



Safe Harbor
of Northeast Kentucky

The Anchor Newsletter

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Lobster Fest 2025

Celebrating 18 great years!



From the Desk of Ann Perkins, Executive Director

**Lobster Fest**

First of all, a huge thanks to our Lobster Fest Committee chaired by Heather Van Deren and Annie Robinson who continue to provide the best live and silent auction in the Tri State! Wow to all those donors who come up with the nicest, hot new items that make our auction so successful. And to Clay Hill and Pollocks for supplying thousands of dollars of precious gems to our Gem Scoop! Every year he provides diamonds, rubies, sapphires, topaz, and amethysts just to name a few, to lobster lovers who have bought chances to own precious gems. Our other committee members Theresia Gussler, Lisa Justice, Tina Hunt, Dr. Candy Boykin, Tina Mussetter, Bruce Davis, Michelle Skaggs, Mia Brown and Connie Canty, make up a team that is second to none in planning this event. Thanks especially to staff Linda

Day, Heather Wolfe, and Shelia Boyles who led our team. It was a beautiful night under the stars, and we are grateful to all that made this event possible.

Happy Feet 5K

Theresia Gussler and her daughter Claire continue to build our Happy Feet 5K race each year. This fundraiser helps us maintain our art studio at Safe Harbor. This program provides our victims with an opportunity to create crafts and art that feed their souls and heal their hearts. It gives healing therapy that they may have never been able to experience except at Safe Harbor.

What we do, Who We Are

Summer is the busiest time of the year for us! Kids are out of school, Lobster Fest is underway, maintenance and repairs and 2 new roofs are just a few of the things that keep us busy every day.

But what keeps us really busy is the number of families who suffer from intimate partner violence and their children who suffer with them.

We know that Kentucky leads the nation in victims of violence per capita. We know that domestic violence is the key indicator for crime in our state and in our country. We know that domestic violence causes millions of dollars in lost wages, loss of jobs, loss of housing, loss of health, education, and general stability. It is the reason for substance abuse, mental health issues, murder, suicide, and generational issues like poverty and high crime rates.

So, the question is, what can each of us do to prevent this from happening? Make referrals for your family, friends, and coworkers. Teach your children how to be safe, how to choose their friends, how to stop their friends from an unsafe party, by steering them home, or somewhere they will be safe. Teach our children that social media can be harmful when parents do not monitor it. Each one of us can make a difference. Each one of us can be part of the solution. Just say yes to end violence in our community. As we end this summer, we go into the month of October which is Domestic Violence Awareness month. This is when we advocate, educate and intervene. This is our Mission. This is Safe Harbor!

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Obituary for Maggie

Our dear friend and coworker made her passage peacefully over the rainbow bridge on 8-21-25. Safe Harbor Domestic Violence Shelter was blessed with 8 years of unconditional love from the best emotional support dog we could ever have asked for. Over her 8 years of service Maggie supported over 4,000 victims of domestic violence. Maggie was not afraid of the trauma that our clients fled from; she gravitated to those in need of love. Maggie always gave her best at the Shelter; the day she took her last breath she was there wanting to do her job. Maggie was the first dog our agency hired as a support animal, and she made it very evident through her impact in her time with us, that her job is essential. She is so loved and so deeply missed. Her legacy will live on through all the lives she touched over the years. The world would be a better place if we could all choose to live a bit more like Maggie.

Rest In Peace Maggie

Please remember Safe Harbor in your will. Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky is a 501(c)3 charity.

Happy Feet 5K expanding art therapy programs



The ninth annual Happy Feet 5K run and walk brought more than 80 participants to downtown Ashland on Saturday, July 13th. Proceeds from the Happy Feet 5K will continue to expand art therapy programs for Safe Harbor's clients. Organizers of the 5K, Claire and Theresia Gussler have been committed to bringing art to our clients and has brought in new and interesting art programs that have doubled as life skills. If you are interested in volunteering, learning more about the art therapy programs or would like to make a donation, please call Safe Harbor (606) 329-9304.

Pictured to the right is our art therapy studio where we offer art classes to our clients helping with self-awareness, stress and anxiety, while providing life long hobbies.



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Thanks to our wonderful donors!

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

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The following individuals and businesses made generous contributions to help make the 9th Annual Happy Feet 5k race a success:

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A Special Thank you to our Volunteers



Pictured above and to the right are pictures from Send Relief a wonderful organization that volunteers for us each summer. Pictured are our summer teen volunteer workers that loved helping Send Relief and a few ladies from Send Relief painting for us.



Camden Park donated tickets for our kiddos to come to the park for the day. Thank you! This was an awesome experience for them.



Pictured here are companies and people that made donations to help Safe Harbor continue to help those in need. We are so thankful!

Mission Statement:

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

Lobster Fest Sponsors and Donors

During the past several months, the following donors, organizations and businesses have pledged their generous support by sponsoring Lobster Fest 2025

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The following businesses and individuals generously donated items to the Lobster Fest 2025 Live and Silent auctions and Gem Scoop:

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