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Hope House News



Twenty five Years of Gratitude

Back in 1982, when plans for the creation of Hope House were being formed, Mr. LuVa Vaughan, an Independence resident, made a gift of \$50,000 over five years to be used for operations.

Although Mr. Vaughan originally provided the gift on the condition of anonymity, he later gave permission for his name to be released in association with the gift.

As we celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we are thrilled to thank Mr. Vaughan publicly for that original major gift. His foresight and generosity truly made Hope House a reality.

Demand for Shelter Increased in 2007

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In 2007, the Kansas City area sheltered 51% more women and children than any other region in the state, surpassing even the St. Louis region by over 68%. The number of women and children in Missouri that were turned away because shelters were full increased by 47% in 2007. The Kansas City area alone turned away 66% more women and children over the prior year.

This staggering data comes from the release of the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) 2007 Member Program Services Statistics. “These numbers are heartbreaking, but they are no surprise,” said Mary Anne Metheny, CEO of Hope House. “Our programs provide services to more and more victims each year, but the level of funding we receive has not kept pace with the needs of women and children in our community.”

Hope House served over 7,400 women and children from October 2006 through September 2007 through our shelter program and crisis hotline, an increase of over 5%.



Although we're located in Eastern Jackson county, Hope House offers services to women and children in need from all over the country. In 2007, shelter was provided for women from as far away as New York, Florida, Washington and California.

Clearly, more resources are needed to enable us to provide safety and support to all domestic violence victims seeking services and a safe place to start a new life free of abuse.

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Greg Graves on Hope House

“Dollar for dollar, how could one argue with a philanthropic investment that teaches a mother how to protect herself and her children?”

On Monday, June 16, the Kansas City Star ran an editorial by Burns & McDonnell CEO Greg Graves about Hope House.

In part, the editorial read: “We are all better served when we work together to make our communities places that will not tolerate mental, emotional and physical abuse and will no longer accept keeping it locked behind closed doors.

“... social service agencies are among the most resourceful in the nonprofit sector. Through its many partnerships, Hope House provides three meals a day, 365 days a year to 104 residents in shelter, at a mere cost of \$17,000 annually. Dollar for dollar, how could one argue with a philanthropic investment that teaches a mother how to protect herself and her children?”

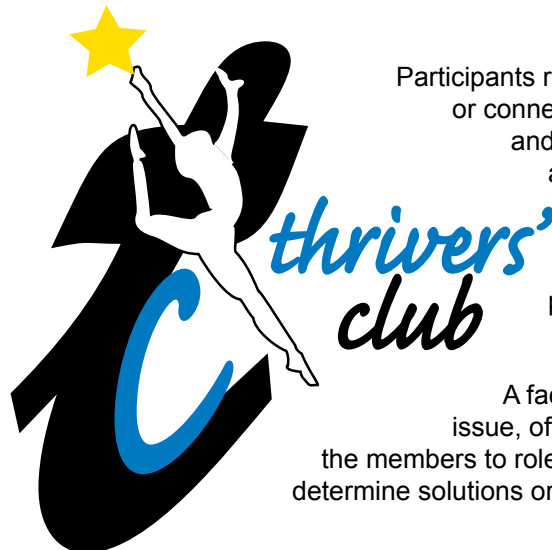
“My wife, Deanna and I ... are proud and honored to serve in 2009 as chairmen of Hope & All That Jazz, a fundraiser to support the annual operations of Hope House.

“It is obvious to us that investment in today’s talent and tomorrow’s future will break the cycle of domestic violence by providing safety, support and hope.”

Surviving and Thriving

“This group helps us to celebrate life again.”

The Thrivers’ Club is an ongoing outreach therapy group for domestic violence survivors who have remained free of their abusive relationships, learned new skills through Hope House’s Survivor Treatment Group and wish to build upon the skills they learned.



Participants receive information and techniques to help them reconnect, or connect for the first time, to themselves in a loving, accepting and nurturing way. Each woman processes events, memories and feelings in front of other women whom she finds to be supportive and non-judgmental and who often share very similar experiences. This format allows her to begin to trust and bond with other women and to form normal, healthy personal and professional relationships with others.

A facilitator helps the individual and the group to process the issue, offers information about the dynamics involved, often invites the members to role play a situation and facilitates the discussion to help clients determine solutions or modes of action to deal with the issue.

The group determined the name “Thrivers’ Club” because they no longer see themselves as victims or merely as survivors of their past violent relationships. The Thrivers’ Club logo was designed by Valerie, who is a group member. “The logo features a woman dancing and reaching for the stars,” said Valerie. “This group helps us to celebrate’ life again.”

Hope House receives AMA Grant

In 2007, Hope House received a grant from the American Medical Association (AMA) Foundation’s Fund for Better Health in support of the BridgeSPAN Program. Hope House was one of 33 organizations from around the country to receive funding.

The grant allowed Hope House to design, purchase, and distribute materials to increase patient and provider awareness of domestic violence in the five area hospitals and clinics served by the BridgeSPAN Program. Some of these materials include patient handbooks, static window clings and RADAR cards, a domestic violence screening tool.

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Let's face the facts...

Fact: Children who witness domestic violence are more likely to exhibit behavioral and physical health problems including depressions, anxiety and violence toward peers.

Children's Services: \$226,651.75

Fact: In 2007, there were 8,013 individuals served through our Court Advocacy programs; 288 families representing 465 children were kept safe through the Guardian Program which provides safe exchange and monitored visits with the non-custodial parent; headlines as recent as March 19, 2008 related to work carried out by the Human Trafficking Rescue Project, coordinated by Hope House.

Outreach Services: \$119,379.84

The numbers in **red** above represent the costs remaining this fiscal year (as of 6/26/08) to maintain current levels of service and quality in each program.

We hope you will consider a contribution to support the daily operations and efforts of Hope House. For your convenience, a gift envelope is provided in this newsletter. Or if you'd be willing to make a recurring gift to Hope House, monthly or yearly pledge billings are available.

For example, if you pledge \$2,400 over 3 years (\$800/year) that breaks down to \$66/month or just over \$2/day. That's less than the cost of a daily latte! To discuss or make such a gift, please contact Diane at 816.257.9327 or dmarty@hopehouse.net.



“A \$2,400 pledge over 3 years costs less than one latte a day!”

Building Hope Update

BUILDING
HOPE

The *Building Hope* Capital Campaign for our Independence shelter is in full swing. *Building Hope* will construct a new, larger Therapy Building, will transform the existing Therapy Building into a Community Partnership Center, and make improvements to the existing Shelter Building, Court and Legal Services Building and Family Services Building.

Two recent major gifts to the campaign from Goppert Foundation and Kansas City Southern Charitable Fund bring our total cash raised to date to \$1,440,126, plus in-kind labor and material contributions totaling \$187,644, for a grand total commitment of \$1,627,770 to date towards our total \$5 million goal.

For more information about *Building Hope*, contact Nancy at 816.257.9328 or nduvall@hopehouse.net.

The Lasting Legacy



One way to provide for the future support of your favorite charity is to include a charitable bequest to the charity in your will or revocable trust. This is easy to arrange working with your professional advisors. It is not payable until death, so it does not affect your assets or cash flow during your lifetime. But if you make your bequest intention known to your designated charity/ies during your lifetime, you can enjoy, along with the charity/ies, the knowledge of your intended future gift in support of their mission!

A bequest can deliver a specific gift ... or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate after taxes, expenses and specific bequests have been paid. A charitable bequest or trust distribution is deductible for federal estate tax purposes, and there is no limit on the deduction your estate can claim. In addition, the gift is usually exempt from state inheritance taxes.

If you have already indicated Hope House to receive a bequest through your estate, kindly let us know...and please make sure that your estate documents contain the full legal name of our agency: Hope House, Inc.

Should you wish to discuss charitable gift planning vehicles to benefit Hope House, kindly contact Diane at 816.257.9327 or dmarty@hopehouse.net to arrange a meeting involving you and your professional advisors. In the event you do not have financial or legal advisors, Hope House works with a number of allied professionals (attorneys as well as financial and gift planning professionals at local banks and community foundations) who we would invite on your behalf to join us in conversation.

Source: <http://www.leavealegacykc.org/buildingyourlegacy/GIFTbequest.asp> Please note that the above language is not intended nor should it be construed as legal or financial advice.

Join us as we celebrate in August!

Saturday, August 23, 2008
at 5:30 PM

A benefit for Hope House

Co-chairs Rachel & Eric Baumgartner
and
Jeanette & Kevin Prenger



Location | Marriott Hotel, 200 West 12th Street, KCMO

Attire | black tie

A special musical performance will start the evening. Along with a few surprises, you'll enjoy a delicious dinner, fabulous dessert presentation, live and silent auction, dancing and live entertainment.

The 2008 Hope & All That Jazz promises a magical night of celebration and hope.

Some of the exciting auction items available:

Helzberg diamond necklace
Tina Turner tickets
Autographed David Cook package
iMac computer
Bang Olufsen Television

Hope & All That Jazz Benefactor Levels and Benefits List

PRINCIPAL UNDERWRITER | \$25,000

- Premium seating and table for ten guests
- Ten invitations to the pre-Jazz cocktail reception
- Five valet parking passes
- Photo in The Independent (post-event)

UNDERWRITER | \$15,000

- Preferred seating and table for ten guests
- Ten invitations to the pre-Jazz cocktail reception
- Five valet parking passes

MAJOR BENEFACTOR | \$10,000

- Priority seating and table for ten guests
- Eight invitations to the pre-Jazz cocktail reception
- Five valet parking passes

BENEFACTOR | \$7,500

- Table for ten guests
- Six invitations to the pre-Jazz cocktail reception
- Two valet parking passes

PATRON | \$5,000

- Table for ten guests
- Four invitations to the pre-Jazz cocktail reception
- Two valet parking passes

MAJOR SPONSOR | \$3,500

- Table for ten guests
- Two invitations to the pre-Jazz cocktail reception
- Two valet parking passes

CORPORATE SPONSOR | \$2,500

- Table for ten guests

INDIVIDUAL TICKET | \$200

Call Libby at 816.257.9334 for more details on sponsorship benefits.

Your sponsorship is tax deductible less \$95 per ticket received.

Nature's Pantry

Nature's Pantry will host Women's Night Out with 98.1 KUDL at the Hilton Garden Inn on Friday, August 22, 2008, at 6 pm. This will be the kick off their 6th Annual Women's Health Fair with vendor booths, chair massages and a live remote with Dan Hurst from 6-8 pm. Proceeds will benefit Hope House.

A unique fashion event benefiting Hope House

Ticket purchase includes appetizers,
fashion show by Bella B's Boutique
and bowling!

Thursday, July 31
At Lucky Strike Lanes
1379 Grand, KCMO
In the Power and Light District

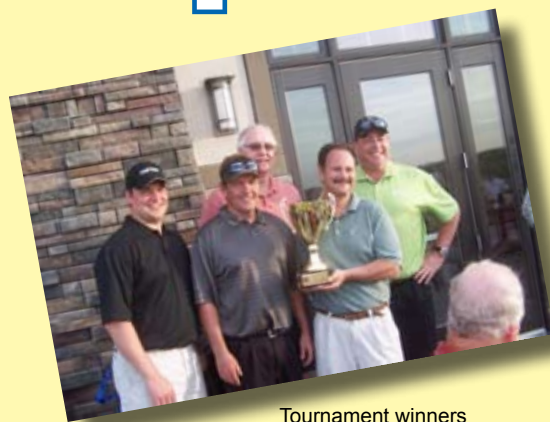
Doors open at 7PM
Fashion Show at 8PM

Get your ticket at
www.fashionforhope.com
or at Bella B's Boutique
6908 W. 135th St., OPKS

Limited number of tickets available at the door.



Hope Takes Flight



Tournament winners from Jorban-Riscoe.



Second place tournament team from DECO Companies

Blue skies and 80° weather set a beautiful scene for the fourth annual *Hope Takes Flight* Celebrity Golf Classic. But the stars of the day were the 140 golfers that turned out at Creekmoor Golf Club to help raise a record-breaking \$60,000 that will help Hope House continue to provide safety, support and hope for victims of domestic violence.

In May, the month of the tournament, Hope House served 118 women and 81 children in our two shelters. At a cost of almost \$700 to house a family of three for one week, your support of our golf tournament is truly life-saving!

Mark your calendars for May, 2009! To reserve your team or sponsorship, call Libby at 816.257.9334.



Program Spotlight: Court Advocacy

“He would unscrew the light bulb on the front porch so he couldn't be seen.”

Bill* was an abuser known to sneak into Julie's* house by unscrewing the light bulb on the front porch so he could not be seen from the street. The police and Hope House court advocates had been called out to Julie's house several times, but Bill would never be there when they arrived. He always seemed to get away, and the stalking and abuse continued.

Advocates and detectives revisited with Julie several times as the incidents and violence escalated. Julie needed a safety plan and was able to devise one with the help of her Hope House advocate.

The plan was brilliant in its simplicity: knowing that Bill always entered the house after unscrewing the porch light, Julie would now keep the porch light on at all times. If at any time the light was off, Julie's neighbor was to call the police.

Within 24 hours, the neighbor noticed that the porch light was off. She immediately called 911. When the police arrived, they caught Bill breaking in through a basement window, armed with a loaded gun.

The safety plan that Julie and her advocate had devised saved her life... and the lives of her children who were in the house with her at the time!

Hope House Court Advocates work with Eastern Jackson County police departments and attempt to contact victims within 24 hours of receiving a police report. They are also present in court during protection order hearings to guide victims through the process and provide moral support.

The Court Advocates educate victims about the dynamics of battering relationships, discuss the services available at Hope House, explain the procedures for obtaining *ex parte* Orders of Protection, as well as work with the Domestic Violence Investigator to target persistent offenders. They also provide domestic violence trainings and awareness materials for law enforcement, court personnel and members of the judiciary.

To inquire about volunteering as a court advocate, please call Gretchen at 816.257.9342.

*Names have been changed

A Giving Heart



Ryan McFall (left) and Alex Kidwell (center) hand Diane Marty (right) of Hope House a huge wad of cash.

Saturday, May 31 was a day of storms. Blue Springs was hit by golf ball-sized hail that day. But in Lee's Summit, the sun shined for teens Alex Kidwell, his friends, Ryan McFall and Zach Stone, and nine teams of wiffleball players.

The Wiffle 4 Hope Wiffleball Tournament was Alex's idea. He'd visited Hope House with his father to deliver quilts made by their church during the December holidays. Through that brief

visit, Alex decided he wanted to help women and children rebuild their lives free of abuse.

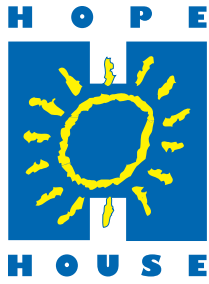
Alex designed the Wiffle 4 Hope logo and team application form. With the help of his friends, he drafted the rules, recruited the teams and umpires, designed the scoreboard, laid the chalk lines and kept track of teams and registration money that came in. Alex convinced his parents, Charlie and Julie, to host the tournament in their Lee's Summit backyard and provide a cook out dinner for all the players.

By tournament's end, the 14-year old incoming Lee's Summit North freshman and his friends had raised \$265 for Hope House. We are filled with gratitude, and frankly, amazement at the hard work, organization and caring of this determined young man.

Alex shows us all that a giving heart can be developed at any age. His gift has already provided safety, support and hope to our clients, and his actions should make us all ask ourselves: "Have I given of my time and talents lately?"



The Wiffle 4 Hope logo was created by Alex.



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Urgent Needs:

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- Hair relaxer kits

- Oil Sheen

- African Pride Hair Grease

- Pink Oil Hair Moisturizer

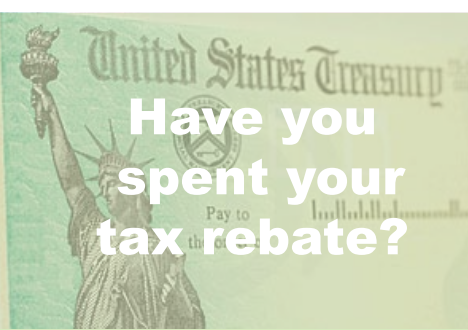


Best of the Best is the 2008 annual celebration of fall fashion at Halls on the Country Club Plaza. This year, Hope House is the selected charity beneficiary of an annual shopping night, which will occur **Wednesday, September 24 from 6-9 PM.**

The private event will be catered by Lon Lane and feature prizes from *Best of the Best* sponsors as well as a chance to bid on three pairs of tickets to the Tina Turner concerts at the Sprint Center. Hope House will receive 10% of sales transacted that evening and those proceeds will benefit the capital campaign, *Building Hope*.

As an extra bonus, Hall's has agreed to expand the shopping days available to benefit Hope House from Saturday, September 20 through Thursday, September 25. Shoppers should simply stop by Customer Service before shopping and indicate they'd like their purchases to count toward the Hope House event.

Call Nancy Duvall at 816.257.9328 to reserve a spot for you and your guest[s].



**Have you
spent your
tax rebate?**

Millions of Americans have already received their tax rebate checks that ranged from \$300 to \$1,200 or more.

For some, the rebate check was an unexpected windfall that could make a difference to a charitable cause. If you received a tax rebate check, carefully consider your personal needs first. Then, if you are in a position to do so, we hope you will consider making a gift to Hope House.