



Safe Harbor  
of Northeast Kentucky

# The Anchor Newsletter

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## Shop and Share 2026

*Shop and Share is organized by the First Lady's Office and Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence to support domestic violence shelters across the state. The event was initiated by former First Lady Jane Beshear. Locally, Shop and Share was held at the Ashland and Cannonsburg Walmart stores and Food City in Louisa, Food Fair Ashland, Food Fair Greenup, and Penningtons Food Fair Flatwoods. Every item collected at our local stores helps survivors at Safe Harbor. Shop & Share is a big day for our organization with lots of community and volunteer support to make it possible! The support and items we received the day of the event will help stock our shelter supplies for almost a year and help provide basic needs for the shelter's families. This years event brought in over \$4,000 worth of needed items and monetary donations. If you are interested in volunteering for future events, contact us at 606-329-9304.*

**SHOP & SHARE**  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

SHOP for what you need & SHARE some items with your local domestic violence program, Safe Harbor.

[zerov.org/shopandshare](http://zerov.org/shopandshare)

SAFE HARBOR of Northeast Kentucky



A new year always brings me time to think about the goals that I want to achieve for the next year. Some years are more challenging than others. This one may be that kind of year. When we look at the statistics for domestic violence, we see that Kentucky leads the nation in violence in the home and intimate partner relationships. So, when we look at how we are going to address this dilemma, it always comes down to dollars and cents. Our crisis revolves around a lot of moving parts.



Kentucky has led the nation in children removed from the home because of:

- a. Domestic violence
- b. Drugs/substance abuse

What complicates this dilemma is that we have removed and separated families that then lose the support system that holds families together. We know that when they lose their homes, love, and support from family we break down the backbone of the family. We know that the effects on the family are mental health issues, which lead to substance abuse, that leads to lack of education, jobs, and many jail sentences.

In order to address this dilemma, we have to have in place something that replicates the family support system. That would be Safe Harbor and all the other fourteen domestic violence programs across the state. We know that our wrap around services save lives. We know that providing an atmosphere of safety and security promotes wellbeing and trust. We know that investments in our people is an investment in our community.

There are no other programs in the state that offer this holistic opportunity for our most at risk families. We offer shelter, food, clothes, transportation, education, access to healthcare and mental healthcare, access to jobs, the justice system, and safe housing. These services encompass the whole family. We wrap our arms around them like our families do for us when we are in need. We are accessible 24/7 just like our families.

So, this investment is the only way we can change the dynamics for those families who are victims of violence. We know that this formula works. We know that this formula changes lives. We know that giving people an opportunity empowers people to achieve their goals for their futures.

So, as I make my goals for Safe Harbor, I do it with the intent to sell our story to the state of Kentucky, to the legislature, to our grantors, to our community partners, and to our staff that provide this life-changing, saving services.

People ask me all the time, how can I help? Help us tell our stories of success. Help us with donations of all kinds. Help us with food, transportation, your life skills, your compassion. Your goals will then become my goals, will become their goals. You will be the answer to prayers that can only come with the power of this community. All of us on the same page, lifting all of us up in love and charity for all.

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*Please join us  
in celebrating Safe Harbor's 15th  
annual, 1,000 Women  
(and Men) Campaign and  
Cornerstone Awards  
Luncheon on  
Thursday, March 26th, Noon,  
at Bellefonte  
Country Club*

Safe Harbor's 15th annual

**Cornerstone Awards**

will be presented to honor individuals and groups that have played pivotal roles in helping Safe Harbor continue to meet the growing need for services to assist victims of domestic violence.

**Cornerstone recipients include:**

- Governor Andy Beshear
- Tina Mussetter
- Ashland First Christian Church
- Send Relief
- Raceland First Assembly Church
- Father Andy Garner/Holy Family Church

*Tickets are \$50 per person. Sponsorships are available.  
Call Linda Day 606-329-9304 or email lday@safeharborky.org  
for tickets or more information.*



*Thank you to Amanda O'Dell, Sheena Cureton, and Bubbles and Sweets for doing Mary Kay Makeovers for our clients for Valentine's Day!*



*We'd like to introduce our new shelter puppy, Buddy! We are so happy he is here to help our clients.*



*Pictured above is Baird Financial doing a financial literacy class for our clients.*

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Domestic violence services are funded, in whole or in part, from federal and state funds provided by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services through a contract with the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association.

**If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, call  
1-800-926-2150 or (606) 329-9304**

# Thanks to our wonderful donors!

**During the past several months, the following donors, organizations, and businesses generously contributed to Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky:**

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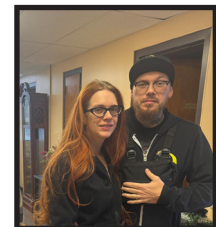
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*Pictured above is Curtis Datson and Child Support Office who donated toys for Christmas.*



*Pictured above is Pam Nelson presenting a donation check from First Christian Church.*



*Pictured above is Midnight Society Tattoos who donated toys for Christmas.*



*Pictured above is volunteers from the Book Depot who donated toys for our children.*



*Pictured above is Lawrence County Recovery Center who donated toys for Christmas.*

## Mission Statement:

**Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky is dedicated to eliminating domestic violence through prevention, education and intervention.**

# Christmas at Safe Harbor

All of the families at Safe Harbor, especially the children had a wonderful Christmas this year because of the support from our community. The members of Raceland First Assembly of God donated a special Christmas dinner for our families, gifts for our children and for the survivors. We also celebrated with our annual Christmas party and luncheon for the families we serve where Santa, the Grinch and Miss Universe Equador came for a visit.

Our community continues to show that they are here and they support survivors of domestic violence and intimate partner abuse. We are extremely thankful for the businesses and individuals, who offer this support through hosting a toy drive, bringing in donations, and those that adopt a family through the CAREs Giving Tree. With the toy donations we receive the staff sets up a Santa workshop for the survivors to have an opportunity to shop for their children and get what they need. It is because of our gracious donors that we have been able to assist our survivors in providing Christmas for their children.



Thanks to Mark Hogge and family for playing Santa, Mrs. Claus and Elf for our children during our Christmas luncheon.



Thanks to the Grinch for showing up for our Christmas Luncheon.



## Valentine's Day



Pictured above is Oakland Church Youth Group Olive Hill who donated Valentine gifts for our clients and kids.



Pictured above is Valentine's Day gifts donated by Chris Wallace.

## Upcoming Events

- March 26, 2026 Cornerstone Awards
- July 11, 2026 Happy Feet
- August 22, 2026 Lobster Fest

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT REMINDER\*\*\***

**IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED**

**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL US TO UPDATE**

**606-329-9304 or [lday@safeharborky.org](mailto:lday@safeharborky.org)**

**Please remember Safe Harbor in your will.  
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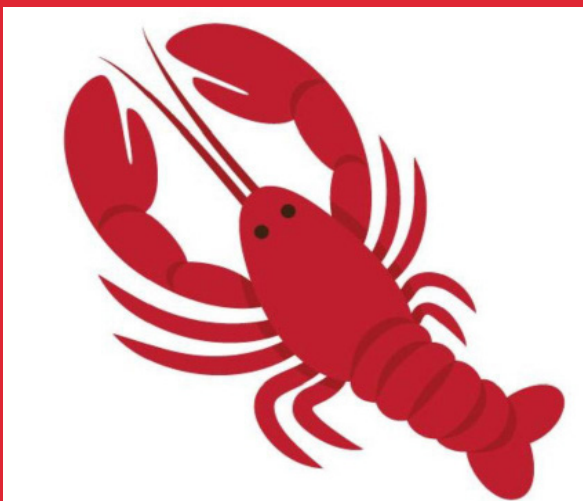


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**Safe Harbor's 19th Annual Lobster Fest !!!!**



**Save the Date!!!**  
**Saturday, August 22, 2026**  
**Bellefonte Country Club**

Call (606) 329-9304 for sponsorship and  
reservation information