



Haven



News



Spring 2024

Changing Lives for the Long-Run

“The day my kids were taken away. That was the worst. Worst day of my life without a doubt. It was more than twenty years ago but I still remember it like it happened yesterday. I will never forget.”

That is how Rose relays the story of her darkest day. Rose was homeless before coming to the Haven. Her family and friends turned their backs on her. She was destitute and utterly alone in the world. But those aren't the memories that haunt her. What haunts her is the memory of losing her children. She describes feeling utterly defeated and hopeless and

not being able to see the way out of this situation.

When asked if she thought she would lose her children forever she responds emphatically: NO. “I **KNEW** I would get them back. Whatever I had to do to get them back... I would do it.” The resolve in her voice is unmistakable.

Fortunately, Rose found the Haven. The Haven provided safe shelter, good food, and a team of supportive professionals who would help her get her life on track again. She got a full-time job with benefits at a local corporation. She saved money. She

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reestablished relationships with her family. She became a contributing member of the community. She completed the LCH Shelter Program and was accepted into Stage II Transitional Housing. She regained custody of her children.

All of this happened over twenty years ago. In that time, Rose has been living a great life. She has advanced in her career. She has maintained safe, secure housing for herself and her family. Most importantly she raised two happy, healthy children. Those children are now adults themselves, and thus we can see this story further unfold. Her daughter and son had good educations, developed careers, and eventually had families of their own. Rose describes watching her children grow up and be successful as the great joy of her life. Now, as a grandmother, Rose can see the world through her



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grandbaby's eyes. Through those eyes, she sees hope.

In the media we hear a lot about intergenerational cycles of violence, poverty, and despair. And all of that is true. But one of the things we get to see at the Haven is the breaking of such vicious cycles. Our residents, thanks to intensive intervention from the Haven, get better! They get jobs, save money, improve their health, and reunite with their children. They get married, go back to school, have children, buy homes, and own businesses. It doesn't happen overnight, and it doesn't happen without a lot of effort, but it does happen, and we see it every day at LCH.

At the Haven, our vision and ultimate goal is that our clients will never be homeless again. We strive to break the intergenerational cycles of abuse,

poverty, and despair and to foster lifelong success for each of the women and children in our programs. This long-term view has inspired us to start an endowment.

This endowment exists to provide long-term stability to LCH so that we can provide stability and success to future homeless women and children. This interrupts the cycles of

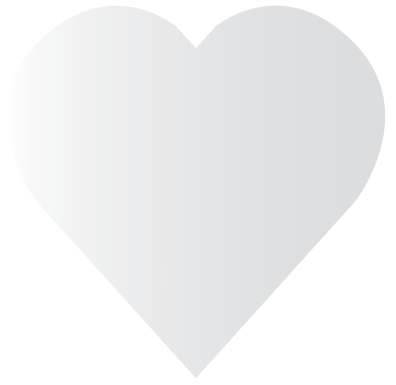


violence and poverty, and it creates a better community for all of us. Will you help make this dream a reality? This endowment fund is an investment account with your gift serving as the principle. Your gift will be considered restricted, and that principle will never be drawn from. The interest gained from the principle will be used to fund our shelter and life-saving services for years and decades to come. It will provide a reliable source of funding for our programs and much-needed stability in an unstable world.

During the pandemic, we all witnessed how easily and unpredictably sources of funding can disappear. This can happen in many ways, including a recession.

Our endowment will provide a safety net for such situations so that shelter and services will always be available for those who need them. Giving to this fund is a way to contribute to something special, something bigger than any one of us. In giving to this fund, your donation creates sustainable funding that protects homeless women and children not just today... but forever.

We are humbly asking for your help to provide this long-term stability by considering a gift to our endowment fund. There are many ways to give, and legacy gifts are also appreciated. For more information about supporting this effort, please reach out to us at (847) 680-1901. ♥



Haven Volunteers in Action

We are so grateful to the many volunteers who open their hearts throughout the year to share some joy and compassion with our shelter residents! Here are a few highlights of our many amazing volunteers in action:



Our residents had an amazing time celebrating Galentine's Day with our partners from the Medline WERG. We spent the evening in fellowship and made personalized mugs, decorated cookies and enjoyed delicious treats! Thank you for spreading the love on this very special day.



Much thanks to our partners at Fresenius Kabi for hosting this amazing wish list drive in support of our programs. We were blown away by the generosity of your team!

Thank you to Christine Render and ScaleUp Coaching & Consulting for hosting an amazing women's networking event. Focused on women helping women, these hardworking professionals came together to learn about the Haven and make Love Purses filled with necessities that will help our residents get started on their journey to independence.

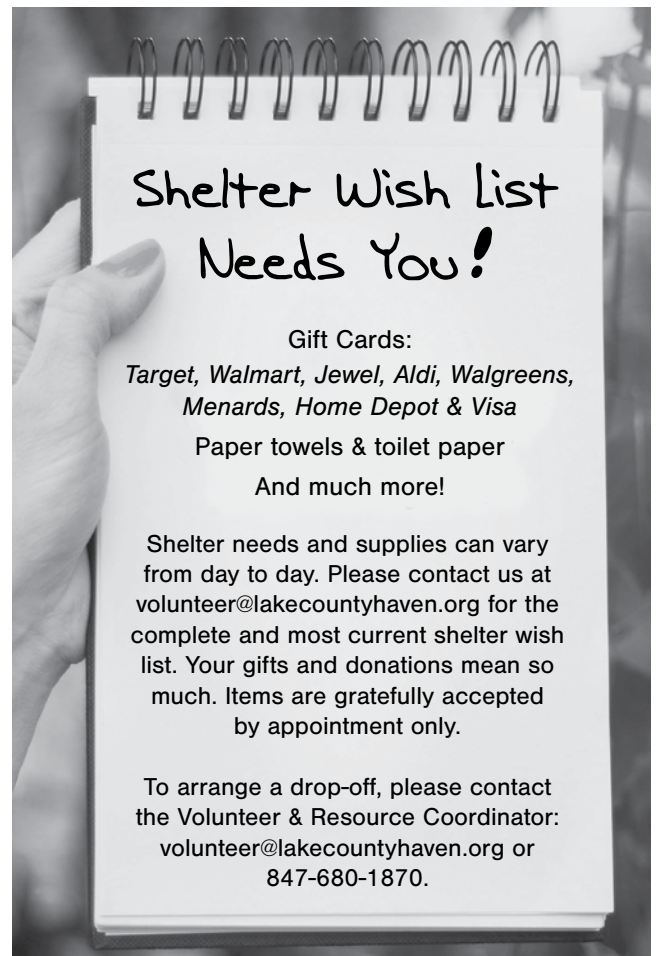


Join the Haven Hearts Giving Circle



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. ♥





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 Kalie at 847-877-5102 or email kalie@lakecountyhaven.org.

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



We'd like to thank our amazing Corporate Partners ...

...who support the Haven, and our residents, all year long. Your commitment to the Haven, and our community, is unmatched. We are so grateful to have your support.

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 or email us at kalie@lakecountyhaven.org. ♥

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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.



Mary Jo & Joe Georgen donated breakfast.



Rachael & Jeremy Sieben donated lunch.



El Norteno Restaurant Chef Armando Lopez & family donated dinner.



Kari Davenport & son donated groceries.

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Waukegan donated holiday gift bags.



Mundelein HS Help One Club (Ernie Billittier & students) organized a collection drive for shelter supplies.



Kaleb Jackson donated groceries.



Terri & Rob Weinberg donated lunch.



Grayslake Pride donated dinner.





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2024 GALA

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RAVINIA FESTIVAL TREE TOP LOUNGE

General Admission: \$200

VIP Admission: \$250

Includes early entry, exclusive VIP Hour & raffle entry

Gold Benefactor: \$3000

Includes 6 VIP Tickets, Recognition at the event, and more!

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