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Leave a Legacy Through Estate Planning

Survivors at Harbor House are deeply grateful for your heart your commitment and passion to help end domestic abuse in their families. Did you know that you can live on in their hearts forever?



Thoughtful estate planning makes it possible to extend your care and concern to adults, children and pets at Harbor House for generations to come. For example, when you make a bequest to Harbor House in your will, your legacy gift will be placed in an endowment fund. Then, Harbor House will use the return on your investment each year to prevent and end abuse in Central Florida ... your generosity will continue endlessly.

If you haven't had a conversation about estate planning, you can start one today. Contact Nicole DiPietro at NDiPietro@ HarborHouseFL.com, an estate planner or your lawyer for more information.

For more information, please contact:

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UPCOMING EVENTS:



October 1-27, 2015

Shop for a Cause October 17, 2015



Wednesday, October 21, 2015



October 21-23, 2015



Saturday, November 7, 2015



October through December 2015

Harbor House

GIVE ONLINE AT:

www.harborhousefl.com

by law, Harbor House is registered with the State of

Florida to solicit contributions #CH604. A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the division of consumer services

by calling toll-free within the state 1-800-435-7352 or

DONATE TODAY!

Yes, I would like to help you fulfill your mission of eliminating domestic abuse in Central Florida. You can count on my support to help survivors right now.

- □ \$1,000 sponsors a family's entire stay in Safe Short Term Housing
- \$500 provides child care, activities and three healthy meals a day for a child's stay in Safe Short Term Housing
- □ \$250 sponsors a pet's stay in our kennel

CORPORATE OR ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION:

- □ \$125 sponsors one night of Safe Short Term Housing for a family in crisis
- □ \$65 sponsors one night of Safe Short Term Housing for a survivor in origin

□ \$27 provides a survivor with emergency safety planning with an experienced crisis advocate		www.couner_fraction. Registration of endorsement, approval, or recommend. State. Harbor House is registered with the the Solicitation of Contributions Act, Federal Tax Identification Number 59-1712
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You Can Help Us Change Lives — Permanent Housing for Survivors

Even a small gift can save a family from homelessness



Because you helped him find safety from domestic abuse at Harbor House, this little boy will grow up in a loving home without fear. He could become a doctor, a firefighter, a Nobel Prize winner, a caring father to his own family — even president. Who knows what the future holds for him? But today, with your help, he has a new home, a warm bed, and his family is out of danger.

The long-term safety of a domestic abuse survivor depends on finding a new, permanent — and most importantly safe home. Sixty percent of domestic abuse survivors are employed but still face the danger of becoming homeless. Just a small gift from YOU

can help a survivor transition out of shelter and into a new life. With private gifts, Harbor House has been able to permanently re-house a survivor for as little as \$88. The average cost to re-house a family is just \$1,100.

You can be sure that every dollar you give to help children like this little boy will have long-lasting results. Harbor House uses the best practices created by the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

You are making a dream become a reality. Visit harborhousefl.com/donate to help a family in need today!



This Holiday, Give the Gift of Hope and Healing

Children in shelter need more than toys for the holidays

During the holidays, Harbor House works to ensure a festive atmosphere for the families living in our emergency shelter. Although gifts under a tree are important, you can provide much more by letting survivors know you care in this special season. Many survivors arrive at our shelter with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. Your gift will ensure that each of the families experience a sense of belonging for the New Year.

You can help by donating items from our wish list:

- Twin-size bedding for children and adults
- Pillows and pillowcases
- Bath towels and wash cloths
- WalMart gift cards in \$25 or \$50 increments
- Gas station gift cards in \$25 or \$50 increments
- Pet store gift cards in \$25 or \$50 increments
- Personal hygiene products
- Cleaning supplies

See our full wish list at harborhousefl. com/donate. To schedule a time to drop off your gift, e-mail us at donate@harborhousefl.com.

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Harbor House Website Has a New Look

Updated site makes it easier to get help and give help



Visit us at <u>harborhousefl.com</u> to see our new site where you can easily give and get help.

Nearly 40 years ago, Harbor House opened its doors as a safe haven for survivors of domestic abuse. At that time, no shelter existed in Orange or Seminole counties for a woman whose husband abused her. Initially called Spouse Abuse, Inc. the organization sheltered a handful of women, children and men in its first year.

Fast forward to today, Harbor House of Central Florida is Orange County, Florida's only state-certified domestic violence center. To reflect our growth over the past few years, we've changed our look. Our holistic approach to providing programs and services aimed at ending the cycle of domestic abuse is focused on investing in replicable solutions that drive community-wide systemic and social change.



Thank You to Orlando Magic Youth Foundation

Grant helps fight domestic abuse in Central Florida

Thank you to the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation for helping us prevent and eliminate domestic abuse in Central Florida by awarding Harbor House a \$100,000 grant!

"This money is going to make a huge difference to the survivors that we serve," Harbor House CEO Carol Wick said. "What this allows us to do is not only shelter everybody that needs that shelter but also help them get back on their feet. We really feel this is a great influx of funds to be able to help us build a rapid rehousing program and get it going as a best practice here in Florida," Wick added.

Just two months after receiving funds from the Magic, Harbor House was able to move 40 families (126 people total) out of shelters into permanent homes.

Survivor Profile

Who are the survivors at Harbor House?

In 2014, you helped us reach more than 15,000 survivors of domestic abuse, with 6,217 women, men, and children helped face-to-face through our short-term housing, advocate sessions, outreach, counseling, and legal advocacy. That number represents a 5% increase over 2013.



In shelter:

- 545 adults (59% with children)
- 523 children (30% under the age of 9; 51% under the age of 5)

Hotline calls:

 Increased 16% over the past year and totalled 9,065 calls for help ... the first step to safety.

Our typical survivor:

- Female (88%)
- Living with abuser when contacted us (71%)
- Employed (42%)
- College graduate/attended college (39%)
- Between the ages of 20-39 (33%)

DOOR HANGING EVENT

TO STOP ABUSE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Held during

Domestic

Awareness

October, the

Purple Door

messages of

hope, and

stories of

captivating

Breakfast is filled

with inspiration,

survival and transformation.

By joining us, you can directly

bolster the life-saving support

of domestic abuse in Central

Harbor House provides to survivors

Florida. You can partner with us to equip every survivor and family with

Violence

month in

uplifting

Help Save Lives - 6th Annual It **Takes Courage Volunteer Event**

Volunteer to spread the awareness about domestic abuse

Harbor House and our partners are proud to announce our Sixth Annual It Takes Courage event! This year, we hope to have more than a thousand volunteers fan out across Orlando to visit apartment complexes and subdivisions, hanging door tags to spread awareness of domestic abuse. Gather your friends, family, and

- Saturday, November 7, 2015
- 8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
- UCF, Apopka, and Valencia neighborhoods
- · Register online at harborhousefl. com/ittakescourage

Last year's impact:

- 571 volunteers
- 23,648 door hangers distributed
- 3 hours

You're Invited - 39th Annual Purple Door Breakfast

PURPLE DOOR

First Baptist Church of Orlando - Faith Hall

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

3000 S. John Young Parkway

Registration: 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Orlando, FL 32805

- 46 people filed injunctions for
- 3 families sought safety in our shelter

the resources needed to leave an abusive relationship.

There is no cost to attend the breakfast; however guests will be given the opportunity to support domestic abuse survivors at Harbor House.

We're grateful for the generosity of our sponsors which allows 100% of all donations to benefit survivors.

To register as in individual, group, or sponsor, visit harborhousefl.com/ purpledoor

co-workers and join us. Your help makes a difference in the community!

In the days following the event:

- protection
- 45 hotline calls were received

Paint the Town Purple

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Hope and healing begin with you

On October 21-23, we're painting Orlando purple to raise awareness about domestic violence in Central Florida. Be on the lookout for major landmarks glowing purple and your favorite newscasters sporting this shade.

One in four women report experiencing domestic violence in her lifetime — that's more women than breast cancer, lung cancer, and ovarian cancer combined. It's around us everywhere and often behind closed doors. Together, we can solve the problem. Join us as we raise awareness to save lives and eliminate this statistic.

How you can participate:

- Wear purple Tell others why ending domestic abuse is important to you!
- Share Your Moment Follow @harborhousefl and share your posts to spread the word.
- Join the Community Attend the Purple Door Breakfast on October 21.
- Support a Survivor Make a donation online to help a family reach safety and healing.
- #PaintOrlandoPurple Take a selfie with your purple pride and tag @harborhousefl.

Key Anniversary in the Fight Against Domestic Abuse

One year since the Ray Rice incident

It was just one year ago that we all stared in horror as we watched Rav Rice punch his then fiancé in the head, rendering her unconscious. In the wake of that event, the world for survivors of intimate partner violence shifted slightly on its axis. Shortly after the video went viral, nearly 200,000 survivors of abuse took to social media in the form of two very important hash tags #whylleft and #whylstayed.

They talked about why they stayed with their partner and of the tipping point that made them finally leave. They spoke out against the one thing that keeps many trapped and silent - shame. By telling their stories, they



risked their own shame at why they stayed with someone who abused them. The shame of being identified as someone who was abused in a relationship made them less whole, less valuable, less intelligent. This shame

continues to be heaped upon survivors by the public as a whole.

Susan Scrupski, founder of Big Mountain Data, gathered all the tweets and posts and analyzed them. Susan sought to bring a visual voice to the largest single outcry from survivors in history. Her findings confirm what we who work with survivors already know. They stay because of the danger in leaving not only to themselves but to their children (and pets); they have no support, no resources and no one to turn to. They stay out of love and hope their partner will change.

Let's make sure any survivor who is ready to leave is supported and protected. Only you can make that change.

CEO CORNER



Harbor House is ready to take its award-winning R3 app global! We created the app to encourage healthcare professionals and those at risk to Recognize, Respond and Refer (R3) survivors of domestic abuse. The app's evidence-based screening is 91% effective in predicting if someone is in an abusive relationship and contains the only national database of verified domestic abuse agencies in the United States.

Plans for our upgraded version will give the app worldwide reach. In partnership with the United Nations, the app will now list locations where individuals can seek assistance across the globe.

Domestic abuse agencies with kennels will be added to the shelter listings. Finally, the app will be available in English and Spanish with the ability to provide other languages such as French, Chinese, Farsi and Russian.

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