



Safe Harbor
of Northeastern Kentucky

The Anchor Newsletter

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Cornerstone Awards 2024

Safe Harbor held its thirteenth annual Cornerstone Awards and 1,000 Women (and Men) fundraising campaign on Tuesday March 12th at Bellefonte Country Club. This year's hostess for the event was Dr. Candy Boykin, board member at Safe Harbor. Every year we honor individuals who have been instrumental in the organization's growth during the past 40 years. This year we honored Kentucky Power, Summit RV, Toyota of Ashland, Susan Hunt/Community Hospice, Kentucky Colonels, and Annie Francis.



From the Desk of Ann Perkins, Executive Director



In March, we honored women during Women’s History Month. I want to highlight two women who have made a difference locally and across the state and have been friends to me and our state for the last 40 years.

When Gov. Andy Beshear took office for his first term, one of his goals was to reinstate the Kentucky Commission on Women. This commission has been instrumental in many legislative, educational, and strategic goals to advance women in our state. I was honored to be nominated from Eastern Kentucky to serve on this commission. One of our first tasks as a commission was to restore the Kentucky Women Remembered Committee, which had not been active in 10 years. Over the years, this committee has nominated and inducted groundbreaking women from throughout the history of our Commonwealth. Those chosen to be inducted have their portraits proudly displayed in the Kentucky Women Remembered Exhibit housed in the Capitol in Frankfort.

I was honored to nominate The Honorable Peggy Patterson, the first woman to be appointed as a federal magistrate in Kentucky, for inclusion in the Kentucky Women Remembered exhibit. Peggy was instrumental in the initial formation of Safe Harbor.

Not only an outstanding lawyer who practiced from 1976-1990 until her appointment as a U.S. federal judge, she’s been an outstanding member of the community through her volunteer service. Peggy was one of the first board members of Pathways, where she served as president of the board for two terms. Through her work with Pathways, she saw the need to start a domestic violence program and, in turn, became a founding board member and one of the incorporators of Safe Harbor.

Peggy was influential in helping to lobby our state legislators for the first state regulations related to domestic violence and sexual assault. She helped Safe Harbor develop relationships with local law enforcement and judges to educate them on the effects of domestic violence and the need for creating laws to hold perpetrators accountable. She also lobbied to create protective orders to ensure victims’ safety. As Safe Harbor recently celebrated its 40th year, we’re grateful for the role Peggy played in founding our program that has served over 20,000 victims since 1983.

I was also proud to nominate Sherry Currens, the first executive director of our state domestic violence coalition. Sherry has achieved countless accomplishments over the past 33 years. She has brought a strong voice, guidance, and strategic direction to every piece of domestic violence legislation proposed and/or passed in our Commonwealth since the mid-1980s. Beyond domestic violence legislation, Sherry was often the first to be called when legislation in other areas may impact survivors. Her expertise and professional reputation are that of brilliance, integrity, honesty and vision. I celebrate her most because as her colleague, it is clear she never lost sight of the “why” or “who” she served in her work every day. As coalition executive director, Sherry oversaw the expansion of our 15 centers across the state and helped create innovative legislation and infrastructure that is a gold standard in the United States.

To cap off Women’s History Month, these women both had their portraits unveiled as inductees to the Kentucky Women Remembered exhibit at the Capitol at the end of March. Highlighting and remembering these women and their achievements is how we keep women in history alive and growing.

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Celebrating Mother's Day!

The week of Mother's Day we like to celebrate the women and mother's at Safe Harbor by offering fun groups and activities with the women. This year Jessi Jones Photography volunteered to take photos of the survivors and thier children. We had a local massage thereapist, Tina M. Neace come in and give 15 minute back massages and we had a special speaker, Amanda Kidwell on How to Increase your Energy. We also offered many fun activities and craft groups held by the Boyd County Library and staff at Safe Harbor. A Mother's Day luncheon was provided with gift bags for the women.



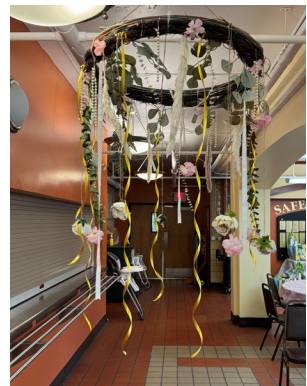
Pictured left is local photographer Jessi Jones taking Mother's Day Photos of survivors and their children.



Pictured to the left is Greg and Cindy Jackson delivering treat bags for Mother's Day from their Sunday School Class at Unity Baptist Church.



Pictured above are gift bags for the survivors given during the Mother's Day luncheon.



Pictured above are photos our cafeteria decorated for our Mother's Day Luncheon.

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 Tina M. Neace
 Jessi Jones
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 Unity Baptist Church



Pictured above is Linda Day accepting a donation from Kentucky Power.

Easter 2024

Thank you to the wonderful donors who donated Easter baskets and supplies so our kids at Safe Harbor could have a wonderful Easter!



Pictured above is ACTC's Nursing Program ANSO that donated children's Easter baskets and filled Easter eggs.



Pictured above is Easter baskets donated by Ironton Church of Christ.



Pictured above is a donation from Legacy Baptist Church. They donated 40 Easter Baskets.

Mission Statement:

Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky is dedicated to eliminating domestic violence through prevention, education and intervention.



Ann Perkins accepting a grant from The Kentucky Bar Foundation.

The Kentucky Bar Foundation, Inc. (KBF) is a nonprofit organization serving as the charitable arm of Kentucky's legal community. Its mission is to further the public's understanding of the judicial system and the legal profession through programs and philanthropic partnerships that help those in need.



Lobster Fest August 17, 2024



Planning is underway for this year's Lobster Fest, which is celebrating its 17th year. The event is sponsored by Safe Harbor and the Boyd County Medical Alliance. Among those serving on the planning committee are Annie Robinson, Theresia Gussler, Lisa Jusice, Mia Brown, Tina Mussetter, Heather Van Deren, Tina Hunt, and Michelle Skaggs. The

event will be Saturday, August 17, 6:30 p.m.-midnight, at Bellefonte Country Club. Live music by The Bad Habits, silent and live auctions, and Pollock's Jeweler's will be hosting everyone's favorite, gem scoop. There will be great food and fun! Individual tickets are \$200 and a wide range of sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information on the event please call 606.329.9304.



The 8th annual Happy Feet 5k is Saturday July 13th. Race starts at 9am around Central Park. There will be a virtual option available as well. Register online at www.tristateracer.com. Proceeds go to support art programs at Safe Harbor. Our art studio has been an amazing place for survivors to go and relieve stress and learn new skills. For more information regarding sponsorship or registration contact 606.329.9304

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Save the date!!!

Saturday, August 17

6:30 p.m. - Midnight

Bellefonte Country Club

- **Great food!**
- **The area's best live and silent auctions!**

Call (606) 329-9304 for sponsorship and reservation information.