



From Our House To Yours



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A Survivor's Story



“On April 1, 2005 I was hospitalized as the result of a domestic violence incident in which I was shot several times at close range with a firearm. The shooter was my husband. Due to the severity of my injuries, I went through many surgeries to include a tracheotomy to assist with breathing and was placed in an induced coma in order to stabilize my vital signs.

Since my discharge from the hospital and rehab facilities where I was initially admitted, I have had several additional surgical procedures performed, along with ongoing occupational and physical therapy. Although hard, I have been steadily progressing in my recovery process.

Due to the circumstances surrounding the incident, my children and I have been separated, but have maintained communication and visitation on a regular basis and are in the process of being reunited as I gradually get my financial, legal and medical affairs in order. Giving all honor to my Heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ, my children and I look forward to a joyful future.”

A Survivor

Mission Statement

Supporting victims of domestic violence by providing services and shelter while promoting prevention through education and advocacy.

Vision Statement

All Relationships Violence Free

Our Outreach advocates were essential in helping this woman accomplish many of the goals that she set out with after her attack. Shelter House advocates play a vital role in all aspects of understanding the idiosyncrasies of the many agencies that a survivor comes into contact with.

Donors of the Quarter

Ladies of Grace from Grace Lutheran Church
And
Community Church of Santa Rosa Beach

For their generous donation of new appliances
for our emergency shelter.

Recent Events

Hoops for Hope—August 15, 2006

Tuesday, August 15, over 80 people gathered to watch law enforcement officers from Okaloosa and Walton Counties play basketball at the OWC gym in Niceville. The teams were competing for the traveling trophy given by Shelter House, Inc. The Okaloosa team was comprised of officers from Fort Walton Beach PD, Shalimar PD, and Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office. The Walton team included officers of both the DeFuniak Springs PD and the Walton County Sheriff's Office. Both groups played hard and kept the volunteer referees, Troy Donofro and Fates Dukes, pretty busy.

We appreciate the work of Kris Cash, Shelter House Past President, and Sean Lynch, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, for organizing the Hoops for Hope event. We would also like to thank Captain Danny Glidewell of Walton County Sheriff's Office and Major Larry Ashley of Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office for coaching and organizing the teams, and our volunteer scorekeepers Keith Matz and Greg Tomaschko for their hard work. (See back page for detailed list of sponsors.)



Captain Danny Glidewell, Jeannette Debs (Shelter House Executive Director), and Walton Team



Jeannette Debs and Major Larry Ashley



Geoff Layne, Shelter House President and Kris Cash, Past President



Kim Hughes (Fundraising Comm. Member), Stephanie Carroll (Prevention Coordinator), and Shea Barnes (Admin. Assistant)

Restaurant Tour—August 21st through 31st

We are truly grateful for all of the support we received from area restaurants and patrons. Our 2006 Restaurant Tour was a great success. Our special thanks goes to Gulf Coast Shutter for sponsoring the event. "This was a wonderful opportunity for us to obtain essential funding to support our programs," said Jeannette Debs, our Executive Director. Thank you to all of the restaurants that participated in this year's event by donating a percentage of their profits to help aid in the campaign to keep our community safe and free from domestic violence. Restaurants are as follows: AJ's Seafood and Oyster Bar, Big City American Bistro, Brooks Bridge BBQ and Café, Buffalo's Reef, Café Bouzouki, Fudpucker's, Magnolia Grill, Nick's Fishing Lodge, Old Bay Steamer, Porter's BBQ, Staff's Seafood Restaurant and Summer Kitchen.



Terri Adkison, Sylvia Anderson and Sandra Bean at Buffalo's Reef



Sandra Bean (Victim Services Provider), Angelina Garofalo (Victim Services Coordinator), and Stephanie Carroll (Prevention Coordinator)

Latino Festival—August 26, 2006

This was the second year Shelter House, Inc. participated in the Latino Festival, which took place on August 26 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. Shelter House, Inc. took part in the festival this year in order to reach out to Spanish speaking individuals who may be in need of our services. A special thank you goes to Dottie Azzarello and Joann Hailey who donated items for our raffle baskets. We would also like to thank Linda Engler and Angela Rice who traveled all the way from Mississippi to help with the set up and decorations of the table. Thank you to the volunteers who donated their time to be at the festival this year.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Okaloosa-Walton Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, in collaboration with Shelter House, Inc. has recruited area faith-based organizations to host vigils throughout the community. These vigils are to commemorate both survivors and those more than 30 women and children who have lost their lives due to domestic violence in both Okaloosa and Walton Counties since 1991.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Emerald Coast—*Sunday, October 8th @ 10:00 a.m.*

Center Ridge United Methodist Church—*Sunday, October 15th @ 11:00 a.m.*

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church—*Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:00 p.m.*

Striving for Perfection Ministries
Wednesday, October 25 @ 6:00 p.m.

For a detailed list of participating faith communities, please call Stephanie Carroll, Prevention Coordinator, at 850/243-1201 or e-mail her at: stephanie@shelterhousenwfl.org

The following public vigils are planned to honor those who have died due to Domestic Violence:

October 3: 6:30 p.m. Fort Walton Beach, The Landing, Downtown FWB

October 10: 5:45 p.m. DeFuniak Springs, OWC : The Chautauqua Center

October 17: 6:30 p.m. Crestview Courthouse

October 24: 6:00 p.m. South Walton, Sacred Heart Hospital, Meditation Garden

Please plan on joining us.

Visit our website at www.shelterhousenwfl.org for more details.

Shelter House Needs:

#1 Cash Donations...

To offset operating expenses.

#2 Volunteers...

Yes, we love them and always need more.

#3 Paper and Cleaning Products...

Toiletries, feminine products, diapers, wipes, paper towels, bleach, laundry detergent, etc.

#4 Gift Cards for Groceries and Gas/ Phone Cards

These will help families in distress.



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Sincerely, Shelter House Staff and Volunteers

"Collaborating for a Cause"

October 27, 2006
8:30am—4:00pm
Okaloosa/Walton College / Niceville Campus

Contact: Charity Parker:
Special Projects Coordinator
C.O.P.E. Center
at 850/892-8035 ext.225

Hoops for Hope Sponsors

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