



# SAFE HARBOR NEWS

## An Attitude of Gratitude

December 2007 was a wonderful month in a very good year for Safe Harbor. Each year we are amazed anew by the variety, breadth and depth of generosity and compassion shown by the community to our clients and their children. We'd like to share with you some words of gratitude from some of the individuals who have benefited from your generosity over the years.

*was against every value and belief with which I was reared (I was born and reared in Sheboygan). Financial abuse was my biggest road block. Safe Harbor provided me with a safe place to live... I am grateful to the staff and volunteers of Safe Harbor, without them so many women and children would be without vital resources with which to rebuild their lives."*

*"I arrived, like most residents, I am sure, with only my two daughters and pretty much the clothes on our backs. While we were there we needed toothbrushes, hairspray, socks, underwear even. And it was provided for us. I was very touched that people would donate these things (or the money to buy these things) for us."*

*"If it was not for Safe Harbor we would not have had anywhere to go to escape the nightmare that was our life. With help from Safe Harbor we were able to get the money needed to find a place to live. We were able to stay there until this was possible...I thank God for the people who donate the time, money, efforts, and prayers to this place, for women like myself, who truly needed a way to escape a living nightmare, not just for myself, but for my children as well." (continued on page 2)*

*"It took me more than 20 years to get out of an abusive relationship. I knew what was happening was wrong—it*

### MISSION STATEMENT

Safe Harbor is dedicated to the prevention of all forms of domestic abuse and sexual assault in the community through raising awareness, education, and providing safety, shelter and support for all victims.

## Endowment Fund Supports Safe Harbor's Mission

For the first time, this fall Safe Harbor received a significant gift from the Safe Harbor Endowment Fund. The money for the donation came from interest and earnings on the Endowment Fund, which was created in 2006 with funds from an anonymous donor and an estate bequeathed to Safe Harbor. **Money given to the Endowment Fund never gets spent;** instead it grows by investment and the interest and dividends from those investments are paid each year to Safe Harbor.

If you are interested in learning more about supporting our mission and possibly saving estate taxes by making a bequest—or outright tax-exempt gift—to the Endowment Fund, call us at (920) 452-8611.

## Expressions of Gratitude, *continued*

### Donations by Credit Card

If you like the idea of earning points or miles on your credit card while supporting Safe Harbor's mission, now we can accommodate you! We accept credit card donations by phone at (920) 452-8611.

You'll also find that donation option included on page 4 of this newsletter.

*"Through the assistance of the staff at the shelter, the educational information I learned at the group meetings, and the allowance to believe that my feelings are important; I was renewed with self-confidence. Not only did Safe Harbor supply me with emotional needs, but it also supplied my family with basic needs such as: clothing, food, means of transportation, and a safe place to rest. If I could change anything in my life, it would not be the time I spent in Safe Harbor because if it weren't for them, it's a possibility I wouldn't be here today."*

*"Safe Harbor was exactly what I needed at the time I was attempting to leave a very bad situation. My children (3 boys) were welcomed unconditionally into the safety of a warm, clean environment called Safe Harbor. We received food, clothing (if needed), a clean place to sleep and regular support groups that helped me tremendously."*

*"To this day, the children have the Teddy Bears that were given them on their first contact with Safe Harbor. They were, and still are their security."*

On behalf of all our clients, Safe Harbor thanks you!

## Heard It Thru the Grapevine Gets Jazzed!



The 10th annual *Heard It Thru the Grapevine*, Safe Harbor's signature fundraising event, has a few exciting **changes** in store this year. In addition to wine and cheese tasting, hors d'oeuvres and silent auction items, we'll have **microbrews** and **live jazz** by Paul Silbergleit and company. (Check out his website at [www.paulsilbergleit.com](http://www.paulsilbergleit.com).) And the date is a **Saturday night, February 16, 2008** at ACUITY's lovely Center Galleria, from 6 - 10 p.m.

It's the perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day weekend! You may use the form below to reply.

### 2008 *Heard It Thru the Grapevine* Order Form

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Our outreach grows,  
Because of the support  
Our community shows.  
Thank you!

Donors listed made gifts to Safe Harbor during the period of June through December, 2007

The following gifts were received  
In Memory or in Honor of  
a person or occasion

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**Elaine Wohlrabe**  
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**Wonderful caring men & women in her life**  
Joy Thompson

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## A Moment with Mary

One of the real joys of my work at Safe Harbor is the opportunity to extend our sincere appreciation for all the gracious support we have known. Since we began this work in 1990, we have been sustained by the generous assistance of others. Our board and staff recognize it would not be possible to make a difference in the community without our many donors and supporters who believe in our mission.

As we begin 2008, I want to express our deep and heartfelt gratitude to all who helped us last year. Your generosity had a significant impact and ensures victims

of domestic violence and sexual assault that they do indeed have a safe harbor.

Looking back at 2007 we see a year that brought new opportunities for Safe Harbor to make a difference in the lives of hundreds of individuals as well as work to prevent violence here in Sheboygan County.

As we look to the future, we hope one day our services will no longer be needed. Until that day, we will provide safety, support and hope to all who may need it. We will continue to work with others on the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault, and the impact these crimes have



Mary Fontanazza, Exec. Director

on individuals as well as our community.

Again, we extend our sincere thanks to all of our volunteers, donors and supporters who helped Safe Harbor make a difference in 2007.

**“Your generosity has had a significant impact....”**

**Mary Fontanazza**

### From the Shelter Advocates’ Desk



The past holiday season brought much joy to Safe Harbor staff and clients alike. As in past years, the community’s generosity warmed our hearts. That generosity also allowed us to present gifts to **44** women and **112** children. Hundreds of gifts, large and small, were delivered to us to pass on to those we serve.

To be able to give families help and hope during the holidays will sustain our spirits throughout the new year and the sad stories it will inevitably bring. Our hearts are still full of gratitude for those kind people who celebrate the holiday season by giving. Their gift of time, talent and treasure to Safe Harbor helps us continue our work here. Thank you so much!

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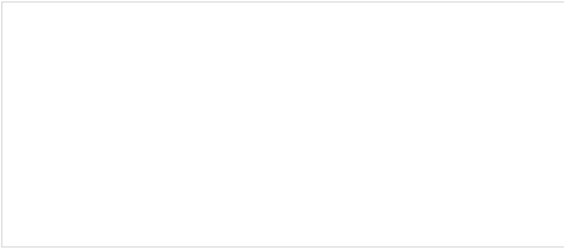
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## I support a violence-free Sheboygan County...

Every day, people in our own community know the terror of domestic violence and sexual assault. Safe Harbor provides crisis advocacy, shelter, food, legal referral, support groups and more, all at no cost to the families served.

We invite our community to stand with us against the cycle of violence.

**I want to help Safe Harbor offer hope for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.**

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**Thank you!**