



# The Beacon

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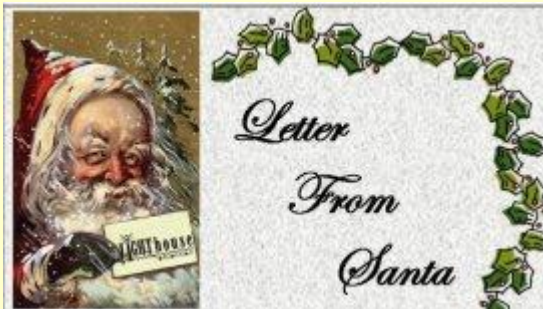
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## Our Mission

"The mission of the Lighthouse Shelter is to decrease the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault in Saline County through community awareness, counseling, shelter, direct services, and

## Letter From Santa!



Send a child or special someone, a personalized letter from Santa! For a \$5.00 donation, we will send a unique personalized letter from Santa

on quality stationery to your loved one. All proceeds benefit the children served by The Lighthouse Shelter, Inc. If you would like to have a letter sent from Santa, [Click Here](#) to print out an order form.

## Volunteering is making a difference!

Volunteers are one of the key reasons the Lighthouse Shelter keeps running and without volunteers like you, it becomes a struggle. The following is a letter from a community service worker that came back as a volunteer.



*"I have to admit that in the beginning, the thought of community service scared me. However, as soon as I stepped into the house, I felt slightly more comfortable, as the feeling of homeliness settled over me. The employees, other volunteers, and the residents all were very friendly and welcoming. Nobody seemed to care how or why I had gotten there, they were just thankful for the extra set of hands. It didn't matter that I "had" to be there...what mattered was that I liked being there. I sometimes forget what a comfortable and*

support groups."

### Support Group

The Lighthouse Shelter has support group every Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse Administrative Office (555 W. Arrow Street, Marshall, MO).

### Needs List

- \*Trash Bags 13gal
- \*Postage Stamps
- \*Women's Deodorant

### Adopt a Family!

*Adopt-a  
Family*

If you would like to adopt a family for the holidays, contact Debbie Wallace at 660.886.9880

### Make a Contribution

Donate



### Tax Credits



Did you know that the Lighthouse Shelter, Inc. has tax credits? With your donation of \$100 or more, you may be eligible for a **50% Missouri Tax Credit.** Contact Debbie Wallace

*safe feeling that you get when you are with family, which is the feeling I get from the Lighthouse Shelter.*

*One of the things that I enjoyed the most throughout my visits was my interactions with the residents. I learned so much, just from reflecting upon all the different things I encountered with them. Their lives and strength has all opened me up to a whole new world. I have learned I have so much empathy, care and patience for these residents. I found myself evaluating their lives and wondering how I could help. This experience has helped me to grow, to become stronger, more self-confident and more self-satisfied. To be honest, I am sad to see it end, however, I know that I will be coming back to be a volunteer because this has been a very rewarding experience, one that has changed me and one that I will never forget!"*

The Lighthouse can't function without the help of its volunteers, so we hope you will come join our team! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, The Lighthouse Staff is ready to assist you. If you come with the willingness to make a difference in someone's life...we are willing to help you get there! Give the Lighthouse a call at 660.831.0988 to learn about our volunteer program.

## Your Generosity will never Cease to Amaze us.

On behalf of the Lighthouse Shelter, we would like to thank everyone for their generous donations. Your commitment to help prevent domestic violence in our community is sincerely appreciated. Each year the Lighthouse Shelter continues to advance its mission to decrease the incidence of domestic violence and



sexual assault in Saline County through community awareness, counseling, shelter, direct services, and support groups. Through our program we have seen many lives changed for the better. The goal of the Lighthouse Shelter is to continue to make a difference in domestic violence in Saline County. With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we will continue to see improvements.

@ 660.886.9880

Find Us on Facebook!



Friend us on Facebook to find out the weekly "Miche" special at our Lighthouse Thrift Store!

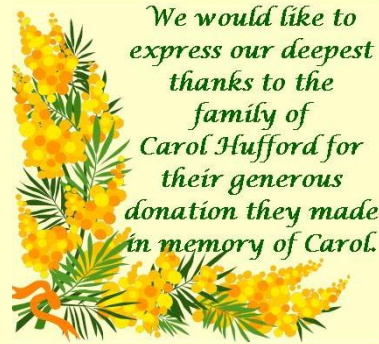
Do you realize?

"In 2010, Missouri domestic violence programs answered 94,118 hotline/crisis intervention calls."

Employee Spotlight -Sharon Fifer



Congratulations Sharon! Sharon Fifer is one of the Shelter Support Advocates at the Lighthouse Shelter. Sharon is celebrating her 6th year anniversary of being an employee of the Lighthouse Shelter. Sharon has lived in Saline County since 1986 but moved to Marshall at the beginning of this year. She first became involved with the Lighthouse by becoming a loyal volunteer for 1 1/2 years. When asked, "What was your first impression of the Lighthouse?" She replied "I absolutely fell in love with this place. I am helping women go through something that no one should go through alone." I also asked Sharon, "What has surprised you



Hollis Makings is a young boy in Marshall and every year on his birthday, instead of receiving gifts he chooses to give them. This year Hollis and his mother came to the Lighthouse Shelter bringing toys and toiletries in honor of his birthday. Thank you so much Hollis for your generous donation to the Lighthouse Shelter!

Our other recent donations were given by:

Marshall Democrat News	Fritzie & Melvin Hawkins	Gill Memorial Baptist Church	Covenant Presbyterian
MVC Faculty & Staff	Jacquelyn McAlister	Vincent & Melody Lutterbie	Diane Dudenhoefter
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Items donated by the above individuals consist of: clothes, shelves, Christmas items, pump organ, TVs, computers & accessories, books, stereo, household items, tables, sofas, frames, tools, Easter items, music books, fans, coat rack, piano, treadmill, couches, entertainment center, loveseat, hide-a-beds, rocking chairs, recliners, basket rack, beds, end tables, lamp and misc. items! Shelter donations: desserts from the bake sale, canned goods, boxed meals, hand towels and a smoked turkey for Thanksgiving!

the most about working at the Lighthouse?" her response was "there are surprises, but then again nothing is really a surprise; each resident and case is different." Since Sharon did volunteer with the Lighthouse Shelter, we were curious and asked her "What would you tell someone thinking about volunteering for the Lighthouse Shelter?" Sharon's answer was to "come change your life, one gets a pleasure in doing this work and when you come here you know you're making a difference in someone's life." The Lighthouse can't function without the help of its volunteers, so we hope you will come join our team! Congratulations Sharon, we are very lucky to have you as a part of our team!

## The Lighthouse Thrift Store



### Sales & Specials going on now!!!



#### Trees, Decor & More!

Christmas has hit the Lighthouse Thrift Store! We are now selling beautiful Christmas trees ranging in sizes 3ft-7ft and that's not all! Give your home a new "Christmas" look and feel with the decor & ornaments we have to offer! Come check our Christmas selection at the Lighthouse Thrift store!

### Lighthouse Shelter Board Members

#### **Judy Kays**

-Board President

#### **Chandra Keuhn**

-Vice-President

#### **Margaret Cott**

-Secretary/Treasurer

#### **Elizabeth Kennon**

-Board Member

#### **Wilma Garrett**

-Board Member

#### **Michelle Hanson**

-Board Member

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-Board Member

#### **Tom Butler**

-Board Member

#### **Barbie Criswell**

-Board Member

### Lighthouse Shelter Employees

#### **Debbie Wallace**

-Executive Director

#### **Chris Piland**

-Accountant



#### Miche!

All I want for Christmas is Miche! Waiting for a certain cover to be the "Cover of the Week", wait no longer! Now through Christmas the Lighthouse Thrift store will have ALL of its Miche products 25% off regular price! That's right, everything Miche! Can't figure out what to buy that one person for Christmas...what about a new Miche bag or wallet! Hurry to the Lighthouse Thrift store to treat yourself and get a little Christmas shopping done!

#### Jewelry Galore!

The Lighthouse Thrift Store has jewelry! We are selling beautiful earrings, bracelets, necklaces, earring & necklace sets, and children's jewelry! This fun unique jewelry will definitely spice up any outfit at a great price and have your friends asking where you got it!



#### Lighthouse Thrift Store F.A.Q.

##### **What kind of donations do you need?**

-We can use anything that you use in your home: dishes, clothes,

**Lacey Sullivan**

-Marketing  
Communications  
Coordinator

**Melody Smith**

-Counselor

**Tammy Anderson**

-Victim Advocate

**Jeannie Page**

-Case Manager

**Sharon Fifer**

-Shelter Support Advocate

**Mirian Umana**

-Bilingual  
Advocate/Children's  
Program Coordinator

**Mandy Baker**

-Part-Time Advocate

**Linda Ballenger**

-Thrift Store Manager

**Courtney Hoyes**

-Thrift Store

**Lavona Lawton**

-Thrift Store

**Lois Crawford**

-Thrift Store

**Barbie Perkins**

-Thrift Store

**Bonnie Paige**

-Thrift Store

**Travis Breshears**

-Maintenance

**Trey Thomas**

-Maintenance

furniture, appliances, curtains, blinds, jewelry, clothing racks, books, towels, bedding, cooking utensils, glasses, etc.

**What do you do with our donations?**

-We provide domestic violence survivors with clothing and items needed for their home. We also sell items in our thrift store to support services offered by the Lighthouse Shelter.

**What kind of services do you provide?**

-Counseling, prescriptions, transportation, school, supplies, food, children activities, diapers, personal hygiene items, formula, support groups & parenting classes.

**Are all your services free?**

-Yes

**What is your H.O.P.E Program?**

-H.O.P.E (formerly FISH) "Helping Other People Every Day" is a program designed to assist less fortunate members of our community with furniture and other household items. These individuals or families may need assistance due to a catastrophe, disaster or a change in their life.

**What do I do to participate in the H.O.P.E Program?**

-Go to the thrift store and fill out paperwork for the H.O.P.E program.

**What if I want my donation to go directly to the women or children at the shelter?**

-Just tell us; we have a section designated for that.

**What if I can't get my donations to your facility during work hours?**

-Just call us at 660/831/0406; we'll put you on the schedule and come pick-up your tax deductible donations.

**Sometimes I've donated and noticed you have an abundance of merchandise. What do you do when you get over-loaded with donations?**

-Sometimes it seems overwhelming!!! But in reality, we receive a lot of donations during "garage sale" season and less throughout the winter. We look at it as a "safety net". When we're low in the winter, the abundance of donations in the summer continues to keep us thriving!

If you would like to donate your items to the Lighthouse Thrift Store just give us a call and we will come pick them up!

Remember all of the items donated to The Lighthouse Thrift Store are tax-deductible. Just ask for a receipt!

**Thank You For  
Your Support!**



The Lighthouse Thrift Store is located at:

225 E. Eastwood St.  
Marshall, MO 65340  
(660) 831-0406

[thriftstore@thelighthouseshelter.org](mailto:thriftstore@thelighthouseshelter.org)

Store hours are:

Monday-Saturday  
9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

**Thanks for being a safe place to come.  
-a survivors appreciation**



Dear Lighthouse Staff &  
Volunteers,

I would like to thank each and every one of you for a wonderful Lighthouse experience. All of you have been very special to me and I love each of you. Because of your support, I can fly to my new apartment here in Marshall. I do not have a telephone at the moment, but you can count on having my number when I get one. I would like you to know that my life here at the shelter has been the most rewarding experience that I have ever had. I consider it a gift that you have shared with me. I am strong enough now to take the love and guidance I received from you and share it with others in my life. I would like very much to be a volunteer at the Lighthouse. I will help in any way that I can. I promise to be there for you as you have been there for me. Thank you again to everyone for making this a safe place to come to. I only wish that other shelters were as wonderful as this one. I wish you all the best in the world, and I can honestly say you deserve an A+ on the grading scale.

Your friend forever,  
-A Survivor

