

Reflections | Maria Larrison

The need for our services continues to be great.



We routinely have used our overflow area of the shelter for our women and children. We have continued to be at capacity or overflowing. Our residential team is being stretched emotionally,

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physically and spiritually. The women and children we are seeing continue to be broken and in need of much care. It is apparent we are going to have to expand our facility. Is it something we can afford? No. Is it something we want to do? Not really. But is it something we need to do? Yes.

The heart of our mission is serving our women and children in an efficient and effective manner. As they heal and become self sufficient, their needs increase. In our current state it is nearly impossible for our staff to find adequate space to conduct intakes, crisis calls, mentoring, case management, counseling, or groups.

Furthermore, requests for speaking engagements continue to rise. The public is yearning for ways to make a difference in their communities. I applaud the many who have asked us to present about dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual assault prevention and education. You are empowered with knowledge that can change or possibly save a life.

Blessings to you, | Maria Larrison, CEO

Upcoming Events

also see our website for updates.

October 16 - Avon High School Football Game | Avon High School
The team will once again be assisting us on Friday night during Senior Night game versus Zionsville. Donations will be collected at the gate on game night including money, cleaning items, health/hygiene items, trash bags and gas gift cards to benefit the shelter.

October 29 - 7-8 pm Candlelight Vigil | Crossroads Christian Church | Avon This event will honor those that have been killed as a result of domestic violence. It closes out the month of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Nov. 14 - Community Day | Carson Pirie Scott | Circle Center
Purchase a Carson's \$5.00 coupon book (containing a \$10 off coupon and other discounts for the store) which can be used on Community Day. All of the proceeds of the coupon book sales benefit Sheltering Wings. (Please contact the shelter to purchase.) *Each coupon book sold has a chance to win two Colts tickets for the December 27 game versus the Jets.*

Nov. 21 - re.ju.ve.nate Event | Serendipity @ Metropolis | Plainfield
A retreat event for women - presentations, facials, massages, health screens, manicures, pedicures, lunch. Ticket price: \$39 A portion of the proceeds benefits Sheltering Wings. Call 317.951.9355 or log onto www.wellnessteaminc.com for more information or to purchase tickets.

February 13 - Brownsburg Sertoma's Annual St. Valentine's Dinner Dance | Primo West | Plainfield, Indiana

Special thanks to Hendricks Power, Avon United Methodist Church and The Flyer for sponsoring our ad in the Hendricks County Flyer Game Plan

SHARED BLESSINGS

FALL 2009 NEWS from SHELTERING WINGS

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In August we had a record number of attendees for our Summer Session of volunteer training.



If you are interested in volunteering, log on to our website and complete an application or contact Mike Garrett at mgarrett@shelteringwings.org or 718-0735

Susie | Victim to Survivor



“Susie” came to our home on April 4, 2008. She is a single lady, age 43. Her abuser had asked her to purchase drugs for him. She refused. He slapped her, pointed a gun to her head and pulled the trigger. Fortunately the gun jammed. She escaped and called the police.

The prosecutor’s office referred her to Sheltering Wings. During her crisis call we assured

her we had a place for her. She came to us with no transportation, no driver’s license, no identification, no job, no GED, no support system, and had addiction issues. Within 72 hours at her first case management meeting “Susie” quickly realized she was in a safe place and her abuser would be in jail for a long time. With this assurance and the support of providers she was on her way to healing. During her time at the shelter she attended healthy relationship groups, stress management, computer and survival skills classes, weekly therapy sessions with our in-house master’s level therapist, and is now on her way to getting her GED.

A wonderful volunteer helped her learn to drive and she obtained her driver’s license. She found a church and reconnected with her faith and has a wonderful support system there. Most of all, she completed addictions classes through two different providers. (We have a partnership with the Hendricks County Substance Abuse Task Force, which paid for transportation to and from addictions support group and pays for an addictions therapist to come once a week to our facility to lead a support group.) On her birthday this past year she stated, “This is the first time that I have been sober and clean on my birthday. Hallelujah.”

With her attitude and sense of self-worth back, she found a job! Her eyes tell she is a new woman with a mission. Her church obtained a used vehicle for her. She is a mentor to our new ladies, showing them that in the worst of times there is hope. She gently “mothers” the younger gals who are thinking of going back, giving them hope that life can get better on the other side. Determined and confident, she has turned from victim to survivor thanks to the staff, volunteers, prayers and love of our community. I just wish you could meet her.

Christmas giving.

Did you know that through your generous donations we are able to provide Christmas gifts to current and exited residents? In addition, you can sponsor a room or program as part of your Christmas giving. We are registered at Target and Kohl’s. If you have further questions, please feel free to call Deb at 718-0735 ext. 304, or visit our website.



A special note of appreciation to the **Hendricks County Bar Association** for sponsoring our Annual Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Community Support | Mary Williams

Companies going the extra mile to support the Shelter.

When I speak outside our county, I am often asked how Sheltering Wings can do the great things it does. First and foremost, I give all credit to the Lord. He created the shelter and continues to provide. Second, I talk about my great community and how we are supported through so many fundraisers. Thank you to the following for going that extra mile in supporting our women and children in the last few months.

Hair Magic II, J&M’s Smoke House, Avon American Legion Riders, Chili’s in Plainfield, Lowe’s, Sympathy for the Finger, St. Vincent Women’s Hospital – labor & delivery, Plainfield Fashion Bug, Karen Howell, Cornerstone Christian Church Golf Outing, Mustang Club of Indianapolis, Johnson Controls, Avon High School Honor Society, Kristina Moffett, Monical’s Pizza Back to School Week, and EM Studio Salon

Engines of Support.

On September 3 Bill Estes Ford in Brownsburg, John Force Racing, the Mustang Club of Indianapolis, and Johnson Controls, Inc. teamed up to benefit Sheltering Wings and the Hendricks County Food Bank as part of the U.S. Nationals weekend by having a car show and open house at John Force Racing at their Brownsburg facility. The event raised \$2000 for Sheltering Wings and 6 pallets of food for the Hendricks County Food Bank.



Do you Know?

Sheltering Wings is pleased to announce the following Grant Partnerships:



Sheltering Wings was one of 150 shelters throughout the United States chosen to receive the Mary Kay Ash Foundation award.

- Through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute: STOP Funding, VOCA Funding
- STOP Recovery Act which funds a partnership with Hendricks College Network to our residents regarding employment and education
- Family Violence and Prevention Treatment
- Domestic Violence Treatment Program
- Sexual Offense Services
- Social Services Block Grant
- Emergency Shelter Grant

Thank you to our walk sponsors!

Clarian West Medical Center, North Salem State Bank, MainGate, Inc., Hoosier Tent, Rinehart Heating & Cooling, Data Comm, Porter Insurance/Funeral Home, Fleece Insurance, Forward Electronics, and Brightpoint.

Participants in the 5th Annual “BREAK A SWEAT | BREAK THE CYLCE” 5k walk and 8K run at Hummel Park.



“Walk A Mile in Her Shoes” Participants. The walk is the kick-off event for October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

