



Haven House

Helping Lansing Area Families Help Themselves

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Angie Mayeaux

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Goodbye and thank you to Board Members John Charles Guyselman and Douglas Kahl

John Charles (Charley) Guyselman is finishing a six-year term with Haven House Board of Directors. Charley is the principal lawyer in the firm of Guyselman and Ehnis-Clark. He answers any legal questions that we may have throughout our regular business dealings. In getting to know Charley, I found one of the best storytellers I have ever known. I could listen to his stories for hours.

Interestingly, when Charley first joined the Board of Directors, he was the strong, silent type. He sat back and took in all the information at the board meetings and offered his thoughts when asked. He took time and care learning how Haven House operated, how we met our mission, and how we interacted with our supporters. As he became comfortable with his knowledge base of the organization, Charley rose quickly to leadership positions to serve as Vice President and then President.

Charley was very supportive as I began to discuss with the Board the need for renovations of the shelter and a capital campaign. As the project progressed, Charley became an integral piece of the puzzle for completing a capital campaign of

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John Charles Guyselman



Douglas R. Kahl

Douglas R. Kahl has served on our Board of Directors for six years. Doug is the Senior Vice President of Investments at Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC. He and his wife Alison have three children. Doug is very active in the community and with his family: coach of his son's teams, a member of the East Lansing Kiwanis Club, and volunteer with other organizations.

Doug has been an active member since he joined Haven House and has given considerable time and support. During his tenure, he served two years as President and chaired our Have-a-Heart and Golf Outing committees. His leadership assured that our fundraisers were successful by informing businesses and colleagues of the opportunities available for them to give back to the community in simple ways. He recruited new businesses to participate in our Have-a-Heart for the Homeless Campaign, to sell our cookbooks, and to sponsor our golf outings.

Doug is very logical in presenting ideas and expected outcomes. He shares the story of Haven House with friends, family, and colleagues and impresses upon them the gap that Haven House fills in the community for homeless families. He has encouraged everyone that showed an interest to come in and take a tour of the facility. Doug always tells us, "If you can get people in the door to see what we are doing, they will no doubt become a supporter."

When Doug became busy with work and family, he made a point to meet with me to brainstorm

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such magnitude. He led us through the contracts created with the contractor and funders and issues that arose. When he discussed the campaign, he was passionate about the need and the benefits that these renovations would have for our clients. He was truly a wonderful support person and enthusiast throughout the process.

After finishing the renovation, we began working on the capacity of our organization. With his ability to step back and look at the big picture and sustainability of the organization, Charley challenged the Board and staff to look forward in everything that we do. Charley believed we needed to work aggressively toward increasing our marketing, publicity, and the public's general knowledge about Haven House. He shared his thoughts and ideas with the Board and supported the creation of several ad hoc committees to move Haven House forward.

Charley's support and enthusiasm reaped the rewards of more community members being aware of the families that we serve, how we differ from other shelters, and the needs of Haven House. This is one of the most important strides our organization has made under his leadership.

He has taken time to discuss challenges and urged us to step out of our comfort zones and look far into the future of our organization. He asks tough questions—the lawyer in him—while having the best interest of the organization in mind. Because of his leadership, we have a renovated building, increased publicity, and a plan for the future, with accountability throughout each step. Charley has given his heart, enthusiasm, support, intellect, and himself with us. Charley has created a legacy.

Be proud of the time you have given us and the accomplishments that were made possible through your sound leadership. Thank you, Charley.

—Angela Mayeaux, Executive Director

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ideas about the organization. He often makes a quick call to me to share a new idea. I love that Doug gets to the point quickly, is open to new ideas, and shares his perspective with the Board and me.

His philanthropy and caring for those in need amazes me. Doug has been a great asset to Haven House, and although he may be leaving the Board, I know that he will stay involved and will always be available to bounce around new ideas with.

Doug, the Board, staff and I thank you for all that you have given of yourself to Haven House.

Donate twice the amount for half the cost: How the Michigan Tax Credit works

Thinking about deductions for your 2010 income tax yet? Haven House's Annual Appeal will occur in November and now is the time to plan your giving for 2010 in order to take advantage of Michigan's generous tax credit.

Michigan law provides a tax credit that *may reduce your State of Michigan income tax liability by one-half of the amount of the donation* made to Haven House, subject to limits based on filing status.

- Single individuals or married taxpayers filing separately, the maximum credit is \$100 (for gifts of \$200 or more).
- Married couples filing jointly, the maximum credit is \$200 (for gift of \$400 or more).
- Your donation continues to be deductible as a charitable gift for federal tax purposes.

So, twice the amount for half the cost, and the families at Haven House benefit the most!!



Adopt-a-Child for Back to School

Haven House would like to thank all the families, friends, and businesses for their support of the Adopt-a-Child for Back to School program. This year with your support, Haven House was able to provide 53 children with their back-to-school needs. Your time and donations added many smiling faces to Lansing area children on the first day of school. I hope that all who participated will join us again next year. We would like to thank the following for sponsoring the children:

Marge Amendt & Family
AP Assurance
Janet Brock
Suzanne Brouse
Sue Cobbett
Marilyn Cochrane
Stacy Dickert-Conlin
Tara Dombroske
Mervin & Angie Drape
Nancy Dunn
Trysta Harns
Lin Hirai
Pat Huddleston & Friends
Theresa Huff
Norma Johnston
Amanda Knox
Bridgett Krebs
Karima LaJoie
Beth Lawrence
Ruth Magen
Liana Marr
MERS
Elizabeth Moore
Liza Estlund Olsen
Cindy Reed
Brian Schilling
Phyllis Shance
Senator Stabenow's Office
Glenda Starr
Pam Steffy
Sandra Stuckman
Sue Sweet
Amy Zaagman



Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays

As we enter the fall season, Haven House is looking to the community to provide assistance for needy families through our **Adopt-a-Family** and **Adopt-a-Shelter** programs.

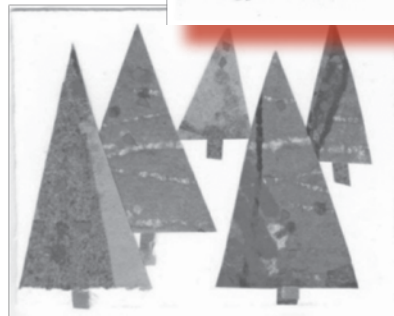
Since 1994, over 700 families have been helped through Adopt-a-Family. Adopt-a-Family matches a sponsor or group of sponsors with families who have stayed at Haven House during the past year or are currently residing at Haven House.

Low-income families do not have enough money for basic necessities after paying for rent and utilities. Items that these families struggle to obtain include clothing, hygiene and personal needs, cooking utensils, household items and laundry detergent. The goal of Adopt-a-Family is to provide for these necessities as well as some holiday extras. We provide a list of the family's needs and wants to the sponsor, and the sponsor chooses items from this list to give to the family. If interested in sponsoring a family, please contact Trysta Harns at tharns@havenhouseel.org.

Holiday cards!

Reduce the holiday stress and support Haven House at the same time! Choose from our selection of original holiday greeting cards, send us your mailing list, and we will address and mail the cards for just \$10 each.

The cards feature the work of former resident teens as well as local artists Celeste Crouch and Barbara Hyman. View the cards at HavenHouseEL.org, make your selection and order on line or call Maresa at 337-2731.



RESIDENT STORY:

Kari's future is looking bright!

The story was familiar to Haven House staff. A job ended. Unemployment benefits ran out. Rent was not paid, eviction followed, and Kari found herself homeless. The single mother of two schoolage children had no income, and the family was living at Haven House.

Where Kari's story varied was how she worked to overcome obstacles. Kari saw education as a keystone in moving forward. She enrolled in college and attended classes while she worked closely with Haven House staff to secure cash assistance to provide income.

This required a commitment to attend "Work First" 40 hours a week while searching for housing, looking for employment, going to school and caring for her family. Pushing hard, Kari met all her goals in an unusual way.

A local apartment complex, impressed with Kari's experience and drive, hired her as live-in manager. Kari was paid for her part-time hours as manager and was provided a rent-free apartment for her on-call status. Kari was delighted! This arrangement provided income and housing and allowed time for study, a true luxury for this busy mom.

Kari participated in Haven House's Partners in Progress, maintained her employment/housing and continued her education. Hard work and adaptability paid off for Kari, and her future looks bright!



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Executive Director

Office assistant volunteers are needed!

Shifts available

- Weekends: Any shift between 10:00 AM and 9 PM
- Mondays: Any shift between 2 PM and 9 PM
- Tuesdays: 4:30 PM to 6 PM
- Thursdays: 4:30 PM to 6 PM
- Fridays: Any shift between 8 AM and 5 PM

Job description

- Answer phones
- Do phone intakes for shelter when trained
- Greet guests
- Get personal need items for residents
- Pack food orders
- Help with mailings
- Help with house laundry
- Organize storage areas
- Help organize and store donations
- Run errands (if possible)

Looking for a speaker?



Haven House
Executive Director
Angie Mayeaux
would be happy to speak
to your organization.
Contact her at amayeaux@havenhouseEL.org
or call 517-337-2731.

Current needs...

- Brooms
- Mops
- Lysol cleaner
- Simple Green cleaner
- Gallon size ZipLock™ bags
- Toilet paper



Haven House gears up for Vol. 2 of MSU Tailgate Cookbook

Last football season Spartan fans enthusiastically embraced the idea of having a cookbook filled with tailgate recipes, along with photos and stories highlighting their own tailgates. The cookbooks continue to sell in many bookstores and other local businesses.

Many Spartan fans told us they would like to be included in the book. As a result of their interest, we are putting together another edition. We will have Volume 2 ready before the end of the football season and in time for the holidays. The cookbook will sell for \$15 (plus .90 sales tax), making it a great gift idea.

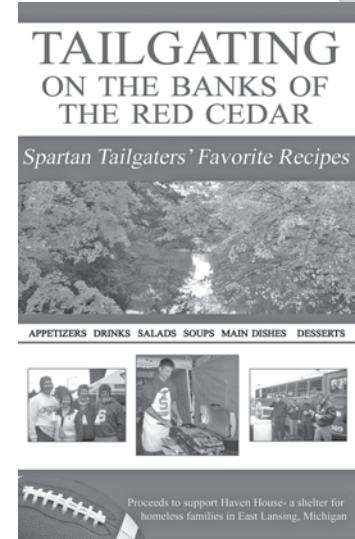
SAVE THIS DATE:

Wednesday, November 17, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Schuler Books Eastwood Towne Center



Schuler Books at Eastwood Towne Center has offered us a combination book launch/tailgate party to kick off distribution of Volume 2! Please plan to attend and be among the first to purchase your cookbooks and enjoy the entertainment and, of course, taste many recipes from the book. Join us!

Once again, all proceeds from the sale of the cookbook go directly to Haven House. Thank you for your support.



While we try to keep our mailing list up to date, there may be a delay in making corrections. Our apologies if you received this newsletter in error. If you wish to make changes to your mailing information, please call Maresa at 517-337-2731 or email her at mtdedrick@HavenHouseEL.org.

American Physicians Assurance Corp. commitment is much appreciated



The AP Assurance Corporation has seen many changes through the years, but the one constant has been their commitment to Haven House and the homeless families of Greater Lansing. They sponsored the reception for retiring Executive Director Beverly Wiener in 2006 and continue to contribute in many ways. They participate in **Adopt-a-Family for the Holidays** and **Have-a-Heart for the Homeless** campaigns.

Haven House staff wishes to thank American Physicians Assurance Corporation for all they have done and continue to do to help homeless families.



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 July 1, 2010, and September 1, 2010. 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.

ORGANIZATIONS

Bank of America Matching Gifts
Capital Region Community
Foundation
Dart Bank
East Lansing Letter Carriers
East Lansing Rotary Club
Health & Benefit Strategy, LLC
Kiwanis Club of East Lansing
Municipal Employee's
Retirement System of Michigan
(MERS)
Red Cedar Friends Meeting
Southeast Marble Community
Association
Unitarian Universalist Church

INDIVIDUALS

Pauline Adams, in memory of
Phyllis J. Nelson
Barbara and Joseph Backus
David and Carol Baker
Jill K. Baker
Abram and Stephanie Barch
Daniel and Wendy Batchelor
Jacquelynne Borden-Conyers
Helen Brown
Carol Brownell
Robert and Janet Caltrider
Jeanne Cargill
David and Noel Closs
James and Claire Crawford
Todd and Patricia Crowley

Leo and Nola Deal
Marilyn DeVries
Pault and Dorothy Diefenback
David Eaton
Daniel and Carolyn Edmunds
Dr. Belva Eiland
Mathew and Anne Epstein
John and Marcia Eulenberg
Maxine A. Eyestone
Mike Farrell
Matt and Marjorie Frisch
Gerald and Sandra Gebber
Richard and Ellen Gonzalez
Emmanuel and Rachel Hackel
Jim and Mary Hagan
Keith and Jean Harrison
Linda Hegstrom
Steven and Merle Heidemann
Shane Howell
Lester and Barbara Hyman
Adam Jacoby
Elizabeth and James Jamo
Douglas and Katherine Johnson
Herbert and Mary Jim Josephs
Doug and Alison Kahl
Tamie E. Kaufman
Hung-Liang Lai
Susan Lawther
Roland and Marilyn Ledebuhr
Joe and Robbie Levine
Julia A. Luttrell
Ted and Fannie Madsen
Mark Francis Malewitz
Ann McCall
Jim and Sally McClintock
Charles McLeod
Mark Meadows
Mindy Messe
Charles and Susan Millar
George Miller
Shelby Mittan
Darwin and Danielle Ranes
George and Ann Robinson



Bharatiya Temple donates to feed the homeless

Bharatiya Temple donated \$601 to feed the homeless. They also provided dinner for the residents of Haven House this summer. The residents ate a delightful meal from "Oodles of Noodles," a new experience for many.

The residents and staff at Haven House are grateful for this generous donation and thank the members of Bharatiya Temple.

Paul Roney
 Wayne and Barbara Scott
 Charles and Nancy Seebeck
 Stuart Sleight
 Gavin Smith and Mary Mertz-Smith
 Robert St. John
 W. Paul and Elizabeth Strassmann
 Tobias and Linda Timm
 Anne M. Wagner
 Art and Kristy Weber
 Robert Wermuth
 Jennifer Whitlam
 David and Beverly Wiener
 Robert Wilkis
 Andrea Yokich and David Grebner



Kappa Kappa Gamma Delta Gamma Chapter GIVES BACK!

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, including a special thanks to volunteer Rose Homa for the layout of this newsletter.



The Kappa Kappa Gamma MSU Sorority dedicated their time and money to Haven House. First a small group of the girls came in and met with the Executive Director to discuss what they could do to assist Haven House. They were introduced to us through their House Director Nancy Siddall, who also sits on Haven House Board of Directors. The girls at Kappa Kappa Gamma were enthusiastic and very helpful. We worked closely with their Philanthropy Chair, Lauren Burkhart, who had great ideas and enthusiasm. They first assisted us with our Have-a-Heart for the Homeless campaign by attending the MSU Women's Basketball game and collecting donations from fans. Then they collected loose change from everyone in the house throughout the year and donated it to Haven House. They held their "Reading Is Key" RIF program for the kids at the shelter and read books and did fun activities with the children. They were also generous with their time and provided birthday cakes for children who were having their birthday while in our shelter. Kappa Kappa Gamma members have given their hearts, time, energy and funds to Haven House! Thank you so much for your support!

HAVEN HOUSE HIGHLIGHT Van Atta's choice charity



Van Atta's Greenhouse and Flower Shop's staff selected Haven House as their charity of choice for the 2010 Fall Family Fun Festival held September 25-26. The

public was invited to share the fun with food, games, arts and crafts, face painting, petting zoo and lots of other stuff!

Haven House's dedicated volunteers manned the activities and all free-will donations were presented to Haven House. Angie Mayeaux, Haven House Executive Director said, "We appreciate the Van Atta staff's recognition of the work done at Haven House and their continued support of local charities."





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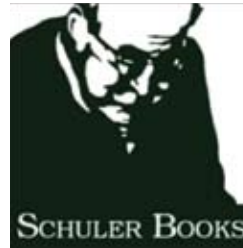
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Holiday Cards!
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Save this date:
Wed., Nov. 17
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Schuler Books at
Eastwood Towne Center
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Yes!

*I would like to help Lansing area
homeless families help themselves.*

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution:

\$400 \$200 \$100 \$50 \$35 \$10 Other: _____

I would like to make a five-year pledge of \$_____ each year.

Please send me information about Haven House.

Please send me information about volunteering.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Make checks payable to *Haven House*. Mail to: PO Box 961, East Lansing MI 48826-0961

Donations can also be made online at www.havenhouseel.org

Thank You for Your Support!

Cash donations are always welcome. Donations are tax deductible on your federal tax return and may qualify for a State of Michigan tax credit of up to 50%.