

Harbor House Link

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FEBRUARY IS AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH

Here are some Domestic Violence facts related to African Americans

- ◆ African-American women experience *more* domestic violence than White women in the age group of 20-24. However, Black and White women experience the *same* level of victimization in all other age categories.
- ◆ Only about half of domestic violence incidents are reported to police. African-American women are more likely than others to report their victimization to police.



- ◆ Of the women who die from domestic violence, 28% are African American.
- ◆ Of interesting note, the FDLE 2006 DV fatality review found that 63% of perpetrators and 70% of victims killed last year were white.

◆ The most common method of murder was a handgun and most victims died in their homes and were separated from the perpetrator.

For the complete report visit

http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/publications/Domestic_Violence_Fatality_Report_2006.pdf



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Dear Harbor House Volunteers and Supporters,

As many of you know I was out on maternity leave from October to January. I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy named Maddox on October 13th! I want to thank everyone who sent congratulations and well wishes. Your kind words mean so much to me! I would also like to thank Robleh Kirce who helped fill in for me while I was on leave. Robleh, you are an amazing person and we are lucky to have you as a volunteer! Please feel free to contact me with any comments and questions and if you are interested in any volunteer opportunities. It's good to be back!

In Peace,
Meredith Friel

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."

-Jimi Hendrix

Volunteer Opportunities

SHELTER ADVOCATE

Two volunteers are needed to answer crisis calls at our shelter. Volunteers are needed during weekly staff meetings on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 5 pm. **Core Competency Training is required for this position.**

CLERICAL VOLUNTEER

A volunteer is needed for 8 to 10 hours to help with filing and boxing up old files. You can make your own schedule! **Core Competency Training is required for this position (files are confidential material).**

COURTHOUSE VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed at the Orange County Courthouse on Tuesday afternoons. Volunteers will be answering phones and handing out paperwork. **Core Competency Training is required for this position.**

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to work with children ages 5 and up at our shelter. Join us from 3 pm to 6 pm and bring your creative ideas for hands on art projects. It's a wonderful opportunity to help children shine and experience hands on fun!

Volunteers are also needed to play outdoor games. From basketball and bike rides, to hop scotch and four square we would love to have you join the fun. **Core Competency Training is required for these positions.**

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

A receptionist is needed for a few hours a day, a couple days a week at our shelter to answer the administration phone and help with clerical work. No Core training is required, pleasant phone voice a plus!

Attention Volunteers!

Do you have a special skill or talent? Why not come out to the Harbor House Shelter and share it with our residents?

Some example of Activities are:

Help with Resumes/job applications

Teaching computer classes

Drug Prevention

Driver's Ed. Testing

Culinary classes

Dance lessons

Exercise classes

Music lessons/ recital

You can make a difference
in the life of a survivor!

Call Meredith Friel at 407.886.2244 x239 to
plan your activity today!

Core Competency Trainings Dates For 2007

March 9-11	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
April 16-18, and 23-25	5:00 pm— 9:00 pm
August 13-15	8:30 am – 5:00 pm
October 19-21	8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Contact Meredith at
mfriel@harborhouse.us
to reserve your spot today!



Harbor House Welcomes New Staff Members!

The staff of Harbor House is pleased to welcome some new members to our team!

- * **Kimberly Christian** keeps our shelter bright and clean as our new Housekeeper. Her helpful attitude and friendly smile brighten the staff's day as well.
- * **Debbie Porter** our new Outreach Services Manager is a Master's level clinician who comes to us from Pace Center for Girls. Debbie will be managing the outreach program, as well as coordinate Master's level interns to provide therapeutic services for outreach, shelter, and children's programs.
- * **Jonathan McGriff** is the new Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator working with the DELTA Campaigns "Coaching Boys Into Men". Jonathan co-founded and worked for Next Level Protective Services and was an officer for the Orlando Police Department for 12 years.
- * **Cheryl Brown** is Harbor House's new Grants Coordinator. Cheryl is a nationally certified grant specialist and brings over 10 years of experience in grant writing and administration. The Development team is lucky to have Cheryl and her expertise.
- * **Samantha Lobban** joins our Shelter Advocate team bringing with her a strong social services background not only in the United States but in Canada and her birthplace of England as well. Samantha helps survivors in need of assistance during the 3 pm to 11 pm shift.
- * **Mimi Smith** has been a dedicated volunteer for Harbor House and we are now excited to welcome her as a staff member in Childcare. She will be coordinating activities for the children of Harbor House.

Childcare is happy to welcome **Brenda Tate**, our 3rd foster grandparent!

Mrs. Tate brings her warm smile and loving heart from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Joining current foster grandparents Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. Clara, our children are guaranteed warm hugs and cuddles from 7:00a.m. - 7p.m. five days a week! The Foster Grandparent Program of Central Florida has been providing Harbor House's children with loving intergenerational relationships since September of 2004!

For more information about the Foster Grandparent Program visit www.fostergrandparentprogram.org

Harbor House congratulates **Anna Scott** who was recently promoted to Community Education and Prevention Manager! Anna has been with Harbor House for over 10 years and was previously the Domestic Violence Prevention Coordinator. Anna will be managing the Harbor House Speaker's Bureau, T.E.A.R. Program and Delta Program. Harbor House is lucky to have Anna as a manager!

Harbor House Donations Wish List

In order to better serve our program participants we are in need of the following:

- Gift Certificates in \$20 increments for Wal-Mart, Target, and Publix.
- Hair products for African Americans (combs, perms, hair gel)
- Panty hose for all skin tones
- Band-Aids
- A TV for our shelter childcare



- One Brand New Refrigerator for our shelter childcare

Please Contact Jessie Motley at 407.886.2244 ext. 223 for more information or to make a donation.

Is your company, civic or religious group, or family looking for a hands on volunteering experience?

Are you willing to make a year long commitment? Then you should consider the

Harbor House Adopt-A-Room Program

Due to the high volume of survivors that enter and exit our shelter during the year, our shelter rooms suffer a lot of wear and tear. Adopt one of our rooms and help us offer survivors of domestic violence a clean comfortable place to stay safe and to heal.

When you adopt a room you are responsible for coming out to our shelter every 3 months and revamping the room. This includes:

Painting the room, providing new bedding including comforters, sheets and pillows, decorating the room, providing new shower curtains and room accessories such as alarm clock, plants or lamps.

In addition your group's name will go on a plaque in honor of your generous gift.

Contact Meg Quinlivan at 407.886.2244 ext. 229 for more information!

International Women's Day



Celebrate International Women's Day on March 8th with Harbor House and Ten Thousand Villages on Park Avenue in downtown Winter Park. On Thursday, March 8th, Ten Thousand Villages at 346 N. Park Ave will donate 10% of sales to Harbor House. From 6:00 until 9:00 pm that day, they'll also feature musicians, wine & desserts to add to the celebration.

On March 8th, a new angel pin made by women artisans of the Philippines will be re-

leased. The angels are made of coiled, recycled newspaper and celebrate the creative spirit of women. Proceeds from the sale of these angels promotes economic development in the third world, and Ten Thousand Villages on Park Avenue will make a donation of \$2 to Harbor House for every angel sold. The pins will be available for purchase for \$3 each on March 8th, International Women's Day. As a nonprofit, fair-trade retail organization, Ten Thousand Villages invests in dignity, sustainability, education and hope for villages and neighborhoods in more than 30 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Ten Thousand Villages has provided fair prices, working capital and a market for artisans around the world for 60 years.



An Angel for You

Celebrating the creative spirit of women from around the world . . .

Innovative women artisans in Baguio City, Philippines handcrafted your angel from recycled newspaper. They wrapped strips of newspaper around a single broom bristle, coiled the bristle into spiraled "building blocks" and reinforced each with starch. They pieced the blocks together with string and glue and added wire to craft the angel's wings. The women received a fair price for their work, adding dignity to their livelihood and hope for their future.



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