

SAFE HARBOR FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

JULY 2010 NEWSLETTER

SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS AT THE HARBOR!

As a way to celebrate the return of warmer weather, Safe Harbor planned two parties to coincide with Memorial Day and the 4th of July holidays. It was a chance for staff and clients to interact in a fun and festive atmosphere.

The first party was on Tuesday, May 25th. Safe Harbor staff and clients gathered outside for a cookout. After enjoying a meal of grilled hotdogs, Mac-n-Cheese, baked beans, and punch, everyone present gathered on the lawn for a round of games and activities.

On Tuesday, June 29th, we celebrated the upcoming 4th of July holiday. Again staff and clients began the festive night with a wonderful grilled meal. It ended with a water balloon activity that the kids loved.

RECOGNIZING A VOLUNTEER



On May 26th, one of Safe Harbor's volunteers was honored at the annual Knox County Human Service Council's Volunteer Recognition Party. This year, Safe Harbor chose Amy to be recognized.

Amy donates her time free-of-charge cutting hair for Safe Harbor's clients. Her gift of time and support is very much appreciated by everyone here at Safe Harbor. Congratulations Amy!

SAVE THE DATE!

Safe Harbor would like to remind our supporters of three major events that will be occurring in the near future.

On Sunday, July 25th, The Corral will be hosting the 12th Annual People Against Domestic Violence Charity Golf Outing. The event begins at 8:00 am at the Oak Run Golf Course. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Anyone interested in signing up can do so before Saturday, July 24th at the Corral on Grand Avenue in Galesburg.

On Thursday, October 14th, Safe Harbor invites members of community to our annual Take Back the Night Rally. This year's event will be held at 5:00 pm at the Lake Storey Pavilion. The theme is "There's No Place Like a Safe Home based on The Wizard of Oz. Food will be available to purchase throughout the event.

On Saturday, November 6th, Safe Harbor will be hosting our annual Fall Fundraiser. It begins at 7:00 pm and will be held at the American Legion in Galesburg. Food will be catered by The Cellar, and there will be a live band and a silent auction. Tickets can be purchased before the event at Safe Harbor located at 1188 West Main Street. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY!



Thanks to a generous donation by the Galesburg Kiwanis Club, Safe Harbor has been able to revamp our Children's playroom. We were able to purchase new toys, replace old and broken toys, and update our DVD collection. The staff at Safe Harbor wishes to thank the members of the Galesburg Kiwanis Club for this kind donation as well as their continuing support of our agency.

GET READY! SCHOOL DAYS ARE AROUND THE CORNER

Safe Harbor needs your help. We are requesting school supply donations for the upcoming academic year. In order to meet the needs of our client's children, Safe Harbor needs pencils, pens, highlighters, notebooks, loose-leaf paper, folders, glue, glue sticks, scissors, crayons, markers, colored pencils, calculators, backpacks, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, and containers to hold supplies.

We appreciate all donations and thank those who are able to assist in this school drive.



MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUPBOARD NEEDS SOME HELP

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 (aka spaghetti rings and ravioli), soups, and canned fruit. Additional items also include: Tuna and Chicken Helpers, Betty Crocker Complete Meals, cereals (both cold and hot varieties), peanut butter, jelly, and crackers. We also need laundry soap, dish soap, diapers, baby wipes, baby hygiene products, and feminine products.

PLANT SALE UPDATE

April and May 2010 marked Safe Harbor's eighteenth annual Plant Sale fundraiser. We were very fortunate and excited that the day of plant pickup was a bright, sunny day! As customers arrived for their pre-ordered items, they took the opportunity to browse through the extras and purchase such colorful plants as Snapdragons, Celosias, Pansies, Coleuses, and Persian Shields. Passersby stopped and purchased many of the extras as well. It was a busy day that made for a profitable fundraiser.

As a result, staff and board members of Safe Harbor wish to thank the community for making the 2010 plant sale such a success. As always, the proceeds from the fundraiser will help Safe Harbor serve the residents of Knox County.

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 our clients. However, our inventory fluctuates on a daily basis. Therefore, we are putting an **“all-points 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 the front office 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.



PURPLE HANGER NEWS



Looking for great summer deals? Our inventory is growing, but it does change daily, so come in and beat the heat with daily specials at the Purple Hanger!

If you are looking for a great pair of sandals or flip flops for the beach, come in on Mondays when shoes are only \$1.00 a pair. Want to update your summer wardrobe with a purse? You can for just a \$1.00 on Tuesdays, as well as 10% off your total purchase. Bring the kids along on Wednesdays for a double treat. Children’s books and stuffed animals are buy one get one free. Need something for the house? Come by on Thursdays for 50% off household items. Whether you’re looking to update your style or expand your summer outfits, make it a point to stop by on Fridays and Saturdays. Adult clothing is \$1.00 an item.

If you are looking for something specific or just want to spend a pleasant time browsing, we are open Monday through Friday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm and 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturdays. We look forward to seeing you at the Purple Hanger!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Galesburg Fire Department wishes to announce a new program for city residents. They have received a grant that would allow homes to obtain up to three free smoke detectors. Each detector would be installed by the Fire Department. The detectors are tamper-proof and contain batteries good for ten years. Those receiving the detectors must have a child five years of age and younger or be seventy-five years of age and older. Recipients must also live in the city of Galesburg. If you have any questions, please call 309/345-3756 and ask for Carol.

YOU CAN NOW FIND SAFE HARBOR ON THE WEB!

That’s right! Safe Harbor Family Crisis Center has a website: www.safeharbordv.org. Log on today and take a look! We are continually posting events, newsletters, and pictures, as well as updating existing information on the site. For quick access, you might want to consider putting it on your favorite’s listing so you are just a click away!