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We're Going Green!

It's time to do our part in saving the environment. **This will be the last paper issue of Hope House News.**

Starting in December, our friends will begin to receive e-newsletters to keep them up to date on all the happenings at Hope House and what you can do to help victims of domestic violence.

JOIN US by sending your email address to info@hopehouse.net.

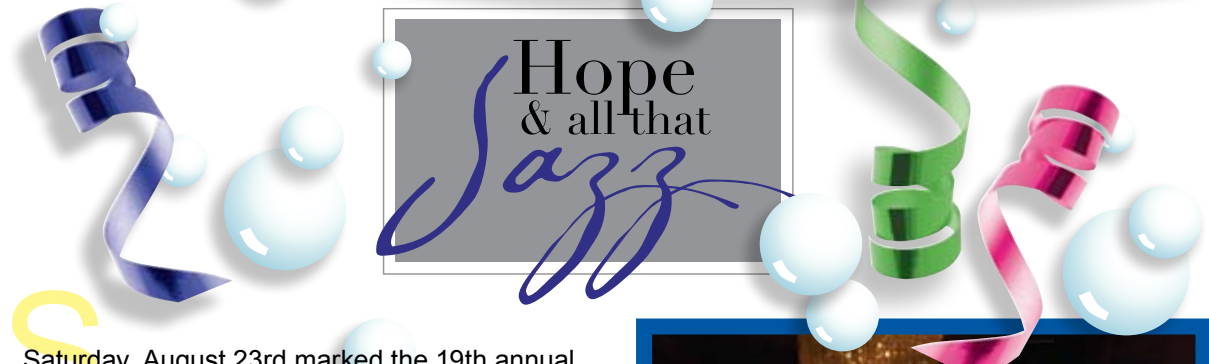
If you don't have email and still wish to be updated, we will be happy to print out our monthly e-newsletters and mail them to you.

Send your name and address to Newsletter, PO Box 577, Lee's Summit, MO 64063.

2008 United Way Campaign

The 2008 United Way Campaign is in full swing! Hope House receives funding through United Way. If you wish to designate all or part of your gift to a specific organization, you may do so through the United Way Donor Choice program.

Thank you to those donors who have already supported Hope House with donor-designated gifts this year!



Hope & all that Jazz

Saturday, August 23rd marked the 19th annual Hope & All That Jazz gala, an event designed to thank our donors and raise money to continue the work to which Hope House is committed.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Barbara Potts award. This year's recipient was a familiar face and old friend of Hope House, former Chief Executive Officer Sue Else. Sue's acceptance speech talked of the value of Hope House and the importance of our mission.



Hope House CEO Mary Anne Metheny and Barbara Potts award recipient Sue Else



Master of Ceremony Kris Ketz

As a reminder of our mission, Hope House staff members Carrie Buchmann and Traci Francis recounted the story of a Hope House client who had endured horrific abuse, concluding by introducing the courageous survivor.

The Nigro Brothers and KMBC's Kris Ketz pushed the evening into high gear with a live auction featuring a wide variety of auction items from sports memorabilia to fine jewelry and sought-after concert tickets. This year's Hope & All That Jazz raised nearly \$400,000 which will support the daily operations of Hope House.

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Hope House Gets Extreme Makeover!

Our Independence facilities got an update the weekend of August 15-17 as employee-owner volunteers from Kansas City, MO-based engineering and consulting firm Burns & McDonnell took on their fifth annual renovation service project.

Approximately 80 Burns & McDonnell employee-owners tackled projects ranging from interior painting and window coverings to landscape repairs and lighting replacements. Volunteers had collected in-kind donations, gift cards and purchase discounts from Kansas City metro area businesses.

“Donations and volunteers enable us to stretch the corporate gift from Burns & McDonnell, allowing us to do more for the women that come to Hope House at their time of need,” says project manager Scott Hendrickson. “Combining the donations with the work efforts of our employee-owners means Hope House can maintain a welcoming and safe haven for those in need.”

Burns & McDonnell experts had already conducted an energy audit of the facilities, and provided recommendations for updates that will stretch our dollars year-round.

“Volunteers from Burns & Mac love how these projects touch the lives of people at times when everything else may be falling apart,” Hendrickson added. “Helping to provide a clean, pleasant and welcoming safe haven for people in need makes a full weekend of hard work more than worth it.”

Burns & Mac employee-owners truly “gave back” - with a little help from their friends. Thanks to the following companies for donations of services, items/materials and discounts:

Home Depot
 KC Blinds
 Lafarge
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...Hope & All That Jazz (continued from page 1)

To those who attended this year's event, know that your participation had a direct hand in the day-to-day outreach we do here at Hope House. For that, we can't say thank you enough.

Please mark your calendars for next year's Hope & All That Jazz on Saturday, August 22, 2009. To secure your table or tickets now, please call Libby Connor at 816.257.9334 or email lconnor@hopehouse.net.

Focus on Hope House Partners

DSI was the Principal Underwriter for Jazz 2008 and was the first to commit at the same level for Jazz 2009.



Former Board President Kurt Pycior with Sue Else



Community Service Comes From The Heart of Data Systems International

For Data Systems International, Inc., community service comes from the heart of both the company and its employees. "Serving the community and working toward improving the quality of life for all people is one of our intrinsic values," says Michael J. McGraw, DSI's Chairman and CEO. Annually, DSI and its employees contribute time as well as financial support to numerous local, national and international charitable organizations.

The Overland Park-based technology company has provided financial support to Hope House for many years. In addition to

corporate contributions, DSI headquarters employees embrace Hope House as one of their "Jeans Day" charities, a weekly event where employees can wear jeans to work for a small donation to a local charity. "We believe that assisting Hope House as they work to improve the quality of life for women and children burdened by domestic abuse helps us achieve our goal of being a good corporate citizen," he continued. "Everyone at DSI is energized by working with Hope House and understands that investing time and resources to this worthy cause is an investment in our community," said McGraw.

DSI provides innovative technology solutions that help companies around the world increase efficiency, cut costs and reduce waste throughout their operations. To its more than 900 clients at over 2,500 sites in 47 countries, DSI provides complete, integrated solutions for data collection and warehouse management, as well as related implementation services, mobile computing devices and wireless infrastructure. In addition to its software and services business, DSI provides IBM server solutions to nearly 2,000 companies in the United States. DSI's customers include manufacturing, distribution, warehousing and services companies.

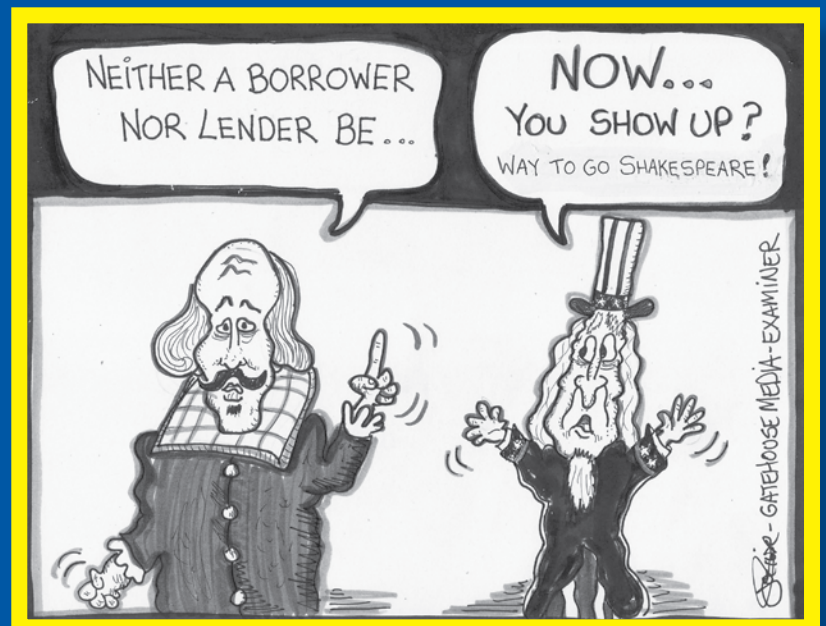
In 2009, DSI will celebrate 30 years of delivering innovative data technology solutions. As part of the company's anniversary celebration, clients from around the globe will visit Kansas City to attend the company's biennial users conference. "Community service has been at the heart of DSI since our very beginning, and will continue to be a priority for many years to come," McGraw said.

For more information, visit www.DSIconline.com.

Humor = Funds for Hope House

What a pleasant surprise to read The Examiner and see good news about our agency in print, even though we hadn't issued any releases to gain the mention. In response to requests for prints of his work, Joe Liccar, editorial cartoonist for The Examiner/Gatehouse News Service, announced in print his willingness to fulfill those requests - and donate the \$30 cost to Hope House!

Many thanks, Joe, for thinking of us! To see more of Joe's cartoons, visit <http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/display.cfm/60803>.





Hope House is Charity of Choice

This fall and winter, Hope House is the charity of choice for Afentra, the morning drive personality for 96.5FM The Buzz.

In October, Hope House CEO Mary Anne Metheny was featured in 30 second spots discussing Hope House services.

In November, Afentra and Mary Anne will discuss the increasing demand for Hope House services, recent federal funding cuts and how you can help.



Hope House is thrilled to continue its arts sponsorships!

The presentation of **The Women of Brewster Place** has been chosen for a collaboration between The Unicorn Theatre and Hope House. In Talk Back sessions following the December 9, 11, 14 & 16 productions, key Hope House staff will discuss the central Brewster Place themes about power and control, and their affects in every day life.

Tickets are available by visiting www.unicorntheatre.org or by calling 816-531-PLAY.

Become a Hope House Fundraiser

It's a difficult situation when the demand for Hope House services continues to increase but federal funding gets cut.

This year (January through September) has seen a significant spike in requests for our services:

- 466 more court cases in Lee's Summit and Independence were handled by our Court Advocates vs. the same time last year
- 227 more protection orders were filed

Unfortunately, as the demand continued to spiral upward, Hope House received notice of a significant federal funding cut that provides vital services to domestic abuse victims.

What can you do to help?

Start a Hope House Fundraising page! It's a quick, easy and fun way to reach out to your friends and family, while making a difference in the lives of others.

Please visit www.firstgiving.com/hopehouse. From this safe and secure site you can easily start an individual fundraising page. Or, get your entire office involved and start a fundraising team!

By being a Hope House fundraiser, you are giving the gift of hope to women and children who are escaping lives of abuse.

Hope House Holiday Store

Hope House created The Holiday Store so that none of our women and children will have to go through the holidays without presents.

The Holiday Store is a place where our kids and moms can "shop" for presents for each other. The shopping is free to them because all of the gifts are donated by our community. Rooms are set up with gifts of all kinds, for all ages. The kids can get things like pajamas, bath products and jewelry for their moms. Moms can get things like CDs, Barbies and skateboards for their kids. And they know that someone in our community, who they've never met, cares about them.

If you'd like to donate new, unwrapped gift items to The Holiday Store, we accept donations at both Hope House locations from 9AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. Please visit www.hopehouse.net for gift suggestions. For driving directions, call 816-461-4188, ext. 0.



Steve Tolbert, General Manager for Mercedes-Benz of Kansas City pictured with Nancy Duvall, Hope House.

Howlin' for Hope

"Howlin' for Hope", a party to celebrate Hope House's 25th Anniversary, was held on October 12th at Howl at the Moon in the Power & Light District.

The event, presented by Mercedes-Benz of Kansas City raised just over \$23,000 which will benefit Hope House's current capital campaign, *Building Hope*, for renovations to our Independence campus. Block & Company, Commerce Bank, Kerry & Samuel Oliver, Carthage Marble, and Cloene Davis were also major sponsors of the event.

Program Spotlight: Hospital Advocacy

On a daily basis, direct service staff at Hope House encounter situations that we hope most could never imagine. BridgeSPAN Hospital Advocacy staff and volunteers are on the front line to assist victims in horrific situations 24/7, 365 days a year to provide face to face support for victims of domestic violence in hospital emergency rooms.

Services are offered to victims like Linda*, a woman in her mid-30s with the developmental capacity of a 14-year old, who visited her aunt in Kansas City. During her brief visit, Linda was raped by her aunt's husband. At the hospital, a BridgeSPAN Advocate visited with Linda and her aunt and learned that the man had also been abusing Linda's aunt and molesting two of the children in their home.

The Advocate was able to connect both women with safety, support and hope, quickly moving the aunt and her children into shelter and connecting both women with counselors and therapists. Today, Linda, her aunt and the children are living lives free of abuse.

Hope House's BridgeSPAN program is a confidential and free service available to all hospital patients, visitors and hospital staff experiencing domestic violence. Services include emotional support, domestic violence education, safety planning, shelter services, assistance filing for orders of protection, civil/legal referrals, community resources and more.

Since our program runs 365 days a year, the full-time staff depends upon our loyal and committed volunteers to assist with evenings, weekends and overnight coverage for the program. To inquire about training and volunteering as a Hospital Advocate, please contact Gretchen at 816.257.9342 or ghicks@hopehouse.net.

Note: On a *single day* in October 2008, Advocates were called out to meet with domestic violence victims in the local hospitals *six times*.

*Name has been changed

Cycles can be broken. Lives mended. Hope restored. Recycle to assist families experiencing domestic violence.

How can you have a direct and positive impact on the lives of thousands of women and children you may never meet? By going green, you can give green (funds) to support the daily operations of Hope House.

Global Re-Source Funding is delighted to offer the opportunity for businesses, schools, churches and other organizations to collect recyclables to support Hope House. JCPenney and Unity Village Chapel's Youth Program have already joined us!



Collection efforts will assist Hope House in providing a safe environment and comprehensive support services for nearly 15,000 victims of domestic violence served by the agency each year.



For every inkjet, toner/laser cartridge and cell phone that is collected*, Global Re-Source Funding will send a donation to Hope House for the full buyback value shown on their price lists. Global Re-Source Funding will supply collection bins (see photo left) plus pick-up services and marketing materials for your program – all at no cost to you.

The best part of this program is that you can raise money to support Hope House simply by asking for a donation of items that most people discard anyway. A quick review of the price list online will demonstrate the dollar impact your efforts could generate.

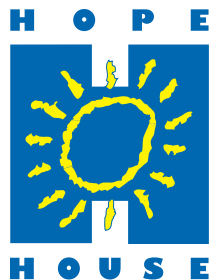
To learn more, please visit globalre-sourcefunding.com.

You can begin making a difference right now! If your organization, school, company or civic group would like to become a Hope House / Global Re-Source Funding partner, please contact Diane at 816.257.9327 or email dmarty@hopehouse.net.

From all of us at Hope House and Global Re-Source Funding, thank you for going green through your recycling collections...and thereby giving green (cash, through the buyback partnership!) to support our mission to break the cycle of domestic violence.

**items must be listed on price lists and must not be broken or previously remanufactured*





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- Hair brushes (soft bristle)
- Baby gates
- Deodorant
- Blankets sized for twin beds
- Bath towels
- Paper towels

RED Funds Children's Services

RED Development, owner and manager of SummitWoods Crossing and developer of Summit Fair lifestyle shopping center has made a significant donation to Hope House.

The company's \$25,000 donation will go primarily toward children's services, which include early childhood services, and individual and group therapy.

Framed artwork from the kids that will benefit from this gift was presented to Dan Lowe, RED Development partner. "That's why we do it," Lowe said of the gift. "It's knowing that we truly are touching lives. The donation...directly assists the people who need it."



RED Development received a framed piece of artwork from some children who will benefit from RED's donation.



Once Upon a Smile

For years, Dr. Natalie Beltgen of Once Upon a Smile in Blue Springs has provided services to many Hope House clients. In fact, since January 2008, five women living in shelter have received gleaming new smiles. They were each fitted with full sets of dentures which can cost over \$3,000 each by the time the patient goes through all the appointments, x-rays, prep work and the fitting of the dentures.

All of these women were going through the roughest periods of their lives—leaving their homes; living in shelter. On top of it all, they had severe issues with their self-esteem and employability because of the poor condition of their teeth. Getting dentures was like a dream come true for each of them.

This life-changing procedure from Once Upon a Smile has helped put these women on the path to a new happily ever after.