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HOPE HAVEN OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

Children's Advocacy and Rape Crisis Center

Beaufort County School District Joins with Hope Haven to Protect Children

In preparation for the new school year, Hope Haven trained over 60 new Beaufort County



School District teachers and staff in Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children program. Hope Haven also trained more than 30 St. Helena Elementary teachers and staff. The Stewards of Children program educates and empowers adults to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse. The program is so effective that with every adult trained, 10

children on average are protected. Thanks to Hope Haven, 900 school children will now be protected by their new teachers.

If your organization is interested in receiving the Stewards of Children training,

please contact Leigh-Ann Schoupe at 524-2256 or email at hope4@islc.net.

After one of the training sessions, a teacher stated in her evaluation form, "I now feel very empowered and confident knowing what to do when I have suspicions that a child is being sexually abused. I am a mandatory reporter."



Welcoming our new Director of Prevention/Outreach

Leigh-Ann Shoupe brings a wealth of experience to Hope Haven. She received her Master's degree in Health Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina and her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the College of Charleston.

She served as the Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator at the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center (DNLCC) in Charleston, SC, and held graduate internships at the Ronald McDonald House of Charleston, Palmetto Primary Care Physicians, and the Medical University of South Carolina. At DNLCC, she worked with community partners such as the Department of Social Services, local law enforcement agencies, local guardian ad litem programs, mental health professionals, and school personnel to better coordinate services for child victims of abuse. She was also a member of the Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence Task Force that improved the community response to children exposed to domestic violence. As Hope Haven's Director of Prevention/Outreach Services, Leigh-Ann oversees the implementation of abuse prevention programs in the community, including the Darkness to Light Stewards of Children program, Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP), and the Men Can Stop Rape Men of Strength (MOST) Club. Mrs. Shoupe also serves as a member of the Sara Schuh Child Abuse Conference Planning Committee.



I am honored to work with the Lowcountry community in implementing more primary prevention strategies to engage, educate, and empower adolescents and adults to stop violence before it occurs.

Partner in Prevention Distinction

Hope Haven of the Lowcountry is a proud 2011-2012 Darkness to Light Partner in Prevention. This distinction represents Hope Haven's commitment to the prevention of child sexual abuse and to helping children grow up healthy and whole. As a Partner in Prevention, Hope Haven trains staff and volunteers at child serving organizations to prevent, recognize and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse. The Darkness to Light Stewards of Children prevention training effectively increases knowledge, improves attitudes, and improves adult child-protective behavior.

Hope Haven's Director of Prevention, Leigh-Ann Schoupe (right), receiving the award from Darkness to Light's CEO Jolie Logan



Local Rotary Clubs Step Up to Support Hope Haven of the Lowcountry

< Tom Perkins, president of Sea Island Rotary, presented Hope Haven's executive director, Shawu Chin Capps with a \$1,000 grant award to support Hope Haven's important mission of hope and healing for child victims of abuse and adult victims of sexual violence.

> Gene Arrington (left) and Steve Schipka (right) of the Sunset Rotary Club present Christine Smith (middle) from Hope Haven of the Lowcountry with a \$3,000 check. The grant will help install a SEEWALL in Hope



Haven's lobby. This interactive wall display decreases children's anxiety and fear when they come for treatment.

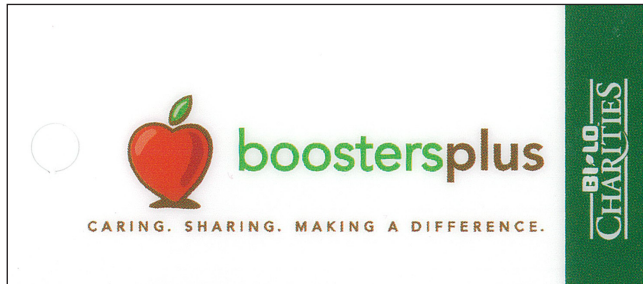
< Current President of Hilton Head Island Rotary, Mike Jukofsky, awarding the grant check to Leigh-Ann Schoupe, Hope Haven's Director of Prevention/Outreach. Hilton Head Rotary awarded Hope Haven \$4,000 to provide mental health treatment to more abused children.



Bi-Lo Booster Plus Program

Shop at any Bi-Lo stores and 1% of all sales will go to Hope Haven. Simply bring this bar code on your next visit and have them scan it together with your Bi-Lo card. You only have to scan it one time. Once it is in the system, 1% of all your purchases will be automatically donated to Hope Haven.

Simply print out this newsletter and bring it on your next shopping trip to Bi-Lo for the bar code to be scanned. And please share this great "boost" with all your friends and family!



Protecting Childhood Innocence



Hope Haven of the Lowcountry hosted the first Brown Bag Lunch Series "Protecting Childhood Innocence." The series educated adults and caregivers on asking schools and summer camps for policies and procedures that ensure children have a safe summer and school year. Participants also received tips on how to talk to children about body safety and sexual abuse. We thank all the participants and organizations for their interest and willingness to learn how to protect children! We also want to thank the Bluffton Library and Palmetto Electric for allowing us to use their facilities.

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Hilton Head Island Celebrity Golf Tournament a Success!!

The 32nd annual Hilton Head Island Celebrity Golf Tournament was held over the Labor Day weekend. It was a star studded event with celebrities like Food Network star Robert Irvine, Brain Baumgartner, better known as "Kevin" from the Emmy Award-winning TV Show "The Office," country music stars Josh and Zack Carter and many more! However, the real stars of the event were Hope Haven's crew of volunteers who worked so hard under the sweltering late summer sun to ensure that Hope Haven is one of twenty charities who will benefit from the event. A huge thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who work so hard to advance Hope Haven's mission! Along with the Sun City volunteers featured in this photo, we want to thank the Hilton Head volunteers: Cinda Seamon, Frances Ferrene, John Patten, Kathy Patten, Linda Papa, Virginia Roman-Keating, and Christine Smith. They



are our SUPER STARS!!

left to right: Frank Russo, Joan Regan, Elaine French, Judy Ferguson, Tim Hurley, Joe Bleimeyer, Pat Krauser, Dave Krauser, Tom French.

Mid-Year Service Statistics:

From January to June 2012, Hope Haven served:

231 direct victims of child abuse and sexual assault.

75%: children under the age of 16

44%: children under the age of 11

78%: child sexual abuse and sexual assault cases

35%: child physical abuse and/or neglect cases

340 indirect victims (family members, loved ones, spouses and siblings who are just as impacted by the crime)

Behind each statistic is a face and a life full of potential and hope. As a supporter of Hope Haven, you are saving one life at a time.