



# Haven



# News



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## ***From Homeless to Housed... with Help from the Haven***

Lake County Haven recently asked our program graduates what helped them go from homelessness to safe, stable, independent living. The same answers came up repeatedly: caring staff, having structure, and connections to resources.

All the women who enter our program work with a case manager. The case manager helps the resident get settled and then sets goals with her. Together, they create a plan for independence along with a timeline and benchmarks. Some of the benchmarks include finding employment, getting children enrolled in school, and arranging daycare. Then the case manager gives the resident lots of encouragement and guidance to help to achieve those goals. Without that support, progress would not happen.

“They genuinely care at Lake County Haven, and I think that’s why the program is so successful,” said program graduate Barbara.

Carrie struggled with trauma, poverty, and addiction most of her life. It was not until she arrived at Lake County Haven and worked with the staff that her life changed dramatically.

“They saved my life, honest to God,” Carrie said. “They taught me to live on my own and how I could stay away from a bad crowd. I have been clean for 14 months.”

Regina’s voice choked up momentarily as she talked about her experience with staff. “They cared more than my own mother, and that’s a beautiful thing,” she said. Today, Regina is successful in her job, and she, like many other graduates, has maintained sobriety.

Some graduates said they were not sure they would like the structure and rules of the program, but they said that structure was the very thing that helped them succeed. They are assigned chores. Each day follows a predictable schedule. There are requirements such as applying for at least five new jobs per day. They are required to save their money.



“Not everyone likes the structure at first, but it is what helps,” Tracy said. “If you don’t have structure and accountability, you’re going to struggle.”

Frances said she could go to her case manager with any issue, and the case manager would help her find a resource or think of a solution.

“She really thought outside the box to help me,” Frances said. “She knew what I needed and helped me get it.”

Carrie agreed, saying, “There are lots of opportunities to succeed if you put in the effort. They give you the tools.”



***The Lake County Haven empowers homeless women and their children to achieve permanent, independent living.***



# Join the Haven Hearts Giving Circle

## Monthly Giving Program

At the Haven, our goal is to ensure that our residents are never homeless again. By becoming a member of the Haven Hearts Giving Circle, your monthly gift will ensure the Haven will be able to help women in need for months and years to come.

### Yes! I want to join the Haven Hearts Giving Circle!

I'll sign up online at <http://lakecountyhaven.salsalabs.org/havenhearts>

I'd like you to sign me up via credit card and I authorize Lake County Haven to charge my:

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I'd like to increase my monthly donation to cover processing fees.

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### Join Us Online & Stay Connected!

VISIT us at [www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org) and

LIKE us on Facebook ([LakeCountyHaven](https://www.facebook.com/LakeCountyHaven))

- Check out client videos
- Find out about upcoming events
- View pictures of yourself and your friends at the latest Haven gathering
- Be informed about homelessness in your community

[www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org)





## Adopt a Night!

Every night of the year, women and children who have nowhere else to go come to Lake County Haven seeking food, warmth, safety, and guidance. YOU have the power to provide that for them. By adopting one or more of the 365 nights in a year, you will provide sanctuary and sustenance for a local family.

### Select a Special Night and Make a Difference

You can adopt as many nights as you like and in any combination you wish. Adopt your favorite holiday, your birthday, or your anniversary. Adopting a loved one's birthday or anniversary is a thoughtful gift to offer them! You can also choose to adopt in honor or in memory of a loved one.

**You can adopt any night for only \$250!**

### A Gift for Others...and for Yourself

The Adopt-a-Night program will highlight your gift so that it will encourage others to give as well. Your name and donation will be:

- Displayed at the shelter as the patron of that night.
- Profiled on our website, including a link to your business, personal or club website.
- Highlighted on our Facebook feed.
- Displayed in an acknowledgement letter suitable for framing.

We sincerely hope that you will Adopt-a-Night, or two, or three! For information, please call Heidi at 224-595-3921 or email [heidi@lakecountyhaven.org](mailto:heidi@lakecountyhaven.org).

On behalf of the many women and children whose lives will be saved and changed through your generous gift:

**Thank You! ♥**



## Shelter Wish List

- Gift Cards: Target, Walmart, Jewel, Aldi, Walgreens, Menards, Home Depot & Visa
- Paper towels & toilet paper ...and much more\*

\*Please contact us at [volunteer@lakecountyhaven.org](mailto:volunteer@lakecountyhaven.org) to request the complete and most current shelter wish list, as the shelter needs and supplies can vary from day to day. Your gifts and donations mean so much. Items are gratefully accepted by appointment only.

To arrange a drop-off, please contact the Volunteer & Resource Coordinator: [volunteer@lakecountyhaven.org](mailto:volunteer@lakecountyhaven.org) or 847-680-1870.



Oh what a beautiful 'Night Under the Stars' it was! On Saturday, May 15, Lake County Haven hosted our 2022 annual fundraiser at Ravinia Music Festival in Highland Park. Over 250 guests enjoyed a picturesque evening on the beautiful grounds of Ravinia. It was a fabulous event with great entertainment, exciting auctions, a moving client speaker and generous guests.

This event would not have been possible without our amazing Event Committee. Their creativity, hard work, and dedication to the Haven truly made this an event to remember.

We also extend our gratitude to our event Benefactors, Corporate Partners, and in-kind donors who helped make this day a success. The financial support, auction items and experiences, and behind-the-scenes help were greatly appreciated.

**Lake County Haven is so grateful for your partnership and continued support. We couldn't do our work without YOU! Thank you! ♥**

**EVENT BENEFACTORS**

- Margo & Stephen Burns
- Jane & Matt Dudley
- Annette & Tom Freyman
- Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network
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Steve & Andrea Koivisto

Event Chair Tera McBlaine

Mary Pribyl, Kim Welborn, Dave & Nancy Abel & Andrea & Brian Degustino (top row L-R); Matt Dudley, Steve Welborn, Jane Dudley & Dave Pribyl (bottom row L-R)



Event Chair Kathy Freese & Auctioneer Chris Hensley



Ann Marie & Marc Grote, Margo & Stephen Burns & Kelly & Andy DeBruller (L-R)

# Our Heartfelt Thanks



Thanks to all the wonderfully generous individuals, organizations and Corporate Partners who have donated items, dinners, lunches, breakfasts and groceries to our Hope House and Renewal House shelters.



The Lucania family donated dinner.



Nora Milne donated lunch.



Kris Poplawski, Deb Porter, Marilyn Bowen & Patti Rische donated Hope breakfast.

Eagle Scout Ryan Cerauli constructed & installed shelving at Renewal House.



Warren Township High School Transition Program (Nicco, Tyler & Matthew) donated dinner.



Mary Jo & Joe Georgen donated lunch.



Lesley & Ian Hanslope donated dinner.

Amanda Nerwin of the Women's Employee Resource Group at Medline Industries organized a collection drive for shelter supplies.



Charles Donelli, Waukegan HS student, organized a collection drive for shelter supplies.



Meredith Hubbartt donated groceries.





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If you are interested in learning more about this program, or joining us as a Corporate Partner, please visit our website at [www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org) or email us at [Kalie@LakeCountyHaven.org](mailto:Kalie@LakeCountyHaven.org). ♥

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