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25th Anniversary Kick-Off Party A Big Success!

Over 100 well-wishers gathered on a gusty, cold January 25th in the lobby of the Pharaoh Cinema in downtown Independence. Inside, the warmth of hope was apparent as Mary Anne Metheny, Hope House CEO, welcomed everyone to the 25th Anniversary Kick-Off Party.

The agenda for the afternoon included welcoming old friends who were part of the founding of the agency - including former Mayor of Independence Barbara Potts and founding board member Lysle Weeks – as well as making new friends through the community-based event.

Attendees were treated to a delicious barbecue luncheon donated and served by nearby Ophelia's on the Square.

Board Member Deanna Graves (white sweater) arrives at the festivities.

Barbara Potts addresses the crowd.

Rep. Gary Dusenberg, Rep. Brian Yates, Mary Anne Metheny, Minority Leader Paul LeVota and Senator Victor Callahan pause for a photo with the proclamation.

Current and former Board members, Advisory Board members and law enforcement from Lee's Summit and Independence cut the ribbon to launch the day's program.

Speakers included Barbara Potts whose May 1982 correspondence to concerned citizens catalyzed the committee that would go on to secure a donated location, financial contributions and hire the first staff in order to create Hope House in a mere six months' time.

Missouri House Minority Leader Paul LeVota presented a proclamation to Hope House honoring the work of the agency and the celebratory year on behalf of himself and the other legislators in attendance: Representative Gary Dusenberg, Representative Brian Yates and Senator Victor Callahan.

Mary Anne Metheny and 25th Anniversary Committee Chairwoman Kerry Oliver

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25th Anniversary Kick-Off Party

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The next speaker was former Board member and Chairwoman of the 25th Anniversary Committee, Kerry Oliver. Kerry drew attention to the hallway where ordinary objects were displayed in vignettes. "Working as we do in this field as staff, volunteers, donors and advocates, one of the most oft-asked questions about domestic violence is this: Why doesn't she leave?

"The answer to that is she doesn't leave because home, although it may not be where she *is* safe, it's where she *feels* safe. Within the vignettes, there are 25 different objects representing those things that make a house feel like a home. Things that make you happy to be in your own space at the end of the day. Things that take immense courage and stamina to leave behind. Think about your kids. Their sports uniforms. Their toys. Your cherished photos. I invite you to close your eyes and think about 25 items in your own home that it would break your heart to leave behind.

"And then open your eyes. And help us celebrate the courage, the stamina, the heart and the hope that it takes for her to leave. Why doesn't she leave? Because it's simply not that simple. But when she does leave, there is safety. There is support. And there is hope. Because of Hope House."

The celebration was a success (net proceeds from the event totaled nearly $3,000 from the luncheon crowd). Having looked back on the past 25 years, we now look ahead to what the next quarter century holds for Hope House.

Vignettes displayed ordinary objects representing 25 things that make a house a home.

A Thrifty Partnership

Hope House is excited to announce a new partnership with Bargainhaus LLC! Beginning May 1, Bargainhaus LLC, owner and operator of thrift stores throughout the state, will collect donated items on behalf of Hope House to sell in their thrift stores. Hope House will receive a monthly remittance resulting from the sale of donated items. Bargainhaus will continue to solicit from their existing database of donors, but will welcome new donors as well.

This partnership will result in a guaranteed annual compensation exceeding $100,000 in support of Hope House programs and operations!

Items donated to Hope House that cannot be stored, utilized or otherwise placed directly with a client will be donated to Bargainhaus for sale at four designated stores, including locations in Independence and Lee's Summit. Through this partnership, donations received at Hope House that can not be used for the immediate benefit of our clients will be sent to Bargainhaus. Rest assured that your in-kind donation will still positively affect our clients through the monthly remittance we will receive from Bargainhaus.

Hope House will still accept donations at either of our locations from 9AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. If you call prior to delivering your in-kind donation, we can verify if we are in need of the donation for use onsite. If we do not have an immediate need, you can call Bargainhaus at 816-554-0870 to arrange for a pick up from your home to the thrift store site.

Starting May 1st, watch for the collection vehicles with Hope House emblazoned on their sides!

Correction to Winter 2008 Hope House News Article

Regarding the cover article of the Winter 2008 Hope House News ("Celebrating 25 Years!"), please note the following correction:

We erroneously reported that the first Hope House location was donated by "an anonymous benefactor". In fact, the RLDS Church (now Community of Christ Church) generously donated the first and second houses that were used as Hope House shelters, in addition to the land for the current Lee's Summit and Independence campuses.

We regret our oversight and are pleased to correct this information for posterity.

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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 depression, anxiety and violence toward peers. *$226,651.75*

Fact: According to the latest National Census of Domestic Violence Services, there were 2,116 victims served in Missouri in a 24-hour time period study on September 25, 2007. There were also 375 unmet requests for services on that same day. *$160,796.71*

The figures in red represent the costs remaining this fiscal year to maintain current levels of service and quality in our Children's Services and Shelter programs. And these are only two of the many programs Hope House makes available to victims of domestic violence. Although the most common and direct way for you to help is through a monetary donation, there are all kinds of creative (and easy!) ways that you can make a positive impact on the lives of families we help as you go through your everyday life!

1 **iGive -** Shop online at over 680 brand name stores and a portion of each purchase will be donated to Hope House. It couldn't be easier. Sign up at ***www.igive.com*** and choose Hope House (Lee's Summit, MO).

Unlike some donation sites that make you shop only through their site, iGive lets you download an "iGive shopping window". When you visit a site that's an iGive partner, the iGive shopping window pops up and lets you know that Hope House will given a percentage of your purchase automatically! So shop til you drop... all for a good cause.

2 **Cell phone and inkjet cartridge recycling -** Your old cell phone and inkjet cartridges can mean green for Hope House. Bring us your old phones and batteries, and non-damaged Hewlett Packard (HP), Dell and Lexmark inkjet cartridges. We'll forward them to Shelter Alliance who has paid us over $23,000 since 2002!

3 **eBay Giving Works -** Sell your merchandise while supporting your favorite cause: Hope House! Create a seller listing, choose Hope House as your cause and choose a percentage of your sales that will benefit our programs. Find out more at ***http://pages.ebay.com/givingworks/***.

4 **Good Search -** Searching the internet can help raise funds for Hope House! Go to ***www.goodsearch.com*** and choose Hope House (Lee's Summit, MO). Then click on "Add GoodSearch to your IE, Firefox, or Mac toolbar". The next time you need to search, click on the Good Search icon and we'll receive funds for every search!

5 **Midwest Airlines Miracle Miles Program -** Donate your frequent flyer miles to the program and specify Hope House as the recipient. For single donations of 5,000 miles or more, Midwest will match one mile for every three you donate! Each roundtrip ticket requires 25,000 donated miles in the Hope House account. Tickets can be used for client relocation or fundraising travel in support of our agency (e.g. to visit out of town foundations for major Challenge Grants).

To donate your miles online, visit ***www.midwestairlines.com*** and click "Midwest Miles," "Use Your Miles," then "Donate Miles." Or contact a Miracle Miles representative at 414-570-4118.

Of course, you can always make a donation directly to Hope House by visiting our website at ***www.hopehouse.net*** and clicking on the "Ways To Give" tab.

Monday, May 19, 2008

Creekmore Golf Club
1112 E. 163rd Street
Raymore, Missouri 64083

Host of the 2008 U.S. Open Qualifier

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - Registration & Lunch
1 PM - Shotgun Start
After Golf - Cocktail Party, Awards & Auction

Cocktail Party Sponsor: $5,000
Foursome with a celebrity of choice • Recognition on all printed materials • Banner at the tournament • Opportunity to speak at the cocktail party • Insertion of promotional materials in gift bag • Recognition on the Hope House website

Golf Cart Sponsor: $5,000 (Thanks to Siemens!)
Foursome with a celebrity • Signage on all 60 golf carts • Recognition on all printed materials • Recognition on the Hope House website

Gift Bag Sponsor: $3,500
Foursome with a celebrity • Recognition on all printed materials • Logo on tournament gift bag • Insertion of printed materials in gift bag Recognition on the Hope House website

Beverage Cart Sponsor: $3,000 (Thanks to MC Realty!)
Foursome with a celebrity • Signage on all beverage carts • Recognition on all printed materials • Recognition on the Hope House website

Lunch Sponsor: $3,000 (Thanks to AT Abatement!)
Foursome with a celebrity • Your logo on lunch bags • Recognition on all printed materials • Recognition on the Hope House website

Fairway Food Sponsor: $1,500 (2 sponsorships available)
Signage on food table on the course

Yes!! I want to participate as Hope Takes Flight on May 19 at Creekmoor! Please reserve the following:

☐ Cocktail Party Sponsor ($5,000) ☐ Golf Cart Sponsor ($5,000) ☐ Gift Bag Sponsor ($3,500)
☐ Beverage Cart Sponsor ($3,000) ☐ Lunch Sponsor ($3,000) ☐ Fairway Food Sponsor ($1,500)

☐ Please reserve _____ foursomes, including a hole sponsorship with my company's signage @ $1,500 each, for a total commitment of $_____. (Celebrities will be assigned to teams on a first-reserved, first-assigned basis, with priority to the foursome + hole sponsors.)

☐ Please reserve _____ foursomes @ $1,200 each, for a total commitment of $_____.

☐ I/we cannot attend, but would like to donate $_____ to this year's event.

Payment Information:

☐ Enclosed check in the amount of $_____ payable to Hope House.

☐ Please charge reservations or donation to my credit card (circle one): Visa MC Amex Discover Expiration Date _____

Card # _____

Signature:_____

Name:_____ Name to be published: _____

Address:_____ City, State, Zip_____

Email:_____

Please complete this form and send with billing information or remittance to: Hope House, Attn: Libby Connor, PO Box 577, Lee's Summit, MO 64063.
For questions or information on sponsorships, please call Libby at 816.257.9334.

Give the Gift of Hope this Mother's Day

Celebrate someone special… and make a difference in the lives of families affected by domestic violence!

Mother ♥ Wife ♥ Daughter ♥ Grandmother
Granddaughter ♥ Sister ♥ Aunt ♥ Niece ♥ Friend

Make a tax deductible gift to Hope House in her honor.
For each $30 donation, Hope House will send a personalized Mother's Day card to that special woman in your life. Your gift will touch her heart and provide peace and healing to the women and children helped by Hope House as they escape the cycle of domestic violence.

➤ *Order Form* ➤

Please print legibly. Make additional copies or attach additional requests as necessary.

(1) Please send a card ❑ in honor of or ❑ in memory of:

Recipient's name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Sender's name: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone #: _____

❑ Please send this card with the pre-printed message: "To a woman who inspires hope and joy in others. In celebration of this special day, (donor's name) made a contribution to Hope House in your honor. Happy Mother's Day!"

❑ Please use my personalized message: _____

_____

_____

(2) Payment information:

❑ My tax-deductible gift(s) of $_____ is/are enclosed. (Please make checks payable to Hope House.)

❑ Charge my gift of $_____ to my credit card (circle one): Visa MC Amex Discover

Card #: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

❑ Please contact me about other ways to support Hope House.

Please complete this form and return it to:

Hope House, Attn: Gretchen Hicks, PO Box 577, Lee's Summit, MO 64063 or fax to 816.257.9350
by Wednesday, May 7, 2008 to ensure on-time delivery.

For more information, please contact Gretchen at 816.257.9342 or email ghicks@hopehouse.net.

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KEARNEY, MO
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Urgent Needs:

Ethnic hair care products (perm kits and hair gel)

Twin mattress pads

Children's swim suits

Fresh fruit & vegetables

Legislative Update

New city ordinance promotes accountability

The City of Grain Valley has implemented a new city ordinance for a violation of an order of protection. Grain Valley joins a growing list of cities with similar ordinances: Lee's Summit, Raytown, Independence and Grandview.

In days past, if someone violated an order of protection, charges had to be filed by the State. If the State declined to file charges, the case ended there. This allowed the order to be violated with no consequences. The new ordinance allows the City to pursue the charges if the State chooses to decline.

Typically, a violation of an order of protection starts out small, like phone calls. But when the violation continues with no accountability, escalating violence is the usual result.

Hope House always encourages our clients with orders of protection to report violations to the police. With new ordinances like this in place, our clients can feel more comfortable knowing that their order of protection will be enforced.

Our hope is that our clients' rights will continue to be supported through grassroots changes in our local communities.

SPOTLIGHT ON HOPE:

A Collaboration between Kansas City Repertory Theatre and Hope House

The powerful underlying theme of the Rep's production of *Gee's Bend* (March 28 - April 27, 2008) provided an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of domestic violence issues. And thus was created a unique collaboration between the arts and social service, between Hope House and the Rep.

For the education, awareness and life-saving empowerment provided through this collaborative effort, we'd like to thank the following for their generosity of heart and resources:

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To express your interest in knowing about or supporting future charitable partnerships, please contact Diane Marty at 816.257.9327.

Ed Russell Memorial Sunrise Rotary Golf Classic

Benefitting Hope House & Hillcrest Transitional Housing

Tuesday, June 10, 2008
at Drumm Farm Golf Club

7 a.m. Registration / 8 a.m. Shotgun Start

For tournament information, contact
Richard Powell at 816.510.0803.