient's name to help homeless families. Cards can be sent to parents, aunts, uncles, friends, etc. Mother's Day will be May 13 and Father's Day will be June 17 this year.

The cards feature artwork donated by wonderful supporters of Haven House. If you would like an order form, check the space on the back of this newsletter or call Angie or Maresa at 337-2731. What a wonderful way to honor someone special in your life AND help area homeless families!

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## Foundation Grants Provide Services

A grant from the Allstate Foundation for economic empowerment will support our effort to teach money management skills to our families. Activities include obtaining credit reports, preparing realistic budgets and planning to save money for housing. Our goal is to enable families to remain stable in housing and avoid future homelessness. We would also like to thank our Board Member Dave Havrilla for his support with this grant.

A grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities will enable the children staying at Haven House to expand their horizons during their stay. The grant received will allow our tutor/mentor program to take the children and families on field trips to places like Impression 5 Museum, YMCA, Michigan State University, local parks and nature centers to name a few. We will also purchase materials to work with our teens while staying at the shelter.

## Resident Stories

**Jackie** is a soon-to-be-divorced mother of two children. After her husband walked out on the family and left them without income, Jackie and the children were evicted from their home. They had nowhere to go. One of her children was a teenage male and couldn't go to any other shelter due to the other shelters' age restriction. Someone told them of Haven House, and after several attempts to get in, they were accepted.

Although it was a very difficult time for Jackie and her kids, she jumped right into the flow of the Haven House program. She tried to stay upbeat and was eager to find housing.

She worked hard with staff members on discovering her options and setting goals. Jackie had to learn how to do things she had never done before. While at Haven House, she created her first working budget. She created a list of goals for herself. She applied for a cash grant through the Department of Human Services. She looked for employment. She got on the bus, and she pounded the pavement looking for housing. During the little spare time she had, Jackie would walk down to the East Lansing Library and read positive books.

She got many rejections from landlords due to her recent eviction and low income. Many days, Jackie would come to office and cry, "I can't do this anymore. It's too hard!" Staff would listen to her and then encourage her to keep pressing forward.

While at Haven House, her children went to school every day and would often meet in the evenings with our tutor/mentor, Clinton, and get help with their homework.

Although it took some time, Jackie's hard work paid off. She eventually found a part-time job and finally a landlord willing to take a chance on a family that was trying to start over. When the family left, Haven House gave her cleaning supplies, food, bedding, pots and pans and other personal items that they would need to start off in their new home. We wish Jackie well.

**Brian** is a 15-year-old teenager. He and his family were evicted from housing in another Michigan city. They had family living in Lansing, so they moved here to start fresh. They stayed with family for as long as they could but were soon asked to leave due to personal conflicts and overcrowding conditions. He came to Haven House with his mother and younger sister.

After coming to Haven House, our first priority was to help get the children enrolled in school. Once enrolled, Brian and his younger sister went to school every day. It was the Mom's job now to look for housing and possible employment. Their income consisted of Social Security and a small cash grant from the Department of Human Services, which gave them enough money to afford housing.

The family had several evictions on their credit record, and finding housing proved to be quite a challenge. Staff worked with Mom daily and offered suggestions as well as helped her plan out her goals. She daily searches for housing.

In the midst of this family's crisis, the school that Brian was enrolled in sent back reports that he was excelling in all his classes and that he had many skills and talents that they just didn't see in a lot of children. His writing ability far exceeded that of many college students. They put him in honors courses.

It turned out that school and learning has always been Brian's place of refuge. It was the one thing that stayed constant in his life (although he has been forced to change schools on several occasions). Learning was still his passion. It became a part of who he was.

While at Haven House when he wasn't at school or a school function, Brian was at the library or he was in the staff office sharing with the Family Life Coordinator his latest chapter of the book he was writing. They talked about his future, his hopes and his dreams. His ability to stay focused while life was falling apart around him is both inspiring and amazing.

Although this family is still in their pursuit of finding permanent housing, there is no doubt that Brian, if he stays on the path he is on, will continue to be a role model in his family and be a testament of how one can overcome and be successful and have a bright future even when your past was filled with storms.

## ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2006

This year, nearly 41 families received holiday gifts through our Adopt-a-Family program. Families staying at the shelter over the holidays or who stayed at Haven House during the past year were matched with community donors who provided clothing, toys and other needs from a list provided by the family. The donors wrapped the gifts and arranged for delivery. Families who are struggling to make ends meet had a chance for a special holiday as a result of the generosity of people listed below. These organizations, families and individuals demonstrated the true meaning of the holidays, and we at Haven House and our current and former families THANK YOU!

### Organizations

Office for Young Children  
Dept. Political Science  
Senator Debbie Stabenow's Office  
Radiation Oncology  
Michigan Nurses Association  
Foster Zack and Lowe  
Allergy & Asthma Consultants of  
Mid-Michigan  
Ascension Church  
4H Office

Dept of Treasury Employees  
AP Capital  
Wachovia  
Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox  
Church  
Layton & Richardson, PC  
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### Individuals

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Ruth Magen  
Amy Robinson  
Doug Kahl  
Lisa Berg

## ADOPT-A-SHELTER 2006

This year, we had a great response to our Adopt-a-Shelter program. Different organizations were given a list from Haven House staff as to the most needed or used items that the shelter needs. These groups did a wonderful job in supplying the Haven House with needed items for the shelter and for our families when they leave. We received towels, sheets, hats and mittens, personal hygiene items, food, diapers, wipes, cleaning supplies, etc. This program assists the shelter in keeping some of the everyday costs of running a shelter at a minimum. It also allows us to have on hand for our residents needed items during their stay here. We want to thank each of you for doing such a great job.

Daisy Troop 130  
Nu-Union Credit Union  
MSHDA  
Talbots of Okemos  
Christians Greenhouse  
Trinity AME Church  
Montessori School House of  
Lansing

DNR Human Resources  
Holt First Presbyterian Church  
Martin Luther Chapel  
Hager Fox Employees  
Pioneer Civitan Club  
College of Human Medicine  
Mid-Michigan Dermatology  
Ascension Lutheran Church

Variable Stars  
Bath Elementary  
Ladies of People's Church  
Junior League  
Department of Kinesiology  
Ingham Regional Medical  
Center  
Maximus, Inc.

### **Our Mission:**

Haven House provides emergency housing and support services for single-parent and two-parent families with children. The shelter helps families who are homeless prepare for permanent housing by developing and promoting self-sufficiency, stability and financial responsibility.

## Current Shelter Needs

- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener sheets
- Hair brushes
- Antibacterial cleaner / bathroom cleaner
- Dish soap
- Paper towels
- Copy paper
- Non-chlorine bleach
- Sanitary pads
- Gallon-size Ziploc bags
- 20-quart storage containers
- Mops
- Brooms
- Lysol disinfectant spray
- Wood chips

## Seeking Golf Outing Sponsors

As the snow melts and the daylight hours are lengthening, it's time to begin thinking about **GOLF!**

The Haven House Golf Outing doesn't take place until June, but we are looking for sponsors at the \$500 and \$1,000 levels. If you would like more information concerning this year's Golf Outing, please return the half sheet on the back of the newsletter.



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## Year in Review

We would like to share with you some facts from our last fiscal year on how many people asked for assistance and received assistance through the Haven House.

### STATISTICS

OCTOBER 1, 2005- SEPTEMBER 30, 2006

Number of shelter nights provided	9,624
Number of people turned away because of lack of space	1,722
Number of adults provided shelter	126
Number of children provided shelter	212
Number of single adults related to families	2
Total number of individuals provided shelter	340
Number of two-parent families	30
Number of one-parent families	66
Number of Food Bank families	420
Number of Food Bank recipients	1,116

*Putting Your Donations to Work!*

# We are grateful to Haven House's Circle of Friends...

who provide the funds so we can offer housing and services to homeless families. Below are the names of supporters whose donations were received between September 16, 2006 and March 31, 2007. Donations received after this date will be listed in the next newsletter. (We make every effort to include all donors. If we have omitted your name, please accept our apologies and give us a call so we can list your name in the next newsletter.)

Thanks also to all of you who have donated children's clothing, household supplies, food and other needs. We wish we had the space to list every one of you. We appreciate your help.

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