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Upcoming Events

We would love to meet you at:

- **September 2**
John Force Racing Open House,
Brownsburg, IN (*Portion of proceeds benefit SW*)
- **October** is Domestic
Violence Awareness Month
- **October 2**
Break a Sweat, Break the Cycle 5K Walk/
8K Run/Walk a Mile in Her Shoes Event
8am-11am Hummel Park Plainfield, IN
Hosted by Sheltering Wings (*register online*)
- **October 28**
Candlelight Vigil - 7pm
Crossroads Christian Church, Avon, IN
To remember those who have lost their lives to DV
- **Month of October**
Terry Lee Honda, Avon, IN
Promotion to benefit Sheltering Wings
Contact Trish at (317) 362-9188 or log onto
www.shelteringwings.org to learn more

Technology Resources



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Need information, interested in online donations or
learning more about the campaign?



SHARED BLESSINGS

SUMMER 2010 NEWS *from* SHELTERING WINGS

“We thought it was you.”

The definition of a wake-up call? For Stacy Paetz, it was when she heard the devastating news that a close childhood friend had been shot and killed by her ex-fiance. Chillingly, the friend who called to tell her about the tragedy added, “Stacy, we thought it was you.”

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At the time Stacy was involved in a three-and-a-half year relationship with a boyfriend who was verbally, emotionally and physically abusive. “I knew it wasn’t right after just eight months,” says Stacy, “but I was afraid to distance myself from him.” And, she admits, “I was ashamed of what was happening. I felt that I was a strong person. I was a good student, a three-sport athlete and had a loving family. But he stole my self-esteem. He would tell me that it was my fault when he lost control. If I hadn’t acted a certain way, he wouldn’t have reacted badly. He wouldn’t have laid his hands on me. And I believed him.” But then it got even worse. “He said if I ever left him, he would mess me up so bad nobody else would want me. He even threatened to kill me.”

In talking about the murder of her childhood friend, Stacy grows emotional. “I knew she was in an abusive relationship just like me. I would plan for us both to break up with our boyfriends together. When she was killed it was a major reality check.” Stacy adds “The closer I got to the Lord the more I realized I had the power to make a change in my life.” Her growing confidence along with the fear that what had happened to her friend could just as easily happen to her galvanized Stacy to take the step she knew she had to take. “By that time my boyfriend had graduated and lived in another state. I broke up with him over the phone.” Even though she wanted to tell him exactly how she felt about what she had endured, Stacy says, “I kept the conversation very matter-of-fact, and asked him not to call me back. He called every ten minutes for the next two weeks.” She never answered the phone.

Fortunately Stacy escaped the dangerous relationship she had been in and was able to move on with her life. Today she is a successful sideline reporter for the Indiana Pacers and says, “People who know me now can’t believe something like that could have happened to me.” Because of her experience Stacy is determined to help other women trapped in similar situations. Two years ago she was invited to tour Sheltering Wings. “When I first toured the shelter,” says Stacy, “I felt so safe. I felt that had I known about this place when I was a college freshman, I would have had somewhere to go and learn and grow and know that I didn’t deserve to be in the kind of relationship I was in. That it was wrong.”

Since that day Stacy has become one of the shelter’s strongest supporters. She says, “Sheltering Wings is one of those amazing places with amazing individuals with such big hearts and the willingness and the desire to help women get out of situations they didn’t feel they could get out of. This is a place where they can go not only to feel safe and protected but also to learn that they can be the women they want to be. And live the lives they are supposed to live.”

Stacy acknowledges it’s hard to talk about her personal experience with domestic abuse, but feels that ultimately “If I can keep women safe and help them get out of a bad relationship then it’s worth it. If telling my story is the way I can help save lives then I will tell it to the world.”

If you know of someone or are that someone who needs help please call 317-745-1496 or send a confidential email to larrison@shelteringwings.org.

Help pave the way for a new safe haven.

When Sheltering Wings first began we felt our physical space which accommodates 44 women and children and the services we designed would be sufficient for our community. Little did we realize the demands we would be facing. Each year we have increased in the number of women and children served. In addition their stay is longer than in the past and their needs are more complex.

After extensive prayer and consultation the Sheltering Wings leadership has moved forward with the development of the facility expansion plans and has authorized its launch.

Where do things currently stand:

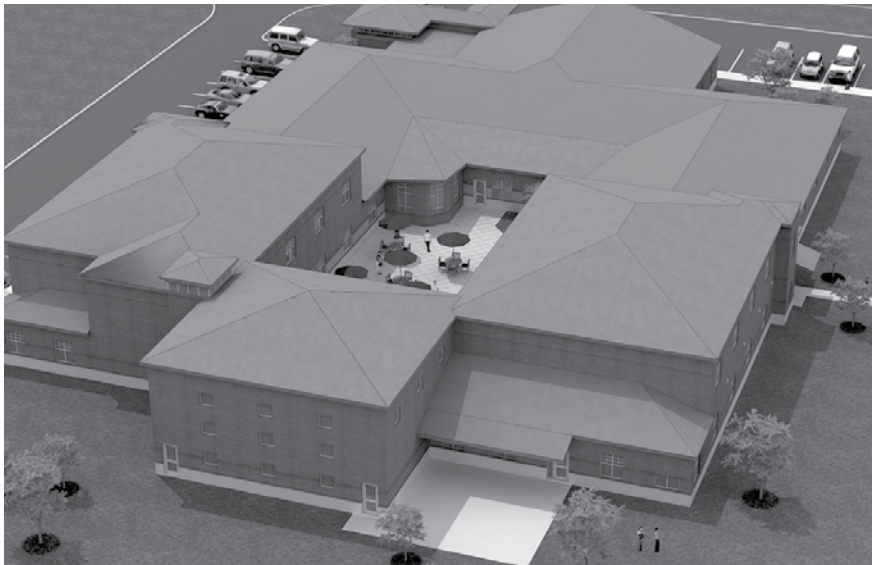
As of August 1, 2010, we have received \$2.35 million toward our campaign goal of \$3.5 million. This funding has been raised during the silent phase of our campaign. A \$1.0 million commitment from United Way and funding from the Federal Home Loan Bank of \$750,000 were keys to our success. One hundred percent of Sheltering Wings' Board members and staff have pledged to the campaign, and Hendricks Regional Health has donated the additional land needed to house the expansion.

Ways to be involved:

The campaign is a three year project, so pledges may be made over this time frame.

- Monetary Donations - Pledge letters are available online and one-time or recurring donations may also be made online at www.shelteringwings.org/newbeginnings, or mailed with the enclosed envelope.
- Furnishing Registry - Once the expansion is completed furnishings will be needed. A list of these needs is being developed and will be available online this fall.
- Paver Project - The new courtyard will need nearly 9,000 bricks. Please see information on the following page regarding the opportunity to be a part of this project.

We continue to be amazed at the work God is doing through the campaign and are grateful to everyone who has and will commit their time and resources to this project. Pray for us as we enter this next phase of the expansion. May God truly bless you as you bless the women and children who call Sheltering Wings home.



Community support!



Angela Ganote

Fox 59 Morning News Anchor

"I am involved with the Sheltering Wings Expansion Project because I have seen first hand how women and children of Hendricks County benefit from the assistance they receive. The love, compassion, and commitment from all the employees and volunteers inspires me to give back."



John Caldwell

Retired Senior Pastor, Kingsway Christian Church

"I remember personally helping a member of our congregation escape from her home with her kids because the drunken husband had a shotgun and was threatening to kill them. Having nowhere else to turn in those days, I took them to the home of an elder and his wife who offered them temporary sanctuary. All these years later spousal abuse continues to be a growing problem. In the recent past I've counseled three women, two of whom have recently escaped abusive relationships and one who needs to. But now there's a safe place to which we can turn - Sheltering Wings. We at Kingsway are glad to support a ministry that not only provides that safe place, but that points the abused to the One who will love them like no other - Jesus!"



Dennis Dawes

President/CEO, Hendricks Regional Health

"Sheltering Wings has been a wonderful organization for women and children in need for several years. It is very unfortunate that we need an organization like Sheltering Wings but it is a blessing to have them. Hendricks Regional Health has been a strong supporter of Sheltering Wings since their inception. I would encourage any organization, business or individual to support Sheltering Wings. The leadership and staff are exceptional people with God's heart for people in need. They perform miracles each and every day! Please consider giving."

