



HopeLine

Refuge House *Saving Lives, Building Hope, Ending Violence!*

Spring 2008

Caring Hearts Needed for '08 Budget

The Refuge House is in need of dollars to meet the annual private gift goals established for the budget ending June 30, 2008.

The demand for services to the victims of domestic and sexual violence is steady. According to Leon County Sheriff Larry Campbell, "Without Refuge House law enforcement would be unable to work

... In Florida, one in nine women are victims of sexual assault in her lifetime. Nationwide, over 1,200 women annually lose their lives to domestic violence.

as effectively in offering better victim safety through early intervention, enhanced investigations, and successful prosecution."

The goal of the Annual Fund,

Ways to Give

- * Use the enclosed envelope to send a check or provide credit card information.
- * Make a gift of appreciated stock and avoid a capital gains tax impact.
- * Take advantage of Employer Matching Gift Programs – Many local companies generously match the charitable contributions of their employees.
- * Give the gift of time. If you would like to help but cannot give dollars at this time, consider



spending time helping sort items and stock shelves at the Refuge House Thrift Store. *For assistance in making your contribution, contact Development Director Diane Jefferson, Refuge House Development Office at (850) 922-6062. E-mail: djefferson@refugehouse.com*

which concludes June 30, 2008, is \$360,000. To date the campaign has raised just over \$210,000. The annual fund is one part of the entire Refuge House's annual \$3 million budget.

"We must raise \$150,000 over the

next few months," said Board Chairman Janet Stoner. "We depend so much on the generosity of people who have compassion for women trapped and seeking a way out of a violent situation."

CONCERT IN DOWNTOWN PARK!

APRIL 13TH: Concert in the Park, featuring the Adam Cambria Project, Messengers of Light, and Lotus, 4:30-7pm, E. Green Peck Park, Tallahassee Chain of Parks.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Check our website:

www.refugehouse.com

for the full schedule for all 8 counties!!

Refuge House Thrift Store Looking for Fun-loving Responsible Volunteers

From sorting, tagging, and stocking goods, to customer service, to keeping the inside and outside looking great, we'd love your support! And...volunteers receive 15% off our already low prices! Please patronize our Thrift Store Partners and thank them for supporting Refuge House:

Adams Electric
Jack Barkley
JC Penney
Apachee Asphalt
Beall's
GT Entertainment
Kool Beanz
Prosperity Enterprises

Tri-Eagle Sales
Titus Alcorn
Marlin Electrical
The Wine Warehouse
Blossoms Flowers
On the Rocks Bartending
Country Dollar
Harriet Kaspar

Watts Mechanical
Visual Marketing
Florida Fence & Deck
Akin Akinoyemi, Architect
Lost Highway Fence and Deck
Zonta Club
Wellington Meffert
Kathy Bye

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday • Location: 729 W. Gaines St. If you would like to volunteer, call Charlotte Jernigan at 487-8859.

Ten Thousand Villages Celebrates Women's Day by Donating 10% of Sales

On Saturday, March 8, 2008, Ten Thousand Villages, a home décor and gift shop in Market Square, celebrated International Women's Day by giving 10% of all their sales to the Refuge House.

Ten Thousand Villages was founded in 1946 with a mission to provide vital, fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and tell their stories in North America.

"Refuge House and Ten Thousand Villages are both firmly rooted in compassion, nurturing and a commitment to helping others thrive," said Diane Jefferson, who directs development efforts for Refuge House. "It was a wonderful partnership and we



Manager Wendy Holladay assists customers with a sale. Ten percent of purchase was donated to Refuge House.

are so grateful to Manager Wendy Holladay for agreeing to do this and to the many shoppers who patronized the store.

If you own a business and would like to become a Refuge House Business Partner, please contact Refuge House Development Director Diane Jefferson at 850-922-6062

Meg's Message

We are all so proud of the life-saving work we do here at Refuge House, serving thousands of women and children every year in shelter, in counseling, at our courthouses, on the hotline.

With every hotline call, every injunction petition, every night we welcome a family to shelter, we advance our mission of providing direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence.

But that's not all. The other half of our mission—to work to end the conditions in society that cause domestic and sexual violence to continue—is addressed to our whole community.

For three decades, Refuge House has worked hard to empower the community with the tools of social change necessary to end domestic and sexual violence, through community education, prevention and awareness training, and systems advocacy. We know how many women, children and men we have aided in our direct services programs. How are we all doing, as a community, to stop the violence once and for all?

This spring, as part of our 30th Anniversary year, President Janet Stoner and I will present a Refuge House report, "The State of Domestic and Sexual Violence in the Big Bend" charting our community's progress, and offering strategies for future action, to hasten the day that domestic and sexual violence no longer haunt a woman's spirit or a trouble child's dreams.



Meg Baldwin
Executive Director

Refuge House 30th Birthday Party Brings Together RH Family

Over 150 Refuge House family members—board, staff and community supporters old and new gathered at The Retreat at Bradley's Farm February 15 for our "Family Reunion" 30th Birthday party.

"Every time I turned around," said former Board President Murdina Campbell, "I saw an old friend I hadn't seen for

years—it was a great time to renew our friendships and celebrate the agency and mission we all love so much."

WCTV's Shonda Knight served as the mistress of ceremonies during the evening.

A special award honored Virginia Glass, who along with the Altrusa Club made it possible in 1981 for Refuge House to purchase the house that served as our

emergency shelter for over 20 years.

The Refuge House video history, "30 Years, One Heart," was shown for the first time, revealing insights into the services provided to victims.

"Anyone who sees this video will better understand the life saving work of the Refuge House," said Executive Director Meg Baldwin.



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