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HOPE HAVEN OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

Children's Advocacy and Rape Crisis Center

8th Annual Lilies on the River Highlights Hope Haven's Impact on Saving Lives

A record number of people attended this year's Lilies on the River, Hope Haven's signature event. We proudly honored the Belfair Angel Tree ladies for their ongoing support of Hope Haven's mission.

Our mission of hope and healing was given a personal face with testimony from a child abuse survivor. Angela, a teacher and former Hope Haven client, shared her moving story of survival and healing. Angela was sexually abused by her grandfather for a decade, beginning when she was 3. She kept that abuse hidden from her family and from herself until it nearly killed her. When she turned 24, Angela began to have flashbacks. She attempted suicide twice. Other counselors told her to get over it. It wasn't until she contacted Hope Haven that she began to heal. Says Angela, "it's because of Hope Haven that I'm alive and that I have moved from being a victim of sexual abuse to being a survivor."

Every day, we see survivors like Angela. We thank her for her courage and for giving a voice to the countless survivors of child sexual abuse. We also thank all of you—our supporters, sponsors, and volunteers—who made this year's Lilies of the River successful, raising funds that help Hope Haven provide critical services to the Lowcountry.



left:
*Honoring the Belfair
Angel Tree Ladies
for their dedication
in advancing Hope
Haven's mission*



top right:
*Luncheon attendee
and Hope Haven
supporter, Ellen Taylor,
greeting guests*



right:
*At the lilies release
ceremony*

Stories Full of Determination and Hope Help Victims Take Back the Night

On the evening of April 27, survivors of sexual violence and friends dedicated to their healing gathered to Take Back the Night. Solicitor Duffie Stone, Chief Prosecutor for Beaufort, Jasper, Colleton, Hampton and Allendale Counties, delivered the opening speech that called for a world without child abuse and sexual violence. Recognizing Hope Haven's critical importance in prosecuting criminals and making the Lowcountry safer for children, the Solicitor commented, "children are the most vulnerable of all the victims we serve. Hope Haven helps us determine what happened and, more importantly, helps children and families rebuild their lives."

Solicitor Stone's powerful remarks were followed by spoken words of hope and healing first from survivors and then from young poets from the LOUD program. Their voices shattered the silence of child abuse and sexual violence in the Lowcountry, helping victims reclaim the innocence and childhoods lost at the hands of their abusers. The evening's most inspirational moment came when 466 luminaries were lit to represent each of the 466 victims Hope Haven served last year—victims who have found help and healing because of Hope Haven.



Survivor, Kirsten, courageously speaks out against sexual violence at Take Back the Night

Are You the One?

Have you seen Hope Haven's public service announcement on WSAV this spring? We launched a four week advertising campaign called "One with Courage" to encourage children and adults to speak out about abuse. Only one in ten victims of abuse—victims right here in Beaufort County—speaks out and gets the help they need. If real healing is to happen in the Lowcountry, we need to reverse this statistic. The best way is to create awareness and encourage adults to "be the one" with courage to report and intervene on behalf of an abused child. Only then can healing begin.

We thank WSAV for partnering with Hope Haven to spread the message across the Lowcountry. Help us spread the message even further by sharing the PSA with others. Simply click on the link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2Y68jP8PP8> or visit Hope Haven's website to view at www.hopehavenC.org.



We Need Your Help to Keep Up With Demand for Hope Haven's Services

Already this year, Hope Haven has received a record number of referrals to help 215 direct victims of child abuse and sexual assault. These victims are in desperate need of interviews, medical evaluation, counseling, treatment and crisis intervention.

Unfortunately, we can't keep up; demand has far exceeded our capacity. Hope Haven has a waiting list of 22 children and adults waiting for therapy/counseling services. The wait to schedule a forensic interview—an integral part of a criminal investigation in child abuse cases—has increased to four weeks. Because time is critical to both the prosecution and the healing process, we must eliminate these waiting lists.

Hope Haven is in critical need of a new staff counselor. Will you help? To find out how, please call Shaww Chin Capps, executive director, at 524-2256 or email at hope2@islc.net. You can also visit our website for details on how you can take action.

Working out Awareness

Craig Hysell and Dayna Muggeo, owners of CrossFit Hilton Head, have a goal to make everything outside "the box" (i.e. our community) better by working hard inside "the box" (i.e. the gym). They put that saying into practice by adopting local charities in the community to provide financial support and awareness for important issues facing all of us. Hope Haven is very fortunate



to have been chosen as one of CrossFit Hilton Head's signature charities. The first annual WOD for Hope, held on May 12, helped introduce Hope Haven to members of CrossFit Hilton Head and was a huge success! To date, members of CrossFit Hilton Head have raised close to \$1,000 for Hope Haven. Hard work often begins with courage. It is because of the courage of Craig and Dayna, of CrossFit Hilton Head members, and of others in the community that support Hope Haven that we are able to work towards our vision of "creating communities intolerant of child abuse and sexual violence." Thank you CrossFit Hilton Head! <http://www.hopehavenC.org/news-and-events.html>

Hope Haven's Excellence in Providing Successful Treatment of Child Trauma Recognized



Shaww Chin Capps,
MSW
Executive Director

Hope Haven is honored to have been selected to partner with The Medical University of South Carolina-National Crime Victims Center (MUSC-NCVC) and Dee Norton Children's Center (DNLCC) in Charleston to improve the quality of children's mental health assessments. The partnership recognizes Hope Haven's ability to provide successful, proven treatments for trauma victims.

Hope Haven will participate as part of a team to improve treatment planning and referrals for abused children. The

partnership will also sharpen the skills of Hope Haven's clinicians, providing them with the tools to better interpret and share assessment scores with therapists, prosecutors and social workers. Many clients already consider Hope Haven's therapists the best in the area, and chose to wait for our counseling rather than seek immediate help elsewhere. This partnership with MUSC-NCVC and DNLCC will strengthen their skills even further by providing additional evidence of the success of treatment.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Greeter/Front Desk Help Needed

Hope Haven is looking for volunteers to help with greeting clients and providing supervision for children at the front desk. Must be available weekdays during the time frame of 9 AM - 5 PM. Volunteers must agree to a background check and undergo 3.5 hours of mandatory training provided by Hope Haven. Please contact Christine Smith at 524-2256 or email her at hope9@islc.net to apply.

Rape Crisis Intervention Volunteer

Hope Haven is accepting applications for volunteers and interns to attend training to be a rape crisis intervention volunteer. Volunteers serve as hospital advocates to child and adult survivors of sexual assault, and are also trained to answer crisis calls from the 24-hour hotline. Experts in Law Enforcement, Counseling, and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner will present information regarding working with sexual assault victims. The 25 hour training also includes multi-media presentations, group discussions and role play to equip volunteers with the skills necessary to help victims in crisis situations.

Training will be held July 23, 25, 27, 31, August 2, and 4. The weekday sessions will be from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the Saturday session from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All six sessions must be attended for crisis intervention volunteers to be fully trained. The location of the training will be announced at a later date. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register please call Christine Smith at (843) 524-2256.

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Beaufort High School girls soccer team joined hands with Hope Haven to raise awareness and funds to help victims of child abuse and sexual violence. The team spearheaded a fundraising activity with a local restaurant, Rancho Grande, where 10% of the proceeds on a certain day was donated to Hope Haven. We want to thank all the girls, coaches and leaders for supporting Hope Haven's important mission!

