



Safe Harbor
of Northeastern Kentucky

The Anchor Newsletter

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Lobster Fest 2024

Celebrating 17 great years!



From the Desk of Ann Perkins, Executive Director



She always said, if it could happen to her, it could happen to anyone. Their generosity will live on at Safe Harbor for years to come. Through their generosity we were able to renovate our emergency shelter. Through Lobster Fest we have been able to build our art studio, renovate the commercial kitchen, buy a new phone system, and many other improvements to our program. Every dollar raised helps thousands of victims in our community. Since we opened, we have housed over 20,000 victims of domestic violence. Our 60-bed shelter, our 30 bed Transitional program and our 34 apartments are full every day. We house over 250 children each year. That is enough to fill up an elementary school!

On another note, I want to take this opportunity to tell everyone that we honored Heather Van Deren and Clay Hill at Lobster Fest. Matt Perkins read a proclamation from the City of Ashland for their work for the last 17 years in raising money for Lobster Fest with a live and silent auction and a Gem Scoop. Heather has solicited over \$317,891 in auction items donated and Clay has donated over \$234,170 in precious gems for our Gem Scoop! Clay also runs a toy drive every year at Pollocks for our kids. These two folks have been instrumental in the success of Lobster Fest and our program. We are forever grateful for them.

This year we dedicated our Lobster Fest to our good friends Annie and Jerry Mansbach who passed away this past year. Jerry and Annie were huge supporters of Safe Harbor. They were our first event sponsor years ago when we started Lobster Fest.

Annie's story was well known to her friends and family for many years. She told the story of packing up her two children and boarding a train to "come home" to Huntington. She told us that her husband would beat her up regularly for little or no reason. He was on the road all the time and would leave her in towns where she knew no one and was isolated from her family for years. On Christmas Eve one year, he came home and was angry that neighbors had invited them over to celebrate. That Christmas was her breaking point. She came home and met Jerry and after several years of dating the rest is history.

Safe Harbor gives individuals and families an opportunity to leave an abusive relationship and start over. We give them all the tools to not go back. We empower them to get healthy, get a job, go to school, and take care of their children. These tools help them to break the cycle of violence. Your support helps them to start new lives! Thanks for your sponsorships, your donations, your in-kind gifts for our auctions. There are thousands of individuals and families who are affected by domestic violence. October is Domestic violence awareness month, and we hope that you join us for our Candlelight Vigil to honor those who lost their lives and for those folks who help us all year do the work that we do. We are so grateful to each of you who support our families!

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Safe Harbor would like to give special thanks to the Kentucky Colonels, the Kentucky Bar Foundation and United Way for their continued support with grants that help us provide opportunities to those we serve.

****EXCITING NEWS ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER****

Safe Harbor is always looking for ways to do more for our clients by saving as much money as we can. So, with that in mind we are adding a digital newsletter option that can be emailed to you. This will save printing and mailing costs.

Please go to our website and sign up with your email to receive our digital newsletter. www.safeharborky.org or scan the QR code on the back cover and it will take you directly to our site.

Please remember Safe Harbor in your will. Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky is a 501(c)3 charity.

Happy Feet 5K expanding art therapy programs



The eighth annual Happy Feet 5K run and walk brought more than 80 participants to downtown Ashland on Saturday, July 13th. Proceeds from the Happy Feet 5K will continue to expand art therapy programs for Safe Harbor's clients. Organizers of the 5K, Claire and Theresia Gussler have been committed to bringing art to our clients and has brought in new and interesting art programs that have doubled as life skills. If you are interested in volunteering, learning more about the art therapy programs or would like to make a donation, please call Safe Harbor (606) 329-9304.



Pictured above is our art therapy studio where we offer art classes to our clients helping with self-awareness, stress and anxiety, while providing life long hobbies.



Ann Perkins accepting a donation for the 8th Annual Happy Feet 2024 from the Ashland Rotary Club.

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Thanks to our wonderful donors!

During the past several months, the following donors, organizations, foundations and businesses generously contributed to Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky:

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The following individuals and businesses made generous contributions to help make the 8th Annual Happy Feet 5k race a success:

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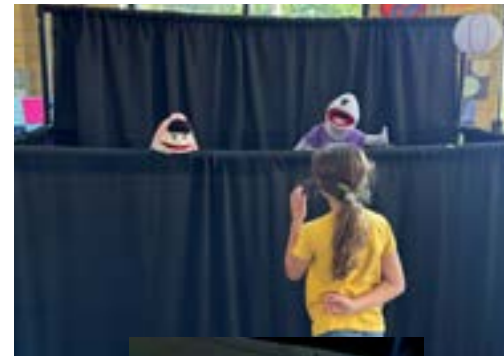
A Special Thank you to our Volunteers



Pictured above and to the right are pictures from Send Relief a wonderful organization that volunteered and helped us out so much this summer. Thank you!



Below and to the right are some photos from Unity Baptist Church and the Bible Club they did for our kiddos. Thank you!



Mission Statement:

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

Lobster Fest Sponsors and Donors

During the past several months, the following donors, organizations and businesses have pledged their generous support by sponsoring Lobster Fest 2024

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 The following businesses and individuals generously donated items to the Lobster Fest 2024 Live and Silent auctions and Gem Scoop:

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