



# Insider

## Simon House's Fourth Annual Fundraiser "A Night in Margaritaville" — Friday, May 13, 2011

A fantastic evening of fun, food, music and dancing awaits those who attend the fourth annual Simon House Fundraiser, *A Night in Margaritaville*, on Friday, May 13 at the Frankfort Country Club, 101 Duntreath Street. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. the event will include live and silent auctions, a chance to win a one-carat diamond, and other entertainment. Enjoy music, dancing, food and mingling with Simon House friends until 11:00 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will go to support Simon House.



### Your Donations Will Help

Become a sponsor of this event with a donation in any of the following categories:

**Platinum Sponsor** — \$2,500 or more

**Big Kahuna** — \$1,000 to \$2,499

**Cheeseburger in Paradise** — \$500 to \$999

**Parrot Head** — \$250–\$499

**Friends of Simon House** — Under \$250

Donations of live and silent auction items are now being accepted as well. Popular items include merchandise, gift certificates, services, hand-crafted items and themed baskets.

All sponsors and donors will be recognized in the event program, in the newspaper, and on Simon House's website.

For more information:

Check the Simon House website at [www.simonhouseonline.org](http://www.simonhouseonline.org) or call the Simon House at (502) 223-2138.



### Tickets

Get your tickets early, as space is limited. Ticket prices:

Single tickets — \$50 each

Table of eight — \$400

To purchase tickets:

Call (502) 223-2138

Email [simon@fewpb.net](mailto:simon@fewpb.net)

Online at [www.simonhouseonline.org](http://www.simonhouseonline.org) or go to Poor Richard's Bookstore, 233 Broadway

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## Mother's Day Gift Opportunities

Deadline May 2, 2011

Are you looking for a special gift for Mother's Day? Make a Mother's Day gift to Simon House in honor or in memory of your mother or another special person in your life.

Simon House will mail a Mother's Day card to the person you honor. For memorial gifts, a card will be sent to an individual you designate. Further, the

names of those honored or remembered will be listed in the *State Journal* on Sunday, May 8 and also on the Simon House website.

What better way to say "thank you," to your mother or another special person in your life than to let her know you want other mothers to have the opportunity to care for their children as she cared for you!



For further information, a letter and remittance form are enclosed with this newsletter.

Donations must be received by **May 2** to ensure time for mailing cards and placing names in the newspaper.

## From the Director's Desk

Pam McCalla



Initially, the Simon House was set up to serve young pregnant women with nowhere to go. We still serve that population but find more and more

women with young children without homes of their own are in need. Our house provides the safety net that many women have when they are lucky enough to have parents with means. We have women coming here who are evicted due to job hours being cut back; who have spouses or boyfriends who no longer are able to or want to support their children; women whose lives are in chaos because of former addictions; and women who have no safety net or those who have no parents, or parents and family with limited means or no extra rooms. All are living on limited resources with little chance of recovery without a safety net like the Simon House. Most are willing to work hard to further their education, pay off outstanding bills, participate in our parenting support group, and work toward the goal of self-sufficiency and stability for themselves and their family. All they need is to catch up, set goals and move forward so the future is more secure.

Since I came here in late July, 2010, several of our residents have successfully completed our program and moved on to independent living. Of our successful residents, two residents began college courses, one finished a medical training course, one got a job, and one is earning back her nursing license and has been sober almost a year now. Successful residents are motivated to make their lives and the lives of their children better. They must be willing to abide by our health, volunteer, and safety rules which are enforced for the sake of the entire house.

Stop by and see the house if you get a chance. You will find an open, welcoming place of hope for women without a home of their own to grow and move forward in reaching their goals.

## Staff Spotlight: Case Manager Nancy Thompson Provides Essential Services

Nancy Thompson joined Simon House in September 2010 as the Case Manager for our residents. She meets regularly with residents, helps them set goals for their time at Simon House and refers them to community resources that will help them achieve their goals. She fills many roles at Simon House from cooking breakfast for guests from the College of St. Scholastica of Duluth, Minnesota (see story on page 3) to holding women

accountable for their case plans.

Nancy earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Kentucky State University in 2003. Since then she has worked for the Kentucky Department of Corrections and served a year as an AmeriCorps member at the Franklin County Women's Shelter.

She is able to help residents apply for benefits, provides financial literacy classes, and helps those



who are ready for independence find housing resources.

## Simon House to Celebrate 25th Anniversary

The vision for the Simon House began in 1985 when a young woman who was pregnant and had no place to live talked with a VISTA worker about her plight. The VISTA worker was determined to help this young woman and found a duplex in Frankfort where this woman and others in her situation could live.

As it was evident that the need for a residential program for single mothers or mothers-to-be was ongoing, Simon House became an incorporated nonprofit organization in January of

1987. With the duplex soon outgrown, the new Board purchased the present building at 208 West Campbell Street that now serves Simon House residents.

Many changes have oc-

curred over the years, but the vision and need for Simon House remains. Next year, 2012, will represent the 25th year of continuous operation of Simon House. We are planning to celebrate this significant milestone.

We would like to make contact with former residents, staff, volunteers and Board members of Simon House to collect your memories. If you were — or know someone who was — formerly affiliated with Simon House, please contact us at (502) 223-2138 or email to [simon@fewpb.net](mailto:simon@fewpb.net).



## In Memory — Balinda P. Booze, 1968-2011

Simon House lost a special friend on January 3, 2011 with the death of Balinda P. Booze. Balinda served as a VISTA Volunteer for Simon House during 2008-09. She was a faithful and dependable worker during her tenure there.

At the time of her death, Balinda was a teacher's aid at Early Learning Village in Frankfort. She was also a member of the West Frankfort Church of God.

Balinda is survived by her husband and three sons.

We wish to express our sympathy for their loss and our appreciation for the many contributions Balinda made to Simon House.



## Lasagna with Luigi — A night of fun and fundraising

The second annual *Lasagna with Luigi* fundraiser was held Friday, February 5, 2011 at Good Shepherd Church's Parish Life Center. More than 100 guests joined in the fun and festivities.

Culinary students from Sullivan University again prepared the delicious meal including lasagna, salad, bread, and dessert.



Students from Kentucky State University, members of the Knights of Columbus, and staff of Suttons of Lexington volunteered to serve our guests, and did so with great aplomb.



Randall Russell, wearing an apron with "Luigi" embroidered on the front, greeted and talked with guests throughout the evening.

The entertainment included a strolling violinist playing Italian music. Guests also viewed a video about Simon House and listened to remarks from Board Member Melissa Russell.



The evening culminated with a Chef's march paying tribute to the talented students who prepared the meal.

The event raised more than \$2,300 that will be gratefully used to support Simon House's mission.



## A Great Donation Opportunity

Through DollarDays.com you can donate items to Simon House at wholesale prices. Just log on to [www.dollardays.com/simonhouse/wishlist.html](http://www.dollardays.com/simonhouse/wishlist.html) and you will see items on our wish list. You can select those you wish to purchase, pay online, and the items will be delivered directly to Simon House. Please take a moment to look at this.

## Home Improvements



### Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout candidate Jimmy Bailey has chosen the Simon House for a project to earn his Eagle Scout status. He will be finishing work on the first floor resident apartment including painting, laying laminate flooring, cabinet work and other kitchen updates. The apartment, which was closed for these necessary repairs should be available again soon for a resident family. Thanks to Jimmy and those who are helping him with this project. This will make a significant difference for future residents.

### KY Colonels Grant Project

Through the generosity of a grant from the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, much needed repairs have been made to the ramp leading into Simon House. New concrete was poured, a new railing was installed and the ramp is ready for those who need it. Additionally, the Kentucky Colonels grant funded repairs to the soffits, fascia boards and window and door frames around the house. Some of that work continues as Spring weather permits.



### College of St. Scholastica Group

A group of Youth AmeriCorps members from the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, Minnesota, visited Simon House and other Frankfort agencies on March 15. After a breakfast cooked by our own Nancy Thompson (see page 2), they got to work organizing storage items in our basement and rearranging the children's play room. The results were fantastic and will help us better serve our residents.



## Simon House's Ongoing Volunteer Needs

Simon House depends on the generosity of volunteers to accomplish many of the tasks needed to support our residents, former residents and precariously housed families in the community. If you are interested in volunteering contact

Wendy Bebe  
208 W. Campbell Street  
(502) 223-2138

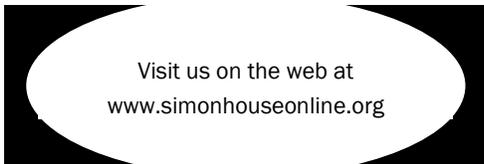
Our needs include:

- Office work
- Transporting residents
- Tutoring
- Watching children
- Helping with fundraisers and special occasions
- Repairs and maintenance
- Leading resident education classes

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## Thanks to Simon House Donors

Simon House wishes to thank the following individuals and organizations who have donated funds during the first quarter of 2011.

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| Sandra & Don Allison      | Sandi Deaton                       | Scott & Cynthia Hampton   | Charles Moore                 |
| Ronald & Gayle Alvis      | Charles & Diane Dickinson          | Thomas C. Hampton         | Janice Osborne                |
| Mildred Aukerman          | Margaret Doyle                     | Joe Hancock               | Brenda Parker                 |
| Woody & Jeannine Baldwin  | East Frankfort Kiwanis Club        | Fran Hawkins              | Kathy Phelps                  |
| Sara Bell                 | Charles & Jean Edwards             | Jeanne Kaye Hellard       | Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church |
| Mike Blair                | Jack & Teresa Ellis                | Carlos Hernandez          | Ed Pollock                    |
| Roger & Carolyn Blair     | Sally Everman                      | Highbridge Spring Water   | Richard & Patricia Potts      |
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| Martha Booth              | Leigh Ann Fallis                   | Immanuel Baptist Church   | James Ramsey                  |
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| Daniel Byrd               | Good Shepherd Church               | LA Nails                  | Admiral Dewey Sanders         |
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| Rodney & Linda Craft      |                                    |                           | Neville & Sherry White        |
| Ann Crowe                 |                                    |                           | Womens Club of Frankfort      |
|                           |                                    |                           | Billy & Paula Woolums         |

## Help Support Simon House with a Kroger Card



A Kroger gift card can be purchased from Simon House for \$5.00. A percentage of all money added to the card goes to Simon House. Cards can be used to purchase groceries, gas, or medications. To obtain gift cards, contact

Simon House at (502) 223-2138. Simon House received a check for more than \$200 for February — a huge help!

We also wish to express our gratitude to the many people who have donated useful items during this period including furniture, clothing, personal care items, toys, baby items, household supplies, food, books, and a printer.

## Some Needed Items

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| Simon House needs the following items at this time: | Comforters                     | • Crib sheets        | liquid                    |
| • New pillows                                       | • Mattress covers              | • Disposable Diapers | • Paper towels            |
| • Blankets/   | • Twin sheets and pillow-cases | • Trash bags         | • Bath tissue             |
|   |                                | • Dishwashing        | • Ziploc Bags (all sizes) |

## Christmas Party

Each December, a Christmas party for Simon House's resident families is a highlight. This past Christmas, the party was held at the First Presbyterian Church. Food was furnished by Board members and gifts were supplied by the following organizations and individuals:

- Bridgeport Elementary School
- Council on Post Secondary Education
- Department of Employee Insurance
- Department of Financial Institutions
- East Frankfort Kiwanis Club
- Faith Fellowship of Lexington
- IAAO — Kentucky Chapter
- Kentucky Association for Developmental Education
- Kentucky State University
- Midway Association of Nursing Students
- Office of the Attorney General
- Personal Touch Catering
- Truth Baptist Church
- VFW Post #4075
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- Mary Ann Burch
- Lynda Harris
- Denisha Hendricks
- Ola Howard
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- Regina Long
- Barbara Marksberry
- Ruth Martin
- Chris Martin
- Chris Mays
- Aileen McClain
- Edith McNulty
- Rachael Peake
- Beth Sebastian
- Robin Sock
- Sara Sterling
- Brittany Tinker
- Dianah Waller
- Betty Weaver



Santa arrived just in time to hand out the gifts he had delivered earlier. Music was provided by Charlie Kendall and Gary Johnson.

Volunteers also were recognized for their contributions during the party. Everyone enjoyed the festivities, and Santa still had several gifts for each family to open on Christmas Day!