

Your generosity empowers teens to stop violence

How do you stop dating violence? By getting inside the minds of boys and girls before it's too late.

Unhealthy relationships can start early and last a lifetime. Dating violence often starts with teasing and name calling which are thought to be “normal.” But these behaviors can set the stage for more serious violence like physical assault and rape. With your help, it doesn't have to be that way.

GIRLS CLUB EMPOWERS GIRLS

Your support helps stop the cycle before it starts by empowering young women. Girls Circle provides a safe environment for girls to think through their choices. This is the first step in preventing violence in relationships.



Here's what the girls say:

*Girls Circle helped me learn that it is my right to say yes or no. - Michelle*

*Girls Circle helps me with making better choices. - Megan*

*Girls Circle has helped me stand up for myself and for others. - Summer*

There are seven Girls Circle groups at three different schools around Beaufort County. Your support is changing these girls' lives.

MOST CLUB EDUCATES BOYS

The boys in the Men of Strength Club at Ridgeland-Hardeeville High helped educate their peers about teen dating violence. They collected students' written pledges of what they will do to help end dating violence. The winning pledges are:

1. *If she is uncomfortable or says 'NO,' I will stop.*
2. *I would keep it from happening by spreading the word and stopping it whenever I see it.*
3. *I will help end dating violence by talking about it with the victim and not post it to Facebook.*



Through your support, young men are learning to prevent violence by adopting a healthier vision of masculinity.

Thanks to you, a late night crisis call from a rape victim is answered

Your gifts train volunteers as rape victim advocates. We recently trained 12 new volunteers.



The volunteers answer after-hours rape crisis calls. They also meet victims at the hospital to support them during the medical exam. The majority of rape calls come in during evening and weekend hours. Your generosity makes it possible to train and manage the volunteers who assist rape victims immediately in their time of crisis.



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Want to help more? Here are some ways to get involved:

- Volunteer - call 524-2256 for info
- Tour our new of- fice: 1212 Charles Street in uptown Beaufort
- Donate snacks and toys for the children or office supplies



Upcoming Events:

Show support for survivors by attending **Take Back the Night** on **Fri- day, April 11th at 7pm** at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park in Beaufort. Survivors and performers young and old will share words of hope and healing. Luminaries will be lit to honor the 521 survivors served by Hope Haven in 2013.

Attend our 10th annual **Lilies on the River** luncheon and auction on **May 10** at the Berkley Hall Club House. To make a luncheon reservation at the early bird rate, call Leigh Ann Patrick at 812-7366 or email laparrick@yahoo.com. We sold out last year, so reserve your ticket today!



## You Help Build Strong Families

Through your support and a generous grant from The Children's Trust of South Carolina, Hope Haven offers the Strengthening Families Program.

This program grows family skills to significantly reduce problem behaviors, strengthen the parent-child bond and increase effective parenting skills. Thank you for helping us build strong families so that children have the best chance to succeed.



*Your support helped Amanda learn effective parenting skills for Sammy & Nathan and changed their family life for the better.*

*"The Strengthening Families Program changed how I parent and changed our lives. I learned to carve out one-on-one time with my children to talk to them. Their negative attitudes decrease as a result. Now my child talks more to me and I can better help him resolve problems. THANK YOU!"*



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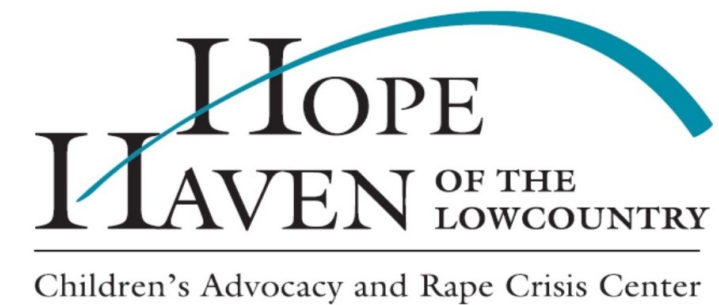
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*Thanks to you, children  
begin healing immediately*

*Additional counselors see more children*

I think of you when I see the families coming through our new front door and hear the happy sounds of children playing in our welcoming new lobby. **You have made this possible.**



*Your gifts provide the counseling  
children need to heal after trauma.*

For each of the past 10 years, the number of child abuse

cases has increased every year.

We had a waitlist of families who

would rather wait up to six months to see one of our counselors than go elsewhere.

Children need immediate counseling for their long-term wellbeing.

**Children need  
immediate help after  
child abuse for their  
long-term wellbeing.**

Now, we have enough office space to house all our clinical staff and we have eliminated the waitlist. **Children can now see a counselor to begin the healing process without delay.**

Our hearts are full because we know that we could not have achieved this milestone without supporters like you! We would love to show you around our new space. Please call Shaww Chin Capps at 524-2256 to schedule a tour.

**Read on to see how Hope Haven turns your support into impact.** Our programs heal the most vulnerable and address the root causes of violence.

There is much work to do so that one day there will no longer be a need for Hope Haven.

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