



The Beacon

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Our Mission

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

Saline County, Helping Save Lives.

Dear Friends & Supporters of the Lighthouse Shelter,

Another year has passed and it's time for reflection. It's hard to believe, but the Lighthouse Shelter was founded 16 years ago, marking the beginning of a promise of hope for a better life for survivors of domestic violence in our community. The number of those living in an abusive situation is staggering. Since 1995, the Lighthouse has assisted over 10,000 women, children, and men whose future might otherwise be in jeopardy. **In 2011 we served 864 clients; 274 were children.** On behalf of all the Lighthouse Shelter staff, Board of Directors, and survivors, we wish to extend our hearty "Thank You" to all the people that support the work we do. We cannot fully express our appreciation for what this community has done for us. The time, energy, and resources you have invested in our organization to help others is greatly appreciated. We could not be where we are today without the help we have so generously received from people like you who are willing to invest in making your community a better and safe place to live. We are able to keep helping victims of domestic violence because of our passion for what we do, the reward of seeing someone transform from a victim to a victor, and because of your continuous caring, support, and generosity. We hope we convey how much we appreciate and value your support. We pledge to continue using your donations wisely to provide services for victims of domestic violence. Once again we thank this supportive community we live in for all the gracious and generous support provided to this organization. Together we will continue the important mission that began in 1995, making a vital impact on our community and the lives of others.



and sexual assault in Saline County through community awareness, counseling, shelter, direct services, 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).

February Awareness

TEEN
dating violence
awareness
MONTH

One in three young people experience some form of dating abuse.

[Get the Facts](#)

Needs List

- *Kitchen Trash Bags- White
- *Dish Soap
- *Women's Deodorant
- *Pot Holders
- *Bath Towels & Wash Cloths

Volunteering is making a difference!



Volunteers are one of the key reasons the Lighthouse Shelter keeps operating. Without

Two Join the Lighthouse Team!



New Overnight Advocate, -Dustin Parton

It is our pleasure to announce that Dustin Parton joined our team at the Lighthouse Shelter on December 12th, as an Over-night Shelter Support Advocate! Dustin genuinely cares about people and is easy to talk to; qualities that make him a great fit for our organization. Dustin has lived in Saline County since 1995

and brings with him over eight years' experience of being in the "people helping business" by being a Marshall Police officer. Dustin was interested in the position because he says "with law enforcement I was able to help people get out of these types of situations but then that was it, we never knew what happened after that incident." This position interested him because he would be able to help people through the process of changing, do follow-ups with them, and making sure they are living a better life. In his spare time, Dustin enjoys spending time with his daughter, friends, and playing the guitar. Something Dustin would like to try at the Lighthouse Shelter is music therapy; teaching the residents some music on a guitar as a relaxation method. Join us in welcoming Dustin to our team!

New Daytime Outreach Advocate, -Dianna Fitzgearlds

The Lighthouse Shelter is proud to introduce the newest member of our team effective January 3, 2012, Dianna Fitzgearlds. Dianna is outgoing and greets you with a smile! Dianna has taken the position as the Outreach Advocate at the Lighthouse Shelter, and her responsibilities include advocacy for residential and non-residential survivors and reaching out in the community to find volunteers for the Lighthouse Shelter. This position interested Dianna because being new to the area; she felt that this would be a great opportunity to get acquainted with the people of Marshall by recruiting volunteers from the community. Dianna moved to Marshall about a year ago from Harrisonville, MO. She has worked as a substitute teacher for several area schools and was previously in a permanent position at E.W. Thompson State School in Sedalia. She graduated from Avila University in December with a degree in Psychology, and plans to continue her education and get her Masters. When Dianna isn't at the



volunteers like you, it becomes a struggle. 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.

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**

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Lighthouse Shelter she is spending time with her boyfriend Bucky Failor, her 4 children, or reading a good book. She enjoys hunting with Bucky and taking long bike rides on his Harley. Dianna plays the violin and hopes to become a part of the community orchestra. She and Bucky are members of the Midwest Country Dance Club in Columbia, MO and spend Sunday evening's learning to two step, triple step and waltz country style. Dianna hopes to be a positive addition to the Lighthouse staff by finding ways to involve the community through awareness of domestic violence, recruiting and training volunteers, and doing whatever she can to help domestic violence victims reclaim their lives. Join us in welcoming Dianna to our team!

Interning at the Lighthouse Shelter



Katie Kirby-Shelter Intern

Katie is a senior at Missouri Valley College and has joined us at the Lighthouse Shelter to complete her internship! Katie, originally from Sedalia, is majoring in Psychology with a minor in Alcohol & Drug Studies. Katie is a busy girl, but when she does find time to relax she

likes to draw, write, listen to music, and is part of the MVC band, playing the clarinet. From this experience of interning with the Lighthouse Shelter, Katie hopes to see how the advocates and the Shelter itself really impact the clients to be strong and make a better life for themselves. She also hopes to get a real work experience out of this internship by seeing and learning what the employees do on a day to day basis at the Lighthouse Shelter. After only 3 days of interning at the shelter, Katie can already tell that this is the kind of work she can see herself doing. She wants to help people and is looking forward to continuing her internship with the Lighthouse Shelter. A future goal of Katie's is to open up a soup kitchen in Marshall, so she is thinking of ways to get that ball rolling. Katie also plans to attend graduate school at Missouri Valley College and study Community Counseling. Katie, we are all looking forward to working with you!"

Marketing Intern, Alisha Lovelace

Next time you visit the Lighthouse Shelter Administrative office, you will notice a new face. Alisha Lovelace, a real "go-getter", is a senior at Missouri Valley College



Facebook!

Do you realize?

"In the past several years, four shelters have closed in Missouri due to lack of funding."

Lighthouse Shelter Board Members

Judy Kays

-Board President

Chandra Keuhn

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-Secretary/Treasurer

Elizabeth Kennon

-Board Member

Wilma Garrett

-Board Member

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-Board Member

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-Board Member

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-Board Member

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Debbie Wallace

-Executive Director

Chris Piland

-Accounting

Lacey Sullivan

-Marketing
Communications
Coordinator

Melody Smith

-Counselor

Tammy Anderson

-Victim Advocate

Jeannie Page

-Case Manager

Sharon Fifer

-Shelter Support Advocate

Dustin Parton

-Shelter Support Advocate

Dianna Fitzgearlds

-Outreach Advocate

and has taken an internship position with the Lighthouse Shelter in our Marketing Department. Originally from Blue Springs, MO, Alisha came to Missouri Valley College on a basketball scholarship and is pursuing a major in Sports Marketing & Management. Alisha hopes to get more experience in this field of work. In the summer of 2010, she completed an internship with the Sprint Center, setting up for concerts and working them, which she really enjoyed. With this internship she hopes to see a different perspective on planning events. After graduation she plans to pursue a career in event coordinating, where she would help set up events and come up with ideas for them. In her spare time she enjoys playing basketball, shopping, being surrounded by people, and spending time with family. Alisha, we are excited to get to work with you this semester, and look forward to seeing what ideas you can bring us!

Employee Spotlight -Jeannie Page



Jeannie Page is a Case Manager at the Lighthouse Shelter. We are celebrating her 1 year anniversary this month! Jeannie's daily responsibilities include managing the case load of each client, conducting morning self-empowering educational class, monitoring progress of each resident and daily discussion with each resident, about the accomplishments they are making. She also helps with the process of housing applications, job searches, and creating resumes for the residents. Jeannie grew up in Slater then moved away, and returned about 4 years ago. Jeannie heard about the Lighthouse Shelter from a friend, and later found out they had a Case Manager position open, which is one of her passions in life; to advocate for other people. When Jeannie first started at the Lighthouse Shelter she was immediately impressed to be a part of something in our community that encouraged people to change their circumstances and stand empowered as the individual. She felt very welcomed and fortunate to have the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. Being a survivor, Jeannie knows how vitally important it is to have an advocate in times of distress or trauma; something that she didn't have throughout her life. Now she is in a position to give back and be the best case manager and advocate she can be. Jeannie feels that working for the Lighthouse Shelter inspires her to continue helping these women understand how special and wonderful they truly are, and to continue advocating for positive social change; one person at a time.

Mirian Umana

-Bilingual
Advocate/Children's
Program Coordinator

Mandy Baker

-Part-Time Advocate

Linda Ballenger

-Thrift Store Manager

Charles Brite

-Thrift Store Coordinator

Courtney Hoyes

-Thrift Store

Lavona Lawton

-Thrift Store

Lois Crawford

-Thrift Store

Barbie Perkins

-Thrift Store

Bonnie Paige

-Thrift Store

Travis Breshears

-Maintenance

Being able to see the improvements the clients make is something that Jeannie values very much. Something that surprised her when she started working for the Lighthouse Shelter is the amount of donations the organization receives. She commented that "It's great to live in a community that is very supportive and cares about their fellow citizens." In her own time Jeannie is a single mother of five and has one granddaughter, so a large part of her time is being a parent and spending time with her kids and partner; family is important to Jeannie. She also enjoys horseback riding, traveling, collecting Native American things, and being creative either with music, photography, or paints. This fall, Jeannie will be attending Mizzou to begin her Master's degree in Social Work. Jeannie, you are a valued employee and we are so grateful to have you as a part of our team!

It's never too late to persevere -a survivors appreciation



Dear Lighthouse Shelter, How does someone like me say or speak enough words to show their gratitude, friendship, love honor, respect, and affection to the place that has helped them so much? You are always in my thoughts, heart, and prayers. I know there was times when I was difficult, and if you had not pushed me hard to improve the quality of my life, I would not be sitting at my desk writing you this letter. Fortunately, you did, and I worked hard to be the person I am today. Thank you and our God that I did not end up another deceased victim of abuse

Thank You for Your Donations.

On behalf of the Lighthouse Shelter, we would like to thank everyone for their generous donations.



Items donated to the Lighthouse Thrift Store, by some of the individuals below, consist of: clothes, shoes, books, coats, toys, stuffed animals, windows, furniture, queen blankets, television, stroller, hide-a-bed, couches, recliners, coffee table, washer & dryer set, love seat, cabinets, sink, faucets, king size box spring, sofa, bunk bed, dresser, bikes, play pen, jumper, and misc. items.

Items donated to the Lighthouse Shelter, also by some of the names below, consist of: a new football, basketball, tooth paste, dishes, cups, Wii games, electronic key boards, pizza pans, roaster, large cups, cookware, light bulbs, hand knitted caps for an adult, child, and infant, trash bags, salad, and ice cream.

Our recent donations were contributed by:

Denna Magana	Betty Betz	Evelyn Laxson	Ramona Mizer
Sandi Guthrey	Roy Elfrink	Cargill	Elaine Robbins
Tadar Wazir	Marie Fowler	Edelia Compotor	Betty Jones
Barbara VanHorn	Marshall Realty	Luray Paton	Donna Smith
Cheryl Salon	Richard Byrd	Kay Heilman	Penny Athon
Janet Craig	Jackie Perkins	Emily Wooldrige	Shirley Gramlich
Judy Gibbs	Becky Gieringer	Nancy Jackson	Karen Sims
Ed & Wendy Leslie	Carter & Dora Shannon	Group of "moms" from Otterville	The American Humanics Student Association
Community Christmas Dinner	Diane Dudenhoeffer	Elmwood Methodist	Ashley & Gray: Ashley David A

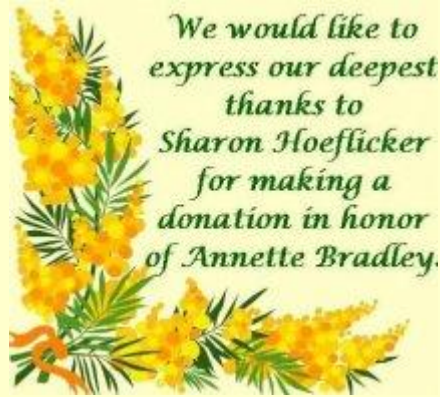
or trauma! Yes, I truly am a survivor! It is never too late for a person to persevere and overcome their excess baggage. Look at me! I can finally say, I lived it, got over it, and made it through with encouragement from a lot of great people such as you all. I feel so blessed today, God has been so good to me. Wow! Can you believe the confidence I have today, to be able to hold up my head and face the good and evil. Of course I realize that with all that has happened we all still have "blue" moments. It is up to us as how we choose to handle those unguarded moments. My big lesson is to remember God is in charge, and these moments too, shall pass. You know me; I could write forever, it's my passion. After writing just one page, I have come up with three titles for stories. Perhaps someday when laptop computers go on sale I'll be able to afford one and pick up writing again. To all the staff and volunteers, "Hello, Thank you, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year". I love you all! I will never forget your kindness, friendship and respect. God bless you all! I do hope you have a Merry Christmas and only the best for you and your families. Perhaps in the New Year I can help out on projects associated with the shelter by volunteering. Thanks for everything!
-A Survivor

**Congratulations
Courtney & Lavona**



This month these two

			DDS
John & Sandra Sullivan	Thomas & Rook Evans	Fitzgibbon Hospital Division of Nursing	The Birthday Club



The Lighthouse Thrift Store



New Employee at The Lighthouse Thrift Store-Charles Brite.

We would like to announce our newest employee to the Lighthouse Thrift Store, Charles Brite! Charles has a friendly face, great people skills, and is our Thrift Store Coordinator. Charles lived in Arizona for the past 30 years, but has been back and forth to Marshall over that time frame. Charles has a

background in Radiology, and at one time used to be the supervisor of the Radiology Department at Fitzgibbon Hospital. Most of his career, Charles has been in Medical Sales and specialized in women's health, so he knows a thing or two about customer service! Charles' goal for the Lighthouse Thrift Store is to make a better system for

bubbly ladies are celebrating their one year anniversary as employees of the Lighthouse Thrift Store! Courtney Hoyes (pictured left), who is from Sweet Springs, is involved with her church, enjoys spending time with her family, four-wheeler riding, and hanging out with friends.

Lavona Lawton (pictured right), a junior at Marshall High School, moved with her family to Marshall about 7 years ago from Wayne, NE when her father took the offensive line position with the Vikings football team at Missouri Valley College. Her future plans are to attend Missouri Valley College for 2 years to complete her core classes, and then she hopes to transfer to the Chicago Art Institute to pursue Art Therapy. In Lavona's spare time she enjoys playing softball, spending time with her siblings, playing guitar; she is also a part of the high school orchestra, enjoys going to concerts and being adventurous. Courtney and Lavona, you are great employees and the customers really enjoy you! We are so thankful to have you as a part of our team!

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sorting the donations and getting them to the sales floor faster. He is surprised by the volume of donations the Lighthouse Thrift Store receives. The donations are good, but come in vast amounts so frequently that the employees are unable to get them sorted and to the shelves very quickly. Charles mentioned that "the Lighthouse Thrift Store already has a nice atmosphere, the employees are friendly with good attitudes, and once we get a better system for donations, we hope to start changing the sales floor appearance; give it a new look." In Charles's spare time he enjoys room & architectural design, drawing, and spending time with his wife & family. Join us in welcoming Charles to the Lighthouse team!!!

Sales & Specials going on now!!!



Holiday items

Valentine's Day is less than a month away; it's time to get that person in your life something special! We have a wide selection of Valentine's Day items, so

hurry in today to pick out yours! We also have our Easter items out for all of you who like to get a head start on holiday shopping!

Miche!

New Miche has just arrived! The Lighthouse Thrift Store recently received a new shipment of Miche! If you are looking for a certain cover, base, wallet, or other Miche products give us a call at 831-0406 or stop in at 225 E. Eastwood to see if we have it! Hurry in before the newest styles are gone!



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, 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's 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 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!

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.