



Haven House

Helping Lansing Area Families Help Themselves

SPRING 2010

FROM THE DIRECTOR

“Lunch with a Purpose” brought many volunteers to Haven House



What do cheese burgers and chips, sheets and pillow cases, shampoo and lotion have in common? They were the ingredients for a wonderful event on Thursday, April 8, to benefit Haven House called “Lunch with a Purpose.”

One day during the week from 12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m., individuals donate their lunch hours to help a charitable organization. Justin Caine, Justin “Bugsy” Sailor and T.J. Duckett coordinate this as a way to provide these wonderful individuals the chance to give a little back to the community.

Clinton Bernard, a longtime friend of Haven House, recommended our shelter as a recipient for “Lunch with a Purpose.” Community members came to Haven House, sorted, folded, and packed sheets and pillow cases, bagged up shampoos, lotion and other personal needs items into convenient packages and prepared cheese-burgers with chips and beverages for lunch with the residents at Haven House. The folks who were not able to participate personally donated needed supplies and cash.



Angie Mayeaux

Haven House staff members were overwhelmed by the work achieved by the group. I told the group, “You did in a day what would have taken us MONTHS to get finished. Thank you SO much! Please come back any time!”

Spring is in the air, and we have been a fortunate recipient of many groups getting out and volunteering! We have several stories in this newsletter describing the great work that volunteers contribute to us.

Being homeless right now sometimes seems more difficult than ever before. Families with children are struggling to maintain their housing and keep food on the table. We have had a long draught of clients finding employment to help them stabilize themselves. Sometimes it just seems overwhelming for the families. We work daily with each family to encourage them to keep moving forward.

–Angie Mayeaux, Executive Director

At right: T.J. Duckett and Lunch with a Purpose volunteer fold and pack linens. Below, an entire crew of volunteers!



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.

Tailgating Cookbook - Good gift idea for Mother's Day & Father's Day

With Mother's Day and Father's Day fast approaching, Haven House would like to suggest our *Tailgating on the Banks of the Red Cedar* cookbook as the perfect gift idea. Spartan fans will enjoy the many tailgating recipes, stories and photos, and the recipient will be pleased that the donation of \$15 plus tax will support homeless families.

Add in a card and further support Haven House! We have greeting cards for all occasions, featuring artists who have donated their artwork and Haven House children's artwork. Check out our selection on the website, www.havenhouseEL.org.

Thank you to our many local businesses that make it easy for Spartan fans to purchase our cookbooks. The cookbooks continue to sell, and we so appreciate the following local businesses that have stepped up and generously offered to sell the cookbooks at their places of business. We would not have been able to do it without you!



Schuler Books, Meridian Mall

Schuler Books, Eastwood Towne Center

Bake N' Cakes, 3003 E. Kalamazoo, Lansing (located just as you exit/enter the expressway by Frandor)

Silver & Beyond (located in the lobby of the East Lansing Marriott at University Place)

Student Book Store, 421 Grand River Avenue, East Lansing

Kellogg Center Gift Shop, 55 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing

Spartan Bookstore at the International Center (on the lower level)

Reno's West Sportsbar & Grill, 5001 W. Saginaw, Lansing

Reno's East Sportsbar & Grill, 1310 Abbott Road, East Lansing

Breadsmith, 4901 Okemos Road, Okemos

Threadbear Fiber Arts Studio, 319 S. Waverly Road, Lansing

Hershey's Steak & Seafood, 2682 E. Grand River Avenue, East Lansing

L & L Food Centers—all 8 locations

Wharton Center Gift Shop

Michigania, 112 S. Washington, Lansing

Everybody Reads, 2019 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing

Please contact us if you or someone you know might like to sell the cookbooks for Haven House. If you would like to submit a recipe/photo/story for our next edition of *Tailgating on the Banks of the Red Cedar*, please go to our website where you can contribute your item: www.havenhouseEL.org.

We would also like to give special thanks to the following for their assistance in publicizing and personally selling cookbooks to raise funds for Haven House:

Business Monthly • Chris Holman • St. Martha's School • Sister Pat
Downtown Coaches Club • MSU Alumni Association • Bob Bao • Cheryl Denison

Opening our doors to our supporters!

We want you, our supporters, to see what we do here at Haven House, and so we have begun holding open houses for our valued supporters. We held one for area churches which was well attended, and we were able to answer many questions about how we work, to whom we provide services, and to clear up some myths about the homeless. In April, we will hold an open house for supporting businesses. We hope that you can join us in June for our open house and get a tour of the facility and additional information on who and how we serve local families in crisis. If you or any group that you may be involved in would like a tour, please feel free to contact Angie Mayeaux to set up a date and time.



A Haven House community connector: Dave Havrilla

Dave Havrilla joined the Haven House Board of Directors in 2004. He has provided Haven House with many opportunities; he has introduced us to local community members, MSU coaches, players and other MSU staff and alumni. Making these connections in the community and helping to fundraise is an integral part of the duties of a board member, and Dave has been exemplary.

For our *Have a Heart for the Homeless* campaign, Dave arranged for Suzy Merchant, MSU women's basketball coach, to be our honorary chairperson. Suzy graciously accepted and was featured on our poster promoting the *Have a Heart for the Homeless* campaign. Additionally, Dave made up t-shirts for the volunteers to wear at a women's basketball game while they worked accepting donations for Haven House, and he provided tickets to attend the game for merchants who lent their support. Dave worked with the printer to design a new poster each year for participating businesses to display. When we have had events for which prizes or auction items were needed, Dave has always stepped up and purchased MSU memorabilia and secured autographs from coaches and other sports personalities at MSU. He was also instrumental in securing grants for Haven House from the Allstate Foundation.

Dave participates thoughtfully and creatively in the activities of Haven House. His most recent contribution was his presentation to the Board of a tailgate cookbook that had been put together by a nonprofit group near the Notre Dame campus. Dave is an avid tailgater, and he and his wife, Karen, love to cook. When Karen showed him the cookbook, he had the vision to pursue something similar for the MSU community in support of Haven House. He took the leadership role in pushing exploration and then implementing the idea. We created the cookbook by soliciting tailgating recipes, photos and stories from MSU fans attending



Dave Havrilla

games early in the 2009 football season. He arranged for George Blaha, voice of Spartan football, to write the foreword for the book.

As we began marketing the book, the amazing breadth of Dave's connections to the MSU community became even more apparent. Dave knew it was critical to get broad exposure, so he contacted local sports announcers, appeared on numerous sports radio shows, and also arranged for ads in the print media. Through his contacts with the Alumni Association, he was able to have them place an article about the cookbook in their monthly newsletter. As a result, we have MSU fans from across the country purchasing our cookbooks online!

Dave personally sold a large number of the cookbooks. In addition, he arranged for a number of businesses to sell the cookbooks at no cost to us. We now have approximately 25 locations selling the cookbooks.

Because of Dave's vision of the cookbook project, an important fundraising goal is being met as we strive to educate the community about the needs of homeless families and increase awareness of Haven House. The sale of the *Tailgating on the Banks of the Red Cedar* cookbooks continues and has been the most successful fundraiser that Haven House has ever had.

Dave has done many other things for Haven House as well. He arranged for Becky Dantonio to act as the spokesperson on a DVD that we produced, explaining the activities of Haven House and requesting contributions. He arranged for Coach Rick Comley to be the celebrity at our fundraising golf outing on two occasions, and the list goes on.

In October, Dave will finish his second three-year term and will move on to his next adventure in life, having retired after 39 years with the Havrilla-Currie Allstate Agency. We sincerely thank Dave for his dedication to Haven House and the families we serve!



RESIDENT STORY: Working toward a bright future

In November 2007, **Sherry** thought her life was on track. She had found subsidized housing in Lansing and was able to transfer her food service job from Flint to Lansing. With everything in place, Sherry moved to Lansing with her three young sons, ages 5, 4 and 2, to a new and better life.

Then disaster arrived. The apartment management revoked their approval due to an outstanding utility bill, and Sherry found herself homeless.

For the next four months, Sherry scrambled to keep her family sheltered with friends and family while working a full-time job. Finally, in March 2008, Sherry sought shelter at Haven House and began to rebuild her life.

Haven House offered Sherry case management as she continued working full-time. Sherry used her break time at work to call on housing, arrange appointments with landlords and to call Haven House staff for needed assistance.

Haven House guided Sherry through the Department of Human Services process and referred her to Capital Area Community Services for additional financial assistance. Haven House also helped Sherry submit an application for the HARP Section 8 voucher program.

Sherry's hard work paid off. She moved into housing in April 2008 and continued working with Haven House's Partners in Progress for a year after moving into housing.

During that time, she worked on improving her credit with a long-term goal of home purchase. The family was sponsored for the Haven House *Adopt-A-Child for Back to School* and *Adopt-A-Family for the Holidays* programs.

The boys were delighted with their gifts from the generous sponsor. The 2-year old carried his little gifts around for days, and the 5-year old told his dentist, "I'm all set for school now!" Sherry said Christmas was the best ever.

Sherry's future continues to look bright. She has maintained employment and housing for the last two years, and the children are in school and doing well. She qualified for the HARP Section 8 voucher and recently moved into a new home. Sherry stated, "We're going out to buy a swing set for the boys! They're so excited because this is the first time we've had a yard to put a swing set of their own!"

Haven House wishes Sherry continued success as she moves forward in her life and is happy to have been able to help.

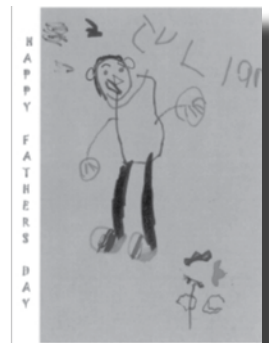
Wish list...

- Brooms
- Dust pans
- Mops
- Simple Green multi-purpose cleaner
- One-gallon Ziploc freezer bags
- Loose-leaf notebook paper

Remember Dad on Father's Day



Honor that special man by sending a special Haven House card on Father's Day. The cards feature past resident children's artwork and acknowledge your contribution in honor of the recipient. For a minimum contribution of \$10, we will mail the card of your choice to that special person. View the cards online at www.HavenHouseEL.org, choose your favorites, give us the mailing information for the recipient(s), and support Haven



House in this positive, giving manner. And there's still time to order a card for that special mom, aunt, or grandmother for Mother's Day. To place your order by e-mail, send it to cards@HavenHouseEL.org. Then, please call us at 337-2731 and ask for Maresa to arrange payment.





Waverly High Rock-a-Thon rocks for Haven House

The Waverly High School club, **Interact**, raised \$911.40 for Haven House through its 6th annual Rock-a-thon. On February 26, 2010, students rocked in rocking chairs for nine hours to raise money and awareness about the needs of many homeless families in the community. Interact is a student organization committed to serving the school and surrounding community through student-planned and facilitated activities. Interact chose to rock for Haven House because students were inspired by their comprehensive approach to helping families combat homelessness. On March 22, Interact presented the check to Angela Mayeaux, Haven House's Executive Director. We are very thankful for the work the Interact Club and its members did to prepare and facilitate this fundraiser for Haven House.



Everyone is welcome...
Members of Haven House to hold special meeting to vote on Proposed Bylaws Changes

Members of Haven House and its board of directors will vote to amend our current bylaws. Please visit our website, www.havenhouseel.org, to view the proposed changes.

Monday, May 10, 2010
5:15 p.m.
Conference Room
Haven House
121 Whitehills Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823

GRANTS RECEIVED

Haven House has been approved for \$16,010 from the **Emergency Solutions Grant at MSHDA**. This grant provides much-needed funding for operating expenses. Haven House has been a working partner with MSHDA for many years, and we appreciate all the support that they give us and other shelters in the state.

Capital Area United Way approved for Haven House a grant in the amount of \$26,000. These funds will support the intensive case management and support services provided to each family that enters Haven House. We are pleased to be a Capital Area United Way Affiliate Organization.

Citizens Mid-Michigan Charitable Foundation awarded Haven House \$1,000 towards our food purchases made for the shelter and for our food pantry. This will give us the ability to offer more fresh fruit and vegetables to our families.



Annual Have a Heart Campaign – big success!



Flap Jack took our campaign to heart.



L&L Food Centers hung our hearts.

THANK YOU TO ALL PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES!

This year, the local community and businesses really stepped up to the plate and made this campaign the best ever. We were able to reach our fundraising goal. You helped us raise \$15,295!!!! Thank you to all of the participating businesses and to all the individuals who chose to purchase a heart!!!

A big THANK YOU to:

- L & L Food Centers – all 8 locations • Corey's Threadbear Fiber Arts Studio • MESSA
- Maurer's Sanitary Cleaners • Student Book Store
- Flap Jack – Frandor • Flap Jack – DeWitt
- Great Lakes Capital Fund • Coffee Jam
- East Lansing Food Co-op • AP Capital
- Benson's Vinaigrettes • Dalmatian's Firehouse Grille
- Woody's Oasis – East Lansing
- Woody's Oasis – Okemos • Woody's – Trowbridge
- Breadsmith • Gone Wired Cafe • Champions Bar & Grill
- MSU Women's Basketball Coach Suzy Merchant



Tim Barron and East Lansing Police Chief Wibert participated in the L&L Food Center's Paczki-Eating Contest.

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 February 1, 2010, and March 31, 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.

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Father's Day cards
 are available now
 see page 4.



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 _____

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