



Safe Harbor
of Northeastern Kentucky

The Anchor Newsletter

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Shop and Share 2022

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 Russell Kroger stores and Food City in Louisa. 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 year's event brought in over \$4,000.00 worth of needed items and monetary donations. If you are interested in volunteering for future events, contact us at 606-329-9304.



From the Desk of Ann Perkins, Executive Director

Looking out my window, I am enjoying the sunshine and looking forward to spring! Our winter so far has been bearable especially after our last year of ice and snow. Our program is so thankful for another wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas and Valentine's Day for our families. Being in lockdown for the last two years was a real test of patience and fortitude for sure. Our staff showed up everyday and worked with our most at risk families in spite of a threat of the Corona virus. Living with so many families in one space was a test of making sure everyone was vaccinated and safe. This was a heavy burden for many.

We are still putting people into motels to assure that they are well before we bring them in. This has been a tremendous help. Also having the quick test and utilizing KDMC for testing has been a real blessing and a life saver. By taking these precautions we have been relatively safe and virus free for the most part of two years. Being vaccinated and boosted has saved hundreds of lives at Safe Harbor. Our cases have been in just the last several months as the new virus caused only mild symptoms for clients and staff.



I urge all people to take that precaution to stay safe and help us end this pandemic by getting vaccinated. I cannot thank our staff and our community enough for making our program what it is today. Saving lives is our mission. Putting people into safe housing is our mission. Putting lives back together is our mission. The way that we do this is assessing and working with each individual to find out their needs and their goals. We help them access services that they need to recover and move on to living a life free of violence, power, and control. For generational poverty, Domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health, this is not an easy task. It takes time, commitment, case management and a support system. Many of our families didn't get there overnight and will not recover overnight. Investing in our families can mean life changing opportunities for our community and our families.

Most of our families have no support system. This is a key to most successes. All of us who have someone to depend on when we have emergencies, sickness, lose jobs, have life threatening health issues can maintain. Many of our families are not that lucky. That is what Safe Harbor is for many. We are the family and support system that they can depend on. Simple things like our car not starting, missing work, losing a job because we don't have a babysitter, are really life changing for many. Having health issues that keep us from working when we are the only bread winner are life threatening. Simple things we take for granted are many times life changing. Giving opportunities is our greatest gift to our families. That is our mission, that is why we are here. Giving a hand up instead of a hand down, changes lives.

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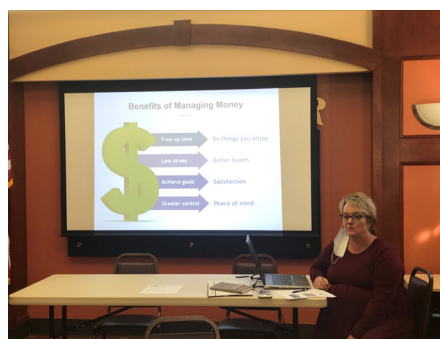
Safe Harbor Recieves Grant To Help Survivors With Legal Barriers



Safe Harbor received a \$15,000 grant from the Kentucky Bar Foundation that will go into the Safe Harbor Legal Defense Fund to help with providing fees for attorneys to represent survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault regarding services such as divorce, child protection and custody, immigration, legal defense for previous legal determinations, expungement, or other legal issues that are barriers for safety and living a full and successful life.



We Celebrate every holiday and every survivor by having a luncheon for the residents once a month. We showered our survivors with love during this month's Survivor Valentine's Day Luncheon!



Pictured left is Susan Daniels from Members Choice Credit Union

Members Choice Credit Union visits our survivors once a week to do a financial education group to discuss different topics such as budgeting, how to set financial goals, and how to save for an emergency fund. The survivors receive money to start their own savings account as an incentive when they attend four of the financial groups.

Safe Harbor Staff

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Pictured above is Garrett Carroll with Midnight Society Tattoo Shop who does an annual toy drive to support our families at Christmas.



Pictured above are members of the Rose Hill Beta Club who did a donation drive to benefit Safe Harbor families.



Pictured above is the toy drive at the Cash Express that went to support our families for Christmas.



Picture above is Christ Temple Church of Huntington, WV who donated Christmas gifts for all the children in shelter.

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 and a special Build a Friend stuffed animal for all the children and gifts for the survivors. We also celebrated with our annual Christmas party and luncheon for the families we serve where Santa 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, such as Pollock's Jewelers, Cash Express, Midnight Society Tattoo Shop, Christ Temple Church, the BCC Ladies Golf Association 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 residents in providing Christmas for their children.



Thanks to Richard Hughes for playing Santa for our children during our Survivor Christmas luncheon.



Pictured above left is gift bags and filled stockings for families at our survivor Christmas luncheon. Pictured above right is gnome center pieces made by survivors for our Christmas luncheon.



Raceland First Assembly Church brought gifts and served survivors and their families a Christmas dinner.



Pictured above is the Bellefonte Country Club Ladies Golf Association who donated toys for our Santa workshop this Christmas.

Safe Harbor will provide a free tax service this year for all Survivors of Domestic Violence. Please call Beth Lunsford at (606) 329-9304 for more information.

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