



Insider



Simon House Day

November 13, 2012

Save the date for a special celebration of Simon House's 25 years of services to homeless women with children.

More information will be provided on our website at www.simonhouseonline.org and on our Facebook page Simon House of Kentucky

Margaritaville Merriment Adds to Building Fund

More than 200 guests turned out to support the 2012 *A Night in Margaritaville* fundraising event for Simon House on May 18 at the Frankfort Country Club. They were greeted by festive island décor and music.

The tiki bar hosted by Trevor Hanson and Lauren Eargle was a popular place.



The evening included live and silent auctions, delicious food, and chances to discover surprise valuables in treasure chests. Topping off the evening's festivities were pirate servers and a live parrot.

A "man cave" displaying silent auction items of most interest to men was a new feature of this year's event.

Thanks to scores of individuals and businesses that donated auction items, more than fifty event sponsors, and those who purchased tickets, the event netted



Hand-painted Adirondack chairs were donated for the live auction.

more than \$20,000. Proceeds will be placed in the Simon House Building Fund.

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June 29 wasn't the hottest day of the summer, but it was one of the hottest days in June in Frankfort — and that was also the day of Simon House's first golf scramble.

Held at Juniper Hills Golf Course in Frankfort, the event attracted 64 intrepid golfers (17 teams of four players each) who enjoyed the event despite the heat.

Simon House Hosts First Golf Scramble

After a lunch from Staxx BBQ restaurant, players teed off at 1:00 p.m. Various holes had extra "Simon Says" challenges that added variety to the game.

All players survived the heat and gathered for awards after the event. Congratulations to all including the following winners:

First Low Gross—Bill Woolums, Rick Harp, Drex Davis, David Hicks.

First Low Net—John Opsata,

Jennifer Opsata, Ann French Thomas, Scott Hampton.

Second Low Gross—Dennis Rodgers, Daryl Smith, Jim Thompson, David Harrod.

Second Low Net—Jamey Bennett, Buddy Bennett, Tommy Hurt, Dale Stowe.

Closest to the Pin—Women #6, Brenda Shipp; Men #3, Anthony Russell

Longest Drive—Women #11, Michele Brown; Men #12, Randy McMillen

Longest Putt—#16, Garry Zeigler.

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From the Director's Desk

Pam McCalla



It has been two years since I assumed responsibility as Executive Director of Simon House. I have learned a great deal during this time, and much has changed. The position remains challenging and fulfilling. Our clients, our program, our leadership and our volunteers have all changed in the past two years, and I think we have gotten stronger in all areas!

I have learned that there is no stereotypical homeless mother. In the past, unmarried pregnant women often were kicked out of their homes and given few opportunities for work. The original mission of Simon House was geared to that population. Now, our resident clients are between 20 and 48 years old, unable to overcome barriers that would enable them to secure safe and stable housing for their families without support and guidance. We offer the stepping stone that their families often are unable to provide.

I have learned that a program is an evolving thing. As new regulations are made, our requirements increase and our program needs to adjust often to keep up. I had to explain to one resident why she no longer qualified for our services and was able to tell an applicant that she now qualified. At least daily, I tell one person or another that paperwork does matter! Satisfying the requirements of several grant donors means transparency and diligence on our part at all times.

Our volunteers have taught me as well. During the day, we provide low income single mothers a place to volunteer to serve others. They have told me when I am being off base or judgmental. I have learned about a variety of resources from them, ways to help those in true need, and who is trying to take advantage of our limited resources. So far in 2012, 4,306 volunteer hours were donated to Simon House for a value of \$43,060 in kind contributions. Our volunteers matter!

While I appreciate the people who help day to day, I also can't thank the Board of Directors enough! These 15 people care enough about the people we serve that they make sure the program is funded, the house cared for, the staff happy, bills paid; all while trying to figure out how to help those that come to us for help that we cannot put in our residential program. I am amazed by the number of volunteer hours they put in for special events, long range planning, financial management, policy decisions and regular meetings. Each person on the Board is so valuable to the success of the organization!

My hope is that as I continue to learn and grow, the program expands in the future. Thus far, we have made some progress toward our vision of a facility that will accommodate twice as many homeless pregnant women or mothers. So many people are working to make this happen. I look forward to the 25th year celebration of the existence of the Simon House at 208 West Campbell Street later this year; at the same time, I would love to break ground on a new facility in the near future!

More Margaritaville Merriment

The success of A Night in Margaritaville is due in large part to the generous sponsorships and other donations by individuals and businesses. Please help us thank our 2012 sponsors.

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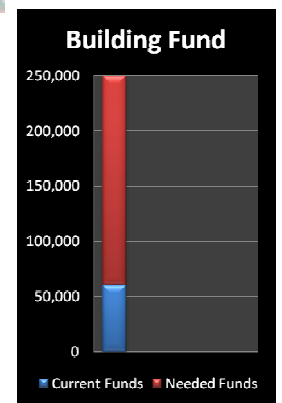


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Building the Building Fund

Simon House has established a building fund that is growing steadily. Besides contribution from our Margaritaville and Golf Scramble Fundraisers, recent donors include:

David & Debbie Boggs
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Golf Scramble

Many sponsors and volunteers made the first Golf Scramble a huge success. Thanks to all!

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Joseph-Beth Booksellers Helps Simon House



Joseph-Beth Booksellers in Lexington Green has chosen Simon House as their charity of the month for September. Change jars with a Simon House logo will be placed at all registers to encourage customers to donate. One day during the month, employees can wear blue jeans for a \$5.00 donation to the charity. Please visit their store during September and share some change with Simon House!

Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity



Several members of the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity of Kentucky State University helped at Simon House in April by weeding the vegetable garden and mowing the front yard. Participants included Ricardo Cooper, George Taylor-Sims, Bianca Woods, Arthur Williams and Brittney Clark.

La Jardinere Garden Club Spruces up Simon House



Vicki Lea and Linda Lancaster of the La Jardinere Garden Club volunteer to maintain the flowers and lawn in front of Simon House.



United Way Day of Caring

Employees of Centria and others gave time to Simon House by helping with the upkeep of the building and grounds on a beautiful May day. United Way Day of Caring participants included Ruth Wiley, Shannon Miles, Trish Wigton, Shawn Ramsey, Elmer Baldrige, Jordan Jewell, Kelly Kickerson, John Sammons, Michael Case, and Michael McGiver.



Kraft Food Donation

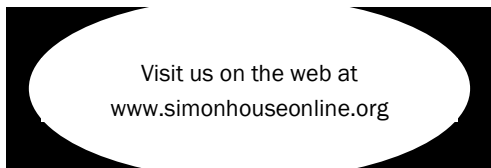


Joey Karr and son, Jacob, Wayne Burke, and Orlando Roddy of Kraft Foods made a donation to the Simon House for its program and for distribution to other local non-profit organizations. The donation benefits the homeless, low-income, and elderly in the area. The quarterly donation from Kraft Foods is always appreciated and well received.

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Another Way to Support Simon House

By doing your grocery shopping, you can help Simon House financially all year long, and it won't cost you anything! Here's how it works.

With special Kroger gift cards available only through Simon House, you can purchase groceries, gasoline, prescriptions, and almost anything else sold at Kroger, and a portion of what you spend will be sent to Simon House.



Any time you wish, you can recharge your card for any amount up to \$500.00. You can pay for recharging your card with cash, check or a major credit card. You can recharge a card for up to \$100 at any register. To recharge for more, just go to the customer service desk.

Simon House will receive a 4 percent rebate for any amount recharged on your card. For example, if you add \$100 to your card, Simon House will receive \$4.00. If only 50 people recharged their cards for \$100 each month, Simon House would receive \$200 monthly – a huge help for our women and children! Consider what you usually spend for groceries, medications, and gasoline and you can imagine that the amount could be even greater!

To obtain a card contact:
 Phone (502) 223-2138
 Email simon@fewpb.net

Thank You for Your Gifts

Simon House wishes to thank the following individuals and organizations who donated funds from March through July, 2012.

- Brenda Adams
- Donn & Joan Adrian
- V. Barr
- Kathleen Black
- Robert Boden
- Rondia Burdine
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- Donald J. & Carolyn F. Waldner

Also from March through July, Simon House received grant funds from the following organizations:

- Kentucky Housing Corporation
- First Presbyterian Church
- United Way of Franklin County
- Franklin County Fiscal Court
- City of Frankfort

Some Current Needs

Simon House has issued challenges to churches and businesses during the month of August to help us replenish much needed supplies. Churches are asked to donate baby items including:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Lotion
- Baby wash
- Shampoo



Businesses/organizations are asked to donate paper products such as:

- Paper towels
- Bathroom tissue
- Facial tissues
- Napkins

All items will be recorded and the church and business/organization that turns in the largest number of items will be publically recognized.

There is still time to take part in this friendly competition to benefit the clients Simon House serves. Did you know that 320 community families were assisted in 2011 with donated baby items, food, clothing, cleaning products, and personal care items?

Other items Simon House needs all the time are:

- Tooth brushes and toothpaste
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Soap
- Deodorant
- First Aid kits and supplies
- Office/School supplies
- Copy paper
- Dish washing detergent
- Laundry detergent
- Garbage bags
- Zip lock bags
- New pillows



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