



The Beacon

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Our Mission

"The mission of the Lighthouse Shelter is to decrease the incidence of domestic violence and sexual assault

"Helping Handbags" Event 2011



(Click the picture to see a larger view)

October 6th-"Helping Handbags"

Need a night off? Does a night full of fun, shopping, and spirits sound like what you need to relax...we have the answer and on top of that, its for a good cause! Join us **Thursday, October 6, 2011 at the Martin Community Center from 5:30-7:30PM**. Bring your friends to this fabulous event where you will enjoy **complimentary beverages & hors d'oeuvres** while bidding, in a silent auction, on unique fun-filled themed handbags! Each guest will receive a **free gift** and a chance at some great door prizes! All proceeds from this event benefit victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. **Admission is \$10** at the door and if there are any questions, feel free to contact us at **660.886.9880**. To view photos from last years event [Click Here](#).

A Heartfelt Thank You to our Donors

through community awareness, counseling, shelter, direct services, and support groups."

Needs List

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

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 @ 660.886.9880

Find Us on Facebook!



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

We are writing to express our appreciation for your generosity and support of the Lighthouse Shelter and the Lighthouse Thrift Store. We appreciate all of our donors because each donation makes a difference. The generosity from our donors provides the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission. We are blessed to live in a community that has shown us so much support over the years. Your support has repeatedly played a key role in our success in helping domestic violence victims and their families.



Items donated included: entertainment center, chairs, recliners, toys, clothing, arts & crafts, shoes, high chair, rocker, end tables, dresser, frames, table, couch, stair stepper, desk, long table, piano, rug, futon, bed frame, baby changing table, children's board games, children's books and several miscellaneous items.

Our recent donors list includes:

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Optimist Club of Marshall	Gill Memorial Baptist Church	Cumberland Church	Brenda Gaunt

Bad things don't always come in Threes...in this case it can come in Four.

Abuse can take on many forms. Some types are less noticeable than others and might never be seen or felt by anyone other than the battered woman. The abuser uses a combination of tactics that work to control the victim. The abuse also usually increases the frequency and severity over time.

Physical Abuse is the most noticeably type of abuse. When someone hears abuse they automatically think it's physical...that is not always the case.



Do you realize?

"In 2011, so far, we have served **82** families (mother & children), **281** individual women, and 12 men."

Lighthouse Shelter Board Members

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-Board President

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-Vice-President

Margaret Cott

-Secretary/Treasurer

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-Board Member

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-Board Member

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Coordinator

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-Counselor

Jess Cooley

-Shelter Manager/Victim
Advocate

Tammy Anderson

-Shelter Support Advocate

Karen Moss

Signs include:

- Scratches, bites, grabs or spits at a intimate partner
- Shakes, shoves, pushes, restrains, or throws her.
- Twists, slaps, punches, strangles or burns her.
- Throws objects at her.
- Locks her in or out of the home.
- Refuse to help when she is sick, injured or pregnant, or withholds medication of treatment
- Withholds food as punishment.
- Attacks her with weapons or kills her.



Rape & Sexual Abuse can be extremely hard for victims to talk about because of the way the violence is committed.

Signs include:

- Is jealous, angry, and assumes she will have sex with anyone.
- Withholds sex and affection as punishment.
- Calls her sexual names.
- Pressures her to have sex when she doesn't want to.
- Insists that partner dresses in a more sexual way.
- Coerces her into sexual acts that she is uncomfortable with.
- Inflicts injuries that are sex-specific.
- Denies the victim contraception or protection against sexually transmitted diseases.

Psychological Abuse becomes an effective weapon in controlling a victim because she knows through experience that her abuser will at times back up the threats or taunts with physical assaults.

Signs include:

- Breaks promises, doesn't follow through on agreements, or doesn't take a fair share of responsibility.
- Verbally attacks and humiliates his partner in private or public.
- Attacks her vulnerabilities, such as her language abilities, education level, skills as a parent, religious



-Outreach Advocate

Jeanie Page

-Case Manager

Sharon Fifer

-Shelter Support Advocate

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-Thrift Store

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-Thrift Store

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-Thrift Store

Bonnie Paige

-Thrift Store

Travis Breshears

-Maintenance

Trey Thomas

-Maintenance

Employee Spotlight - Debbie Wallace



The Lighthouse Shelter's Executive Director, Debbie Wallace, celebrated her birthday on Sept. 20th. Debbie is a leader, loves a challenge, and truly cares about her community and the people in it. That is

and cultural beliefs, or physical appearance.

- Plays mind games, such as when he denies requests she has made previously or when he undercuts her sense of reality.
- Forces her to do degrading things.
- Ignores her feelings.
- Withholds approval or affection as punishment.
- Regularly threatens to leave or tells his partner to leave.
- Harasses her about affairs he imagines her to having.
- Is unfaithful after committing to monogamy.

Economic Abuse is a controlling behavior.

Signs include:

- Controls all the money.
- Doesn't let her work outside the home or sabotages her attempts to work or go to school.
- Refuses to work and makes her support the family.
- Ruins her credit rating.



After reading this article one realizes that there are more types of abuse than just physical. The signs of each type are not as evident as physical, but that does not mean a person isn't getting abused just because the signs are not obvious.

The Lighthouse Thrift Store



Sales & Specials going on now!!!



Jewelry Galore!

The Lighthouse Thrift Store now has jewelry! We are selling beautiful earrings, bracelets, necklaces, necklace & earring 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

why the Lighthouse Shelter, Inc. exists today. Debbie's work in the domestic violence field began in 1995 when she attended a presentation by a local attorney discussing the plight of domestic violence victims, and their children, in Saline County. Debbie found that there were no services available, victims needing to receive services had to leave the county with their children in order to receive help. Knowing this was extremely unfair, Debbie, along with her sorority Epsilon Xi, committed to organize a fundraiser to benefit victims of domestic violence and their children. In 1995 "Breakfast with the Easter Bunny" raised \$1,500.00 and became the first community event to support victims of domestic violence and their children in Saline County. Debbie has spent the last 16 years doing everything she can to make the Lighthouse Shelter a safe place for domestic violence victims to go, a thrift store to help with the expenses, and an office to conduct business and hold board & staff meetings. The Lighthouse Shelter currently employs 18 individuals. Some of the Lighthouse employees were asked to think of a word to describe Debbie and their response was "dedicated, passionate, inventive, determined, inspirational, and loyal. Debbie is a wonderful person who has helped so many lives and we would like to wish her well as she celebrates her birthday.

got it!



Halloween is Near!

Halloween isn't for another month but that doesn't mean you can't go ahead and get a costume! The Lighthouse Thrift Store have Halloween costumes for sale! The bigger stores has had their costumes out for a while and they might be picked over...the Lighthouse Thrift store only recently put theirs out!



Bedding Sale!

Are you ready for some new bedroom linens? Come on in and get 20% off all bedding! Comforters, blankets, sheets, bed skirts, pillows & pillow cases, & curtains. It's time to give your bedroom a makeover!

Featured MICHE of the Week~Hilary

Friend the Lighthouse Shelter on Facebook and check every Monday to see the MICHE special of the week.



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!

The Lighthouse Thrift Store is located at:
225 E. Eastwood St.
Marshall, MO 65340
(660) 831-0406

thriftstore@thelighthouseshelter.org

Store hours are:
Monday-Saturday
9:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

A Kick Stand to lean on.

-a survivors story



This is only a letter of thanks to the Lighthouse for helping me through a battle I thought I couldn't win. When I entered through the doors I was afraid even though I was welcomed with open arms

by the staff. You guys were my kick stand when I wanted to lean over and give up, but you all pulled me back up right! My kids had a special place to go "kids group" and we both loved it! It really opened my children's minds and it showed them it was going to be alright. Thanks to everyone there, when things fall upon my heart to do things like writing this letter, I've got to give you guys a thumbs up for a new beginning.

We love you and thank you for protecting us.

A Survivor



We Thank You for Your Support!


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