



Building

for Harbor House

KB Home Donates Construction of New Shelter

With more than 8,000 acts of domestic violence reported each year in Orange County alone, it's hard for Harbor House to keep up. The sad truth is that more than 1,000 survivors seeking shelter were turned away last year because the shelter was full.

"Many people are unaware that approximately 22 individuals are abused each day in Orange County alone," says Harbor House's new CEO Carol Wick. "For the past 15 years, our current safe shelter has provided a home for victims of domestic violence, but we are in need of additional resources."

Enter KB Home — a company with a long history of giving back to the community.

"As soon as we heard about this need from Mayor Crotty, we

committed to building a new 48-bed shelter, and we made it our priority," explains George Glance, KB Home Orlando Division President.

KB Home agreed to donate everything from site development, construction material and labor to appliances and landscaping.

The new shelter will include amenities such as a private telephone room, counseling room, a great room with a children's play area, a dining room and a large kitchen.

What started as a 5,000-square-foot plan soon expanded to 7,500 square feet, but KB Home didn't question it or hesitate.

Instead, the company rallied support from employees and more than 40 vendors.

"Attending Harmony Breakfast last year enabled us to see what we were doing and understand the impact the shelter has on people's lives," says



Interim CEO of Harbor House Jen Capp and George Glance, Orlando Division President of KB Home, help break ground on the shelter.

Glance. "We, in turn, were able to share our enthusiasm and garner additional support for the shelter."

At a recent quarterly meeting, Glance shared the video shown at Harmony Breakfast with all 300 KB Orlando employees so they could grasp the issue and understand its importance.

"By understanding the gravity of the situation, our employees are committed to supporting Harbor House over the long haul," adds

Glance. "Long after the walls are up and the shelter is finished, we will work with Harbor House to help them serve families in need."

As proof of that commitment, Glance even joined the Harbor House board of directors to raise money and use his business network to help stop the cycle of violence.

"We are grateful for KB Home's continued support," says Jennifer Capp, Interim CEO. "The new shelter is a dream come true for us."

| KB Home | |
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| Chairman and CEO: | Bruce Karatz |
| Local Principal: | George Glance, <i>Orlando Division President</i> |
| Employees: | Approximately 6,000 |
| Homes Built in 2005: | 37,140 |
| Year Founded: | 1957 |
| Contact: | www.kbhome.com |



What do cell phones, breakfast and baby showers have in common? They're all raising funds for Harbor House.

Let's Talk: Cell Phones Can Save Lives

An estimated 30 million wireless handsets are lying idle right now in the U.S. If you have one — or more — of them, give us a call. At Harbor House, we recycle old cell phones to benefit survivors and their families. We exchange donated phones for emergency-use cell phones that enable survivors to call 911 at no cost. In addition, we receive income for programs and services.

If you have an old cell phone that you would like to donate, contact Jessie Motley, Development Assistant, at 407-886-2244, ext. 223. Having the ability to access 911 through these phones will save lives!

Plan Early to Include Harbor House in Holiday Giving

When it is 90 degrees outside, the holiday season may not be top of mind — but it will be here before we know it. So we're gearing up for another joy-filled season



of giving. Our Adopt-A-Family and Gift Shop programs provide shelter residents and outreach participants with items on their holiday wish lists. Many times domestic violence victims flee their homes without a chance to gather their belongings.

Year after year, Harbor House program participants are touched by the thoughtfulness of contributors. As fellow community members, we can help make everyone's holiday season a joyous one. Please contact the Development Department at 407-886-2244, ext. 223 for more details.

Back-to-School Supplies Needed

One of the most exciting parts of "back-to-school" time for children is shopping for new clothes and school supplies. At Harbor House, we strive to empower survivors and their children. Our Back-to-School Campaign provides more than just "stuff" . . . it offers a sense of belonging, builds pride and boosts self-esteem.

Your donation of gift cards and school supplies, from notebooks to crayons, would be greatly appreciated. Equipping our children with proper



supplies and clothing gives them a great jump-start to a new school year. Contact Meg Quinlivan at 407-886-2244, ext. 229 to donate.

10th Annual Harmony Breakfast Slated for October 11

Join us as we celebrate our 10th annual Harmony Breakfast on **Wednesday, October 11 at 7:30 a.m. in The Ballroom at Church Street.**

Harmony Breakfast educates and inspires the Central Florida community to end violence in our homes and to break the destructive cycle generated by domestic violence. During this one-hour program, survivors will share their personal stories of struggle and triumph.

To make a reservation, please contact Meg Quinlivan at 407-886-2244, ext. 229.

Donate Clothing at the Bargain Box

This year, Harbor House and Junior League Bargain Box Thrift Store formed a partnership. Thanks to the Bargain Box, we are able to supply in-kind donations to survivors and others in the community.

The arrangement includes a climate-controlled place to store donations. And because donations are now collected off-site, it frees us of concerns about confidentiality.

Clothing is sorted by size and properly displayed, which makes shopping easier and more enjoyable.

Located at 505 N. Virginia Avenue in Winter Park, the Bargain Box is open Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition, it is open until 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. If you are interested in donating, call Jessie Motley at 407-886-2244, ext. 223.

Giving a Gift and Building Awareness

Imagine . . . a socially responsible baby shower??? Or a bridal shower that's not "all about me"? Believe it or not, some new moms and brides-to-be have added Harbor House to their "registries." In addition to (or in lieu of) shower gifts, they've asked guests to donate items for the mothers and children in our shelter. We've received diapers, bottles, blankets and toys — as well as soap, toilet tissue, bottled water and personal items. We couldn't be happier . . . and the shower guests, we're told, love the idea!

By asking for a small donation to Harbor House at your next event, you'll give us an even greater gift . . . awareness.



A Call to Top

Dolores' Story

Dolores first learned about Harbor House the hard way. After being beaten by her husband, she called our emergency hotline for help.

Today, just two years later, Dolores is the voice on the *other* side of the phone. She is a shelter advocate, helping women like herself.

This is her story.

The Fall

Dolores' once "dream relationship" with her husband started to slip away. Verbal abuse turned physical. She became withdrawn . . . even

from her family, who didn't understand why she *wouldn't* "get out."

"I had lost all self-esteem. What woman would allow any man to come between her and her children?" says Dolores.

After months of bruises and emotional battering, Dolores hit rock-bottom.

Last Straw

It started over dinner. Dolores' husband decided that the meal didn't meet his standards. To punish her, he pushed her around and locked her in the bathroom. After she had cowered there for a few

hours, he returned . . . punching and kicking her . . . telling her she was worthless and that no one else would want her . . . and shoving her face in the toilet. Then, he ordered her to go to bed and slammed the bedroom door.

Bloodied and beaten, Dolores attempted to leave through the French doors that led to a patio. But, before she was able to escape, her husband barged into the room and forced her onto the patio for the night. Dolores didn't know where to go. She just knew she didn't want to stay.

With only the shirt on her back, she began walking . . . and didn't stop for miles. Her heart led her to her daughter's home. But, too ashamed to be seen, she sat in the backyard until sunrise. To this day, Dolores' daughter doesn't know her yard was a safe haven that night.

Light in the Darkness

At dawn, Dolores walked to a nearby convenience store, where a female employee gave her a Coke and \$1.50, and let her use the phone. She called the police, and they directed her to Harbor House.



"I used the \$1.50 to catch a bus to the pick-up point," Dolores remembers. "The driver from Harbor House told me I was 'okay.' She didn't ask questions or put me down. She didn't judge me; she just told me I was safe. No one can understand how my life was impacted by that woman."

Dolores stayed at the shelter for two months and was given the resources to take back control of her life. She worked with a counselor. She learned to



cook dinner without the fear of ridicule or physical abuse. And she planned and prepared for life after the shelter. The result: She reclaimed her independence. "Every day I go to work, and I'm grateful. And I know there is hope, no matter what decisions you've made," says Dolores, who has been answering hotline calls, providing counsel and offering hope for two years at Harbor House. "I tell callers not to be ashamed — these are acts of survival not stupidity. There are people out there who care. Harbor House is the light in the darkness."

Harbor House Welcomes Carol Wick NEW CEO TAKES OVER TOP POST

Domestic violence is an issue many people just don't talk about. But, if it's up to Harbor House's new CEO Carol Wick . . . that's all about to change.

Wick, who joined Harbor House in early August, has years of experience *getting the word out*. And, as the organization's new leader, it's one of her top priorities.

"Harbor House has a huge impact on women and families throughout Orange County," Wick explains. "By

telling *more* people that we're here to help, we can do even more good."

Wick joins Harbor House after more than a decade at the PACE Center for Girls, a multi-county social services agency. During her tenure, she secured more than \$2 million in grant money and doubled agency revenue.

As executive director, Wick was responsible for fund-raising, grant writing and strategic planning.

She has a deep understanding of domestic violence and the

importance of education, prevention and empowerment efforts.

"Sadly, domestic violence isn't going to stop overnight. To end the cycle, we need to teach everyone — from all walks of life — about the warning signs and how to get help," says Wick.

"Harbor House is an organization that deals with issues near and dear to my heart. I'm looking forward to



working with the staff, board and volunteers as we strive to promote peace in every home."

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