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Lethality Assessment Program Saves Lives

The Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) is an easy and effective screening tool that identifies victims of domestic violence who are at risk of being seriously injured or killed by their intimate partners. Police officers from Lee's Summit, Raytown and Grandview began using this method earlier this year. If a victim screens in at high risk, the officer immediately connects the victim with Hope House.

The LAP is an easy-to-use process that features an 11-question lethality screening tool and an accompanying response and referral protocol. If a victim screens in at high risk of being seriously injured or killed, a phone call is immediately made to the Hope House 24-hour domestic violence hotline.



Photo by Aaron Lindberg

The victim is encouraged to speak on the phone with our advocate who will encourage the victim to come in for services and will work with them to create a safety plan.

The goal of the LAP is to prevent domestic violence homicides, serious injury, and re-assault by encouraging more victims to use the shelter, counseling, advocacy, and support services that Hope House provides.

Research shows that 1) only 4% of domestic violence murder victims nationwide had ever obtained shelter or services, and 2) the re-assault of

domestic violence victims in high danger was reduced by 60% if they obtained shelter or services.

Lee's Summit/Raytown/Grandview LAP statistics for June through September 2009:

of high risk screens: 123

of victims who accessed services: 59

Of the victims who screened high-risk from June through September 2009, 48% received services because of LAP.

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Learn more at www.hopehouse.net.

From the Front Line

October begins a wonderful time at Hope House.



I am filled with gratitude as I reflect on our recently completed fiscal year and all of the wonderful people that crossed our paths this past year. Hope House would not exist today without the commitment of a dedicated group of people that has continued to grow every year. We are extremely grateful to everyone that has had a part in our success and our ability to continue to provide services to those in need.

I look to our new fiscal year with great optimism and anticipation for all that is to come. The past year has been tough at times, with challenges to face and obstacles to overcome. I look at our challenges as learning opportunities and a chance for us to grow to a new level. Thanks to each of you for your part in our growth. I am grateful to all of you for your participation and support, and look forward to our new experiences this fiscal year.

I am very thankful for the work of Karen Messerli and Phil LeVota, who completed their six year terms on the Hope House Board of Directors. They have spent countless hours advocating on our behalf and working to end the cycle of domestic violence. We have cherished our time with them and look forward to our continued work with both of them. Thank you, Karen and Phil, for your tireless efforts and advocacy on behalf of those that we serve every day.

October is also the start of the holiday season! We look forward to the upcoming holidays and being able to celebrate them with our Hope House friends. But most of all, we look forward to helping those we work with create new holiday memories filled with hope, rather than violence.

*~MaryAnne Metheny
CEO, Hope House*

Capital Campaign Update

BUILDING HOPE

The Building Hope capital campaign received great news in mid-September.

The Missouri Housing Development Commission awarded Affordable Housing Assistance Program (AHAP) production tax credits in support of fundraising for the campaign.

Through the AHAP program, donors making a gift of \$500 or more to the campaign can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit equal to 55% of their total gift.

What's more, if the gift is made through the Truman Heartland Community Foundation or the donor's own tax-exempt fund or foundation, a donor can increase the size of their gift to the campaign by approximately 40% by selling the credits.

To qualify for the credits, gifts must be paid in full by April 30, 2010. Donors interested in making a donation to receive these credits should call Nancy at 816.257.9328.

To contribute to Building Hope, go to our website www.hopehouse.net, click on the Donate button, then select Capital Campaign in the Program Designation drop down menu.

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Volunteer Spotlight



Chandler Mongeau

This 10 year old was given money from his grandmother for every "A" he received in school. Rather than spend the money on himself, he decided he wanted to buy items for kids at Hope House!



Santa Claus

Santa wore his Hawaiian shirt and flip flops while he vacationed at Hope House recently. The kids, including MBuso Nkomo (pictured), were thrilled to see Santa so early in the year! Santa is actually Elmer Abbas from Minnesota, where he's an official Santa for the Mall of America.



Alex Kidwell

The 15 year old (on left, pictured here with pal, Ryan McFall) was honored with a proclamation by Lee's Summit's Mayor Karen Messerli for organizing a wiffle ball tournament 2 years in a row to raise money for Hope House.

A 4-Way Partnership that Meets the 4-Way Test

Earlier this summer, the Lee's Summit location was experiencing "technical difficulties" with the main security gate on the campus. The Club Presidents of Lee's Summit Sunrise Rotary Club, Lee's Summit Downtown Rotary Club and The Rotary Club of Lee's Summit conferred with their membership and a 4-way partnership including Hope House was launched to pursue a grant through Rotary District 6040.

Rotarians sold newspapers on Kansas City Day and designated monthly collections in support of the partnership to raise \$833.33 from each Lee's Summit Rotary Club. Those funds were in turn matched with \$1,500 from the District 6040 grant. A new security gate was fully operable starting August 1.

The Rotary 4-Way Test asks "Of the things we think, say or do... Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" This 4-way partnership certainly passed the 4-Way Test with flying colors! Thanks, Rotarians!

Holiday Cards Benefit Hope House



Does your company or business struggle every year to figure out an appropriate holiday gift for your clients?

This season, in lieu of traditional gifts, send a tax deductible gift to Hope House in your clients'

honor, then let them know with Keeper of the Dream holiday cards made especially for the occasion.

To see the whole card plus pricing, visit www.hopehouse.net (look under What's New). For questions or to place your order, contact Leslie at leslie@sovereignhearts.com or 913.642.5777.

Orders must be placed by November 1, 2009 and can be paid by credit card or check.



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- Baby Wipes
- Hair Brushes
- Diapers - size 4 and 5
- Depends - all sizes
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Ethnic hair care products (such as hair relaxer kits and Oil Sheen)

Upcoming Events to Benefit Hope House

Beauty Brands - End Abuse - 9/28 thru 11/1/09

- Stores in Lee's Summit, Independence and South KC
- Purchase Redken's Guts (volumizer) and all proceeds will be donated to Hope House.
- Look for the newest Beauty Brands store opening in Summit Fair in Lee's Summit in early 2010.

Denny's Donation Special - 10/1 thru 11/6/09

- In Independence on 291 Hwy.
- Get 10% off your meal when you bring a donation for Hope House.

Holidays with Hope - 10/29/09 from 6-7:30PM

- Kansas City Rep, Spencer Theatre, UMKC
- The second annual arts / social services collaborative between KC Rep and Hope House is seeking sponsors in support of the partnership, centered around *A Christmas Story: The Musical*. Learn more while enjoying wine, hors d'oeuvres and a backstage tour. Reservation required; contact Diane at 816.257.9327 or dmarty@hopehouse.net.

2nd Annual Howlin' for Hope - 11/1/09 from 3-6PM

- Howl at the Moon, Power & Light District
- This Hope House event features dueling pianos, lots of crowd participation and a live auction. 100% of proceeds benefit our Capital Campaign, *Building Hope*. Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.hopehouse.net and at the door.

Recycling Hope - 11/1 thru 11/30/09

- Locations throughout the Metro
- Recycle iPods, GPS, cell phones, and ink/toner cartridges and Global Re-Source Funding will donate the full buyback value to Hope House.

Dave Cross Keeps Your Motor Runnin' - 11/1 thru 11/30/09

- Lee's Summit location
- Customers will get a FREE lube, oil and filter change if they bring in 10 cans of non-perishable food/goods for Hope House.

Boozefish presents Hope for the Holidays - 11/3 thru 11/24/09

- On Westport Road in Kansas City
- Starting 11/3 Boozefish will be collecting new gift items for the Hope House Holiday Store. Then on 11/24, a portion of proceeds from their signature fall drink, "vin chaud de l'orange", will be donated to Hope House.

Holiday Bazaar - 11/15/09 from 3-7PM

- O'Bryan's Pub & Grill on Woods Chapel Road, Lee's Summit
- Start your holiday shopping early and get gifts you won't find at the mall.

Avon Open House - 11/21/09 from 10AM-7PM

- CL Patterson Community Center, Lee's Summit
- Bring a donation for Hope House and receive 10% off your total purchase. For questions call Nikki Ardolino - 816.204.0671.

Avon Open House - 12/5/09 from 10AM-5PM

- Pavilion East Center, Independence
- Bring a donation for Hope House and receive a FREE gift. For questions call Nikki Ardolino - 816.204.0671.

For more information about these events, visit www.hopehouse.net and click on Events or call Lee at 816.257.9363.