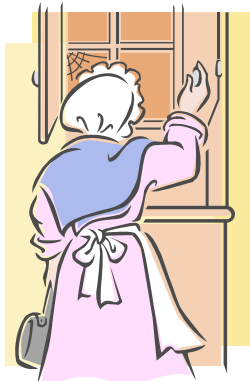


# Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center

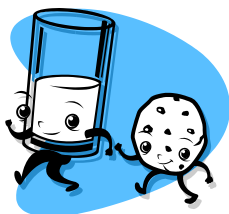
January 2011 Newsletter

## Restocking Mother Hubbard's Cupboard



Winter has arrived and with it comes the need for stocking up on warm, comforting foods. Safe Harbor needs to restock our food pantry. Our inventory is low, but requests are increasing. Therefore, we are requesting donations in the form of canned meats (aka tuna, chicken and ham), canned dinners (spaghetti rings and ravioli), soups, creamed soups and canned fruits. Additional items also include: *Tuna Helper* (and other varieties), *Betty Crocker Complete Meals*, cereals (both cold and hot versions), peanut butter, jelly, crackers, boxed potatoes, baked beans and baking mixes. We also need laundry soap, dish soap, baby hygiene products and feminine products. There is also a desperate need for diapers, baby wipes, toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Donations can be dropped off at 1188 West Main Street between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Everyone at Safe Harbor appreciates your support.

## Healthy Snacks for Healing Hearts



In the past, Danner's Bakery donated donuts to Safe Harbor for our Children's Support Group. Since Danner's has scaled down its business, our Children's Advocate has been trying to bring in healthier snacks for support group. However, a very tight budget has made obtaining snacks difficult. As a result, Safe Harbor is requesting donations of non-perishable snacks for our Children's Support Group. Examples could be microwave popcorn, crackers, *Easy Mac*, flavored rice cakes, individual applesauce (or other fruit) cups, granola bars, fruit snacks and trail mix. Don't have time to shop? Monetary donation and gift certificates to local grocery stores would also be appreciated. Thank you for your support.

## Calling All Cell Phones



Deactivated cell phones, utilized as 9-1-1 phones, are a vital service for Safe Harbor clients. They increase safety as well as peace of mind. Upon request, they are given free-of-charge to clients. However, our inventory fluctuates on a daily basis. Therefore, we are putting an "all-point bulletin" out for used cell phones.

Safe Harbor accepts all types of used cell phones. We do ask that, if at all possible, the chargers be included. This way they can be kept fully charged and ready to go. Moreover, we even accept broken and analog cell phones!

We do request that donated cell phones be brought into Safe Harbor during office hours of Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For all of those who donate cell phones to Safe Harbor, thank you. It is appreciated.

## You Made a Difference This Christmas!



Domestic violence victims are often forced to flee an abusive relationship with little means to support themselves and their children. Managing to pay for Christmas presents and a holiday dinner is often times impossible for them. However, with the help of compassionate community members, Safe Harbor was able to provide 212 children with Christmas presents and over 20 families with Christmas dinner.

The staff at Safe Harbor would like to thank all the generous individuals, organizations and businesses that donated toys, clothing, food, coats, hats, mittens and other items to Safe Harbor during this holiday season. Those contributions are greatly appreciated.

## Safe Harbor's Annual Christmas Party



On December 14<sup>th</sup>, Safe Harbor staff, clients and their children gathered at Lake Storey Pavilion for the annual Christmas Party. Over 20 clients and 23 children enjoyed refreshments, crafts, and activities before the greatly anticipated arrival of Santa! After whispering their Christmas wishes, each child and their family had their pictures taken with Santa and Cecil the Reindeer. While waiting for their turn with the man-in-red, children were given the opportunity to “shop” for their mothers in another part of the Pavilion. Throughout the evening, refreshments were available courtesy

of Safe Harbor's Board of Directors.

## Safe Harbor's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Take Back the Night Rally

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, Safe Harbor staff hosted our seventeenth annual Take Back the Night rally. As always, it was open to members of the public, and those that attended were invited to speak about their own experiences concerning domestic violence. The theme was “There's No Place Like a Safe Home,” a take on *The Wizard of Oz*. Throughout the evening, staff and volunteers put on a skit that mirrored the movie, *The Wizard of Oz*. The evening's event also included speeches from Representative Don Moffitt and Pat O'Brien from Congressman Phil Hare's office, a presentation from a professional theatre group, personal exhibits from victims and speak-outs from members of the audience. A donation from Farmland allowed us to offer free food and refreshments at the beginning of the event.



**Upper Left:** Representative Don Moffitt spoke with rally goers before his speech.

**Upper Middle:** Pat O'Brien from Phil Hare's office spoke to the audience during the rally.

**Upper Right:** Julie lead the staff and volunteers in presenting the first part of the skit.

**Lower Left:** A member of the professional theatre group performed an instrumental number for the audience.

**Lower Right:** The cast began to wrap-up the last act of the skit.

## Purple Hanger News



The Purple Hanger has moved! We are now located at 367 East Tompkins Street in Galesburg. The new store is just down the street from the train depot and around the corner from all the shops on Seminary Street. Our new location offers three times the space, which means more of our inventory is now on display. There are separate rooms for young children, teens, knick-knacks and books. The front area is set aside for women and men's clothing. Knick-knacks, household items, specialty clothing and even the new clearance racks can be found in the back room. Parking is available

beside our shop and along the street.



**Upper Left:** The Purple Hanger's new main lobby area. **Upper Middle:** The Women/Men's clothing area.

**Upper Right:** A view of the new teen room. **Lower Left:** Our new children's room.

**Lower Middle:** The front corner of the book room. **Lower Right:** Part of our new knick-knack room.

The process of moving was very fast. We began packing and moving items from the upper rooms during the week of December 6<sup>th</sup>. On December 11<sup>th</sup> the Purple Hanger closed in order to move the bulk of our inventory to the new location. Then on December 13<sup>th</sup> we opened at the new location. We were very fortunate to obtain the services of the Knox College Wrestling Team, members of the Oak Run Community and several individuals. Their assistance made the move easier and quicker. Their support and assistance was greatly appreciated.

Although we do not yet have an after-hours donation box at our new location, we still gratefully accept donations of clothing, shoes, coats, purses, books, movies, music, small household appliances, knick-knacks, seasonal items and games. Donations can be made during business hours at the Purple Hanger as well as at our administrative offices at 1188 West Main Street.

Finally, the Purple Hanger will be having its grand reopening on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Please come in and celebrate our new space and find some great winter deals! Until then, if you are looking for something specific or just want to spend a pleasant time browsing, we are still open Monday through Friday from 10:00am until 5:00pm and 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturdays. We look forward to seeing you at the Purple Hanger's new location! All proceeds directly benefit Safe Harbor, and donations given to the Purple Hanger are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## Fall Fundraiser Update



This was the best year yet for Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center's Fall Fundraiser. We broke last year's record on silent auction items. There were also more people in attendance than ever before. It took place on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion. We switched things up and changed the theme from Halloween to "Look Behind the Mask". The room was decorated with a nod to the play, *The Phantom of the Opera*. Tables were placed along the side and back walls for silent auction items. Over a hundred themed baskets kept event-goers busy throughout the evening, including auto care kits, *Callaway* golf clubs, an all holiday children's gift set, amusement park stays, a Keurig coffee pot, two beautiful Christmas wreaths, handmade wooden cutting boards and autographed Paula Deen cookbooks. Another popular bidding war surrounded our raffle prize, an *Apple iPad*. Attendees listened to live music by the band, *No Reason*, while they enjoyed pizza, calzones, flatbread, breadsticks and dessert courtesy of *The Cellar*.

It was a very successful event that has energized staff and board to make the next fall fundraiser even better!



## You Can Now Find Safe Harbor On The Web!



That's right! Our address is [www.safeharbordv.org](http://www.safeharbordv.org). We invite you to log on and take a look around the site. We are continually posting events, newsletters and pictures. Existing information is also updated on a regular basis. For quick access, you might want to consider putting it on your favorite's list so you are just a click away!