



# Insider



## Staxx BBQ Supports Simon House

On Tuesday, March 19, those who clip the voucher from the back page of this newsletter and present it when they dine in, drive through, or carry out food and beverage orders at Staxx will be helping Simon House. Staxx will donate a percentage of each sale to Simon House.

**Mark your calendars and enjoy some great food on March 19 while supporting Simon House!**

## Visit our Tiki Hut! Margaritaville Rescheduled for August 24

The sixth annual Simon House fundraiser — *A Night in Margaritaville* — is in development. It promises to have the same fabulous venue at the Frankfort Country Club, great auction items, delicious food, and plenty of fun, just as in previous years.

**The date has been changed to Saturday, August 24, 2013** — a departure from previous years. Please mark your calendar and watch for further details.

*A Night in Margaritaville* was nominated by the Frankfort Area Chamber of Commerce for an award as the best local evening event in 2012. This



year's event will be even more exciting. Activities and caretakers for children will be available in another part of the Club so parents can enjoy the festivities. Other special components also are being developed for 2013.

Please plan to attend this event and consider becoming a sponsor or donating an auction item. For more information call Simon House at (502) 223-2138 or check our website at [www.simohouseonline.org](http://www.simohouseonline.org), or follow us on face-



## Join Simon's Sidekicks for a Rewarding Experience

Simon House depends on gifts of time, talents, and money from many generous friends in the community to serve mothers and children. **Simon's Sidekicks So-**

**ciety** is a new way to provide that support to Simon House. Members answer a few questions about ways they would like to be involved. Then we will keep in touch with you as needs arise that

meet your interests.

See the enclosed brochure for more information and a form to return to Simon House. Wouldn't you like to be a charter member of this great new initiative? Act today!

## From the Director's Desk

Pam McCalla



Dear Friends and Donors:

First and foremost, thanks to all of Santa's helpers! This Christmas was wonderful for the household as well as the 83 children in 42 families we were able to help. This was mostly due to the efforts of our new AmeriCorps members, Tabatha Redmon and Mehgan Straub, who requested funds from local banks to help families who missed the Salvation Army deadline or families with older children.

This winter, though, has been difficult on several fronts. Many people have been quite ill with flu and viruses. Many of the residents at Simon House do not have the luxury of actually taking off work when ill. If they miss one day for an ill child or themselves, they may be faced with losing their jobs. Even with understanding employers, the loss of wages may put them farther behind financially. Single mothers all over are dealing with these very issues. A sick child day care is something that is simply not available at the moment.

During the winter, this old house seems to underline the need for new furnaces. Our heating is uneven and some rooms freeze while others are too warm. Our three furnaces will need to be replaced in the immediate future with hopefully more efficient, smaller models. Due to the weatherization project from Bluegrass Community Action two years ago, our heating bills have gone down, but we still have a way to go to reduce our household expenses. To accomplish this, we are currently requesting that churches collect and donate household supplies during Lent. We are so appreciative of the goods and supplies others give us. We re-purpose to a needy family furnishings donated to us. We supply needs for the house, then to the residents moving out, then former residents and those who qualify in the community. We can find a place for anything.

May you and your family enjoy the coming of Spring! I know I will be glad to see winter's cold over!

## New AmeriCorps Member

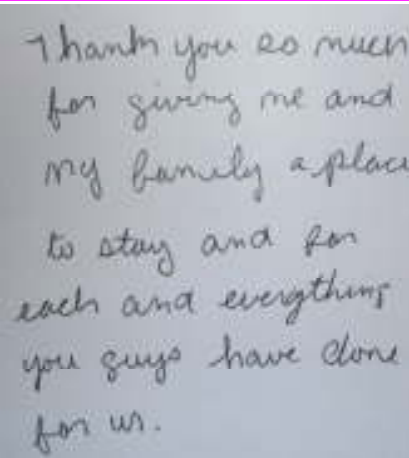
Tabatha Redmon was born in Dallas, Texas and moved to Frankfort as a young child. She has three boys, Robert (6), Teddy (5) and Camden (2). She has been volunteering at the Simon House for more than a year as a "ready to work" volunteer, serving her work study hours here at the house. She attends Bluegrass Community and Technical College and hopes to obtain a four year degree in nursing. She has served at the Simon



House in many capacities, helping to train volunteers, coordinating Community Christmas family needs and organizing the storage rooms. She will continue to serve the community families in her new position as an AmeriCorps member.

### It's All Worthwhile

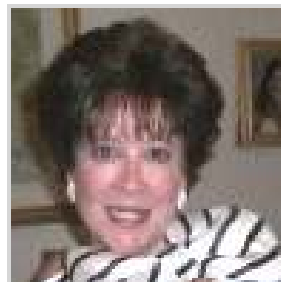
This note was recently received from a former resident indicating how much Simon House's services are appreciated by its clients. This is only possible because of our supporters.



## In Appreciation — Melissa Russell

The Simon House Board of Directors bade farewell to a faithful board member in December. Melissa Russell served as a board member since 2003, and at various times filled the roles of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the organization. Her skills, leadership, and dedication will be

missed. However, we are certain she will continue to support Simon House in many ways.



## Birthday Gifts Add to Building Fund

Simon House celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2012 and received many generous "birthday gifts" to apply to the Building Fund. We wish to thank those who donated these funds between November 2012 and January 2013.

Joan Adrian  
George Allison  
David & Debbie Boggs  
Fred Bradley  
Garnett Brown  
Ann C. Bryan  
Cabinet Concepts of Frankfort  
Jim & Sara Call  
Ted & Christina Evans  
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Emma Jean Stucker  
Jeff Vansant  
David Weller  
Don & Kitty Werner  
Betty Whitton  
Dan Wilson  
Bill Wingfield  
Woodforest Bank  
Wilma Yeary

## In Memory of Bernadette Smith



Simon House lost one of its most dedicated Board members with the passing of Bernadette "Bernie" Smith in December of 2012. Bernie joined the Board of Directors in 2008 and

served as the organization's treasurer continuously until her death.

Bernie was a great philanthropist, giving generously of her time, skills, and resources. Besides Simon House, she was treasurer of the Capital Ovarian Cancer Organization and the Chamber of Commerce. She was also a former President of the Kiwanis Club.

Ms. Smith received her accounting degree from Kentucky State University in 1984 and became a Certified

Public Accountant in 1993.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura Butler, a sister, and two brothers.

Bernie was an invaluable member of the Simon House Board and her generosity, cheerful spirit, and enjoyment of life will be long-remembered.

Thanks to those who made memorial contributions to Simon House in memory of Bernadette Smith.

## Juniper Hill Golf Association Makes Gift to Simon House

Members of the Juniper Hill Golf Association made a generous donation of \$1,000 to Simon House in December. On hand to accept the contribution was then-Board Chair, Ann Crowe, pictured below with Larry Dukes and Danny Bailey from Juniper Hill Golf Association.



## Daisy Scouts Bring Christmas Cheer to Simon House

Daisy Scouts from Troop #1936 in Frankfort brought Christmas gifts to Simon House on December 18, 2012 and learned about sharing with others.



## Gifts of Love

Beta Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa shared a little love with Simon House residents by giving goody baskets for Valentine's Day



## Students Make Donations

Students from Franklin County High School, at right, brought donations of paper products, food, and other needed items to Simon House on February 7.

## Remodeled Kitchen

Thanks to the generosity and volunteer work of Go Frankfort, Comley's Carpet, Harry Wray and his friend Chris, the community kitchen at Simon House has been totally updated. It is beautiful!

## Simon House Board of Directors Elects Officers for 2013

The Simon House Board of Directors works diligently to raise funds, develop and implement policies, set goals for the organization, and oversee finances and operations.

The Simon House Board of Directors elected a new slate of officers for 2013. Pictured at right are: (first row) Kevin Welch, Treasurer; Pam McCalla, Executive Director; and Matthew Kirby,



Chair; (second row) Linda Stopper, Treasurer; and Ann Crowe, Vice-Chair.

Other Board members include:

- Camille Dean
- Wendy Fembe
- Tim Ford
- Jennifer Hix
- Becky McKee
- John Martin
- Lane Stonecypher
- William Morton

# Thanks for Your Generosity

Individuals, churches, businesses and community organizations have been incredibly generous to Simon House. Your gifts are deeply appreciated and wisely used to help women and children face the challenges of homelessness. Gifts were received from November 2012 through January 2013 from the following:

Altrusa International, Inc.

Paul Andis & Diane Simons

V. Barr

Tommie Bennett

Connie & Lee Bledsoe

Yolanda Bright

Donnie & Karen Brown

Rendell & Fonda Butler

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Church

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Commerce

Frankfort Kiwanis Club

Go Frankfort

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James Hall

Joan Harrod

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Bryan and Linda Stopper

Cooper & Meghan Straub

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## STAXX BBQ

Supports

### Charitable Organizations

When this voucher is presented at Staxx BBQ on

**Tuesday, March 19, 2013**

a percentage of the day's proceeds will be donated

to the charitable organization benefitting

from that day's sales.

### "Our Food Really Staxx Up"

(Does not include gift cards; valid only on this date; coupons may be used, with the percentage of sales figured including all discounts; each voucher may be used only once).