



# The Haven For Children Newsletter

## Who We Are

The Haven is a temporary residential emergency shelter for abused, abandoned, and neglected infants and children through the age of nine, at time of acceptance. Our three homes provide a loving, secure environment for up to thirty children.

The primary goal of The Haven is to nourish and protect the children while starting them on a path of healing and positive self-growth. Through the loving staff of professionals and paraprofessionals, The Haven begins to break the tragic cycle of child abuse.

Since 1987 The Haven has taken a positive role in the lives of over 1000 children from Brevard, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties. It is with the monetary support of our community that we can continue to care for our children.

## Executive Director's Message

The school year has come to an end and summer is here. We are still looking for many different ways to keep our kiddies busy this summer.

This past year our staff has managed to get 29 children up, dressed, and off to school each morning with our youngest two staying home.

Our children love all kinds of summer adventures and activities like the zoo, sports, swimming, science, arts and crafts. It keeps them busy and they like to learn new things.

If your family or organization would be interested in sponsoring a child for a week of camp this summer, please contact us.

Enjoy your summer!

*Kim Straehla*

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While every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication, we apologize for any errors or omissions.

If you will call any error or omission to the attention of the editor, it will be corrected in the next issue.

## Haven Marks 23rd Year of Caring

The Haven for Children marked its twenty-third year as a safe shelter for children in need, with a Birthday Celebration on April 20 at the spectacular riverside home of Judy and Bryan Roub, who graciously underwrote this event. The celebration also commemorated 20 years of the Haven Guild, with members honoring the occasion with monetary "birthday" gifts.

Don Peters, our Cookie Man and Handyman Extraordinaire, was recognized and presented with a plaque for his ongoing contributions, not only to the Lamb Shoppe, but also for the day-to-day physical repairs around The Haven, including fixing the children's bikes.

Highlights of the day included presentation of a check for \$50,000 to the Haven Executive Director, Kim Straehla, by Guild President, Tracy Bacon, as well as the installation of officers, many of whom agreed to continue to serve for another term.

New officers and chairpersons are listed on page 2 of newsletter.



## The Haven for Children

Kim Straehla, Executive Director

JoAnn Petrone, Assistant. Exec. Director

### Board of Directors

Scott Kemps, President

Patrick Hughes, Vice President

Pam Whittington, Secretary

Julia Irvin, Treasurer

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### The Haven Guild

Tracy Bacon, President

Ellen Parda, Internal Vice President

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### Committee Chairs

Pauline McKeone, Membership

Kaye Cantrell, Education/Advocacy

Susie Morris, The Lamb Shoppe

Mary Ann LaPorte, Chef du Jour I

Joyce Wheeler, Chef du Jour II

My Huynh, Chef du Jour III

Judy Roub, Social

Kaye Boggs, Bylaws

Volunteer Coordinator, Abigail Hughes

Historian, Pam Whittington

Kathie Dixon & Pat Donnell, Luncheons

Mary Gilbert & LeGay Carter, Donations

Nancy Seares, Directory/Invitations

Ellen Parda, Birthday Cakes

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## "Everything Old Is New Again"

Tracy Bacon, President

As the song goes,

*Don't throw the past away - You might need it for a rainy day*

*Dreams can come true again - When everything old is new again*

As we move into the new Guild year, these lyrics are very appropriate. We thank the outgoing Guild Board members, Pam Whittington and Debbie Uber, and welcome new members Linda Moore and Judy Anderson. Pam will continue on as Historian and the remaining officers have agreed to serve for a second term. We hope to serve the membership well while keeping in mind our entire purpose as a Guild: to support the needs of the Haven for Children.

In addition, we are invigorating the Haven Guild membership with two new committee positions on the Board:

- **My Huynh**, who has a full-time job, *volunteered* to become a Chef du Jour coordinator. Under the guidance of Joyce Wheeler, My is now ably organizing the evening meals for Haven III. For information, contact her at [haven3chef@gmail.com](mailto:haven3chef@gmail.com).
- And, thanks again to Joyce Wheeler who articulated the need, we also welcome **Abigail Hughes** as our Volunteer Coordinator. This newly created position matches the needs of the Haven for special efforts with volunteers who are seeking to support a cause such as The Haven. So, if you or one of your friends wants to "do something" for our Haven children, please contact Abigail, who will communicate with Kim or JoAnn as current needs develop. Abigail's email is [hebron98@yahoo.com](mailto:hebron98@yahoo.com).

The upshot of the above just reinforces the lyrics of the song; we're not "throwing the past away", we are building and enriching the legacy that the founding Guild members and all interim members have built on. And, what we as a Guild are all trying to do, is give the Haven children a chance to believe that with healing and hard work, their dreams may come true!

Thanks to you all,

*Tracy Bacon*



### VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



On May 7th a coffee was held at Haven II to say thanks to all of those who have supported the Chef du Jour program and for all of those who work in The Lamb Shoppe. Without the dedicated support of these volunteers, we can say that the Haven's budget would be in big trouble. Last year, the Lamb Shoppe contributed approximately \$100,000 and, given the average cost of an evening meal prepared by Chef du Jour members, we save The Haven around \$49,000. annually.

Our volunteers work hard week in and week out and we say a big THANK YOU to everyone involved.

## Please Support The Haven For Children

Enclosed is a tax-deductible gift in the amount of

\$25.  \$100.  \$500.  \$1,500.

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### Wish List

The smallest new items means everything to a victim of child abuse who comes to us with nothing.

#### Gift Certificates

McDonald's, Papa John's, Office Depot, Wal-Mart, Target, Toys "R" Us

Movie Passes

Tickets to local attractions

#### Food Items

Breakfast Cereal, Applesauce, Animal Crackers, 100% Fruit juice drink boxes, Fruit snacks, Goldfish crackers, Pretzels, Pudding/Fruit cups, Canned Ravioli, Spaghettios, Peanut butter.

#### Paper & Household Products

Antibacterial soap, cleaning products (Windex) 409, Clorox, etc.) Dishwasher detergent, Kleenex, Laundry detergent, Lysol spray (scented), paper towels, paper plates, cups, napkins, toilet paper.

#### Personal Hygiene

Baby wipes, Baby shampoo (No More Tears) and conditioner, children's sun-screen (WaterBabies) kid-size tooth brushes and kid's toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, washcloths. Boy's Disposable Diapers (XL),

#### Toys

Art Supplies, Elmer's Glue and Glue Sticks, construction paper, small incentive toys to be used as prizes.

#### Miscellaneous

New Pillows

#### Financial Donations

Activities and Field Trips  
 School Supplies & Backpacks

## Education & Advocacy

The Haven appreciates the opportunity to let the community know of their work with children who have been removed from their homes because of some form of abuse or neglect. Contact Executive Director, Kim Straehla, or volunteer Kaye Cantrell, if you need a speaker for your organization.



We promise you an informative presentation with time for questions and interaction with the audience.

Call Kim at 321-676-6888 or Kaye at 321-773-3302 or email [thehaven@cfl.rr.com](mailto:thehaven@cfl.rr.com) to schedule a speaker.

## Membership

### Welcome New Haven Guild Members:

Pam Bard  
Sherri Binggeli  
Tiny Butler  
Gloria Cassini  
Lois Drudy  
Tina Kappenberger  
Denise Lueck  
Nancy Morgan  
Jill Nelson  
Diane Nilsen  
Olga Rojas  
Carol Sweeney  
Ann Thompson  
Carol Walsh

### How Do You Become A Member?

Call the membership chairman at 321-373-5579, or stop by the Lamb Shoppe to pick up a membership envelope. Membership dues of \$25.00 are payable annually by January 1st.

Mail information and \$25.00 annual dues to:

Pauline McKeone, Membership

3543 Osceola Dr. / Melbourne, FL 32901

### Upcoming Guild Directory

The Guild Directory is currently being updated and will include all members whose dues have been received by June 1, 2010.

## Community Sharing

Thank you, thank you to The Running Zone for handling all aspects of the 28th annual downtown Melbourne 5K Race from registration to presentation of rewards!! This year's **A Run for the Children** on April 3rd was the largest run ever with over 550 runners.

Next year's run will be Saturday, April 2, 2011.



### In Search Of: RETIRED SPOUSES WHO WANT TO "DO SOMETHING FOR ABUSED, ABANDONED, AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN?"

Check out how you can be an advocate for these children and speak for them in court or other situations where they may have a difficult time speaking up for themselves.

YOU can be that person through the **Guardian ad Litem** program.

For information, contact Patty Williams at 321-690-6823



## The Haven for Children gratefully acknowledges the following donors

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**Mary Had A Little Lamb...** Mary and her family were featured in the United Way video a few years ago after Mary was adopted by her "forever" family. Since Mary's adoption, we have continued to stay in her life and her new family has been extremely supportive of The Haven and our children. They always want Mary to remember us and know that she was loved. When Mary was adopted, she not only got a Mom and Dad, but also a wonderful big brother who welcomed her with open arms. The big brother always told us that he loved his little sister but brothers were what he really needed!

Mary's big brother had become especially close to two brothers that have lived with us for almost four years. In February the family had gone to watch their son in an orchestra performance and realized that the child behind their son was the oldest brother from The Haven. They felt at that moment that they wanted to make these boys a part of their lives forever.

They had always felt a great connection to the boys and knew that it was meant to be. But although they were a family rich in love, their house was just not large enough for two more growing boys. They told us they knew their heart was big enough to have these boys as their sons and they would make room for them. During this past Spring the family started a huge project of an addition to their home. And this summer the boys will move into their new home with their forever family. They know they will always be family to us as well. Please remember them as their family expands from a family of 4 to a family of 6.

...and everywhere that Mary went, the lambs were sure to go.



## Community Sharing

★ **The New Neighbors Club of South Brevard** honors The Haven for Children as one of its two major charities for 2009/2010,

The New Neighbors Club donated \$2,500 to The Haven for Children at its May luncheon. The social club with over 300 members works all year to help those in need in our community. In addition, they raise funds throughout the year to donate to two or three organizations the members choose to support for the year. Donations such as this help us make a difference in the life of a child. We thank the member of the New Neighbors Club for their generous support of The Haven kids.

★ **The GFWC Viera Woman's Club** sponsors a group of middle and high school students who are interested in doing community service projects. They are called the GFWC Sunshine Juniores.

There are currently 23 Juniores Clubs in the State of Florida, with a total membership of approximately 790 girls. The Sunshine Juniores Club is the only one in Brevard County. Members currently attend Satellite, Viera, Eau Gallie, and Holy Trinity High Schools, but the Club is open to all middle and high school girls that are interested. Monthly meetings are normally held on the first Sunday of each month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Viera East Resident's Clubhouse. For further information contact the club's advisor Mrs. Lee Thompson at 507-4460.

The Sunshine Juniores assembled Easter Bags for The Haven for Children as a community project.



Pictured left to right: Elizabeth Green, Rebecca Moseley, Viera High School and Shelby Robins, Juniores Club President, Holy Trinity High, assemble Easter baskets for Haven III.



## The Lamb Shoppe

Summer is here and that means many of our volunteers leave for cooler climates. We can always use extra help. Please contact me if you have some hours to give during this busy time.

As we clean our racks of out-of-date clothing, you may like to know that we donate those items to Operation Hope, an organization to help migrant workers in Fellsmere. Nothing goes to waste in our shop. We have provided prom dresses for clients at Devereaux and we sometimes donate maternity clothing to Genesis House. We donate old blankets and towels to the Humane Society and our next door veterinarian neighbor; coffee cups and bowls to The Daily Bread and many other groups that our volunteers suggest. We donate extra books to the Satellite Library (thank you Kaye and Murray Boggs for spending after hours at the shop sorting, packing up and delivering those very heavy books!) Of course our focus is The Haven for Children and they have priority when shopping for clothing and items needed at The Haven, but we are always mindful of others in need.

Our much loved Martha Matulich passed away recently and we miss her greatly. Thank you Charlotte McMahon for stepping up to chair the ever-busy Mondays.

**We appreciate your continued support of The Lamb Shoppe.**

The Lamb Shoppe is a project of The Haven Guild.

**So join up and join in the fun!**

Contact Susie Morris

Lamb Shoppe Chairperson.

779-1615 for information.

**1765 S. Patrick Drive**

**Indian Harbour Beach,**

**Open Monday through**

**Saturday**

**10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**321-777-6606**



## Chef du Jour



### **VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED FOR CHEF DU JOUR**

The Coordinator maintains a list of regular and substitute Guild members who have expressed an interest in cooking for The Haven. She telephones or e-mails these members to schedule a cook date each month and provides a monthly calendar of daily scheduled cooks for the Haven staff.

If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer position, don't let this one pass you by.

For more information, contact

Joyce Wheeler at 259-6793 or e-mail [jwheeler57638@aol.com](mailto:jwheeler57638@aol.com).

**Want to Cook for the Haven  
children?**

**Contact**

**MaryAnn LaPorte 752-9788**

**Haven I**

**Joyce Wheeler 259-6793**

**Haven II**

**My Huynh 724-3335**

**[haven3chef@gmail.com](mailto:haven3chef@gmail.com)**

**Haven III**



### **VOLUNTEER EDITOR NEEDED FOR THE HAVEN NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter editor should be computer literate and may use any publishing type software that she is most familiar with. The Editor is responsible for gathering information and preparing the quarterly newsletter (December, March, June and September) She sends an E-mail to Board members, Committee chairs, and Haven Executive Director with a deadline for submitting material. She obtains a list of current donors for the quarter from the Haven secretary. She collects any photographs of Haven Guild events from chairpersons. She assembles the newsletter from this information and sends a draft to several people to proofread. After making corrections, she sends the newsletter in PDF format to the printing firm, along with the Haven's current mailing list. The printing firm is responsible for printing, addressing and bulk mailing of the newsletter. The ultimate goal is to send the newsletter electronically to the donor list and Haven Guild membership.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, contact Tracy Bacon at 757-5797. For more information about the requirements, contact Kaye Boggs at 777-2700 or e-mail [kayeorama@cfl.rr.com](mailto:kayeorama@cfl.rr.com)

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We may not be able to change the world, but we can start, one child at a time.



*A Havenly Affair  
October 2, 2010  
Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place  
Len Turner and the American Express Band*



This year's Havenly Affair celebrates 20 years of success for The Haven Guild's support of The Haven for Children. Without our past and present members and leadership, the Guild would not be the outstanding organization it is today.

Since its inception, The Haven has provided a home for more than 1,000 children, and the ultimate goal of providing a "forever" home has been accomplished 83 times in the past 5 years alone. It is with the financial support of our community and the efforts by our volunteers that we can continue to care for the children. Some of the many services the Guild has provided includes dinners 365 days a year for three homes; birthday cakes for each child, gifts for the holidays and special events, vehicles for transporting the children, funds for extracurricular activities, and on-going financial support for daily living expenses..

*Save the date to join us on October 2nd for "A Toast to 20 Years" of success at the Havenly Affair!*

This event will be a special evening of dining and dancing; fine wines from around the world provided by Petty's Market and a unique piece of jewelry donated by Genna Jewelers that one lucky guest will wear away at the end of the evening. Benefactor and sponsorship opportunities have already been mailed to donors and guild members. Invitations will be mailed in late summer.

For additional information contact  
Victoria Wilmarth at 321-610-7684 or Carol Colombo at 321-952-8569

Ellen Parda  
Vice President, Internal Affairs