



Insider

Margaritaville Returns



Your invitation to this year's fundraising event, **A Night at the Casino in Margaritaville**, is enclosed with this newsletter. It will be held Friday, May 16, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at the Frankfort Country Club.

As in previous years, this event will take you to a tropical island for a fun-filled evening of delicious food, a silent auction, and music and



dancing that you won't want to miss! Additionally, this year we will offer casino games and live entertainment.

A Night at the Casino in Margaritaville

Friday, May 16, 2014
Frankfort Country Club
101 Duntreath Street
Frankfort, KY
7:00—11:00 p.m.

Ticket Information

\$50 through May 12
\$60 after May 12
Available from

Simon House

accepting cash, checks, Visa, or MasterCard
(502) 223-2138
simon@fewpb.net
and online at
www.simonhouseonline.org

For your convenience, tickets also will be available April 14 through May 12 at the following locations which will accept cash or checks only.

Frankfort Country Club
101 Duntreath Street

Community Trust Bank
427 Versailles Road or
120 Old US Highway 127

Poor Richard's Bookstore
233 W. Broadway Street



Simon House is currently accepting sponsors and auction donations for this event. Sponsorship levels range from \$25 to \$2,500 or more. Acknowledgment in program materials, newspaper, and other media will be made for sponsors along with other benefits commensurate with sponsorship levels. This year, there are unique opportunities to

sponsor the buffet, bar, and game tables. Contact Simon House for additional information or to make a donation.

KYGivesDay

April 9, 2014

Simon House will participate in Kentucky Gives Day, a **24-hour online giving blitz** for charities across Kentucky. From 12:00 am to 11:59 pm. EST on Wednesday, April 9, Kentucky charities are asking for online donations. Cash bonuses of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to organizations bringing in the most donations in a variety of categories during the day.



Please help us make this day a success and win valuable support!

Visit <http://kygives.razoo.com> and search for Simon House. You can make your donation any time between now and April 9, and it will count toward our goal. You will find suggested amounts on our page that will greatly help us provide for the needs of the low-income clients we serve.

Are you already connected to Simon House by Facebook and/or email? If so, you will be receiving additional information about Kentucky Gives Day 2014 and how you can help Simon House with your online donation.

Not yet in the electronic loop? There are two things you can do to help us. Join us on Facebook at Simon House of Kentucky or send an email to simon@fewpb.net and request your address be added to our email list.

From the Board Chair Matthew Kirby



I was asked to write the "Director's Notes" feature for this newsletter because Pam McCalla is taking some well deserved vacation time. I thought it might be a good opportunity to explain exactly what

the Board of Directors is up to these days.

The Board's primary focus at this time is fundraising. We are excitedly preparing for our Margaritaville fundraiser which will be held on May 16th at the Frankfort Country Club. We cordially invite everyone to come and enjoy the fun on that night! But Margaritaville is not the only event planned.

We are also participating in Kentucky Gives Day on April 9th. Kentucky Gives Day is a twenty-four hour online fundraising event which allows local charities to reach a world-wide audience. Please check out our Simon House page for that event at: <http://kygives.razoo.com> and enter **Simon House** in the search box that says "Find your cause." If those two events were not enough, we also are having our annual Mother's Day fundraising and are planning a golf scramble for August!

While fundraising is currently a large part of the Board's focus, we also are working towards increasing the number of families able to be helped by the Simon House. A big part of this is our ongoing search for a new facility. The Board is dedicated to finding a modern building which will allow us to house more homeless families and provide land for expansion.

Yet, a new physical facility is only the tip of the iceberg in improving the Simon House's outreach. The Board is also working toward implementing a strategic plan which will strengthen not only the Board but the day-to-day operations of the House.

While the Board is busy working to improve the Simon House, I would be remiss if I did not mention the one group of people who keep the place going. And that would be loyal donors and volunteers like you reading this newsletter. On behalf of the Board, I thank you for your assistance, and hope you will continue to support the Simon House in the future!

New Team Members at Simon House

Shenaaz Burrell Case Manager

A native of Los Angeles, California, Shenaaz Burrell moved to Frankfort to attend Kentucky State University on a softball scholarship. She is now majoring in social work and will graduate this Spring. Her interests include cooking, fitness, and laughter.



Shenaaz says she was drawn to working at Simon House because of her mother's experience as a homeless single mother from El Salvador. Through

a homeless shelter in Los Angeles, her mother learned English, found a job, and moved to stable housing. Shenaaz says, "While at the Simon House I hope to shorten the bridge between homelessness and stable housing for my residents."

Judy Wilson Smith AmeriCorps Member

Judy Smith was a natural for the AmeriCorps position at Simon House because she already had been a volunteer in other capacities with the program, and she had first-hand experience as a homeless single mother. She is originally from Dayton, Ohio and settled in Frankfort about four years ago. She has three daughters ranging in age from 12 to 23. In her current position, she works with community clients that contact Simon House for assistance, and she also helps coordinate volunteers and donations. Judy says she hopes to make more people aware of Simon House and the resources it can provide to those in need. She plans to return to college and pursue a degree in counseling when she completes her service as an AmeriCorps Member.



Kroger Cards Benefit Simon House

Would you be willing to help Simon House every time you shop for groceries (and it would cost you nothing extra)? All you have to do is obtain a Kroger card from Simon House, put money on it at Kroger using cash, check, or credit card, and use it to pay for all your shopping at Kroger including food, gas, and pharmacy purchases. Simon House receives four percent of all money that is added to these special Kroger cards. Helping this way does not cost donors anything extra. Call Simon House a (502) 223-2138 to get a card.



Some Current Needs at Simon House

Simon House needs the following items for its residential program:

- New pillows
- New or gently used
 - twin sheets,
 - twin blankets
- pillow cases
- towels and wash cloths
- silverware
- can openers
- pots and pans



Items needed for community clients as well as the residential program include:

- Diapers and pull-ups
- Baby wipes
- Bath tissue
- Paper towels
- Trash bags
- Dish and laundry detergent
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Cleaning products
- Children's no-tear shampoo

Christmas Came to Simon House

Christmas is such a special time at Simon House, that even though it is March already, we wanted to share some of our favorite moments from the holiday season.

Christmas Market and Brunch

On December 7, 2013, Simon House hosted a Christmas Market and Brunch at the Frankfort Country Club. Among the glittering Christmas decorations, a delicious brunch was provided. More than 150 donated items were available for guests to do their Christmas shopping.



Santa arrived early for this event and shared cookies with guests. He was also available for taking pictures with guests.

Fabulous local talented performers entertained



guests with Christmas music including:

- Gary Johnson and Charlie Kendall
- Keith Dean
- John Avent and Roland Herzl
- John Martin served as auctioneer for the live auction items.

Simon House Helps Residents and Community Families have a Merry Christmas

Every year, we are so grateful for the generosity of our community at Christmas time. We receive many wonderful gifts for our resident families. For many, especially the children in residence, it is the happiest Christmas they've spent in many years.

The abundance of gifts is so vast that we had much more than was needed just for our residential clients at Christmas. So we provided gifts to 61 community families with 123 children who met low-income guidelines and were not receiving Christmas gifts from other agencies.

Party for Residents

Each year the Simon House Board of Directors is rewarded by giving a Christmas party for the residents. It is an opportunity to step back from governance and fundraising to enjoy seeing the difference that Simon House makes in the lives of the homeless women and children served. This year, thanks to Capitol Bowl, we had a wonderful party venue that mothers and children all enjoyed. Santa even arrived to bring a gift to each boy and girl.



Thanks to the many supporters who gave so generously of their time, talents and resources to make this event a success!

Many Thanks to . . .

Midway College Nursing students who brought Christmas stockings for our residents.



Boone National Guard Center which conducted its annual food drive and contributed to Simon House.

Juniper Hills Golf Association that made a year-end financial contribution to support Simon House.



Volunteers Ginny Berry, Liz Berryman, Ann Crowe, Jackie Hillyer, Rachel Jones, and Bonnie Savage who wrapped gifts at Lexington Green on December 18 for donations to Simon House.



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Mother's Day Gifts

For Mother's Day on May 11, make a gift to Simon House in honor or in memory of your mother or another special person in your life.

Simon House will mail a special Mother's Day card to the person you are honoring. For memorial gifts, a tasteful card will be sent to an individual you designate, if you wish. Further, the names of all those honored or remembered will be listed in the *State Journal* on Sunday May 11, and they also will be listed on Simon House's website.

What better way to say "thank you," to your mother or other 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!



Thanks for Your Ongoing Support

Individuals, churches, businesses and community organizations have been extremely generous to Simon House. Your gifts are deeply appreciated and wisely used to help women and children face economic challenges and the distress of homelessness. Gifts were received from October 15, 2013 through February 15, 2014 from the following:

Joan Adrian
Charles & Betty Allen
Janet Allgeler
Alpha Delta Kappa—Beta Epsilon
Altrusa International
Ronald & J. Gayle Alvis
Diana Andrews
Association of Government Accountants
B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 530
Juanita Back
Johnna Ballinger
Bankers Bank of Kentucky
Steven & Julie Bing
Roger & Carolyn Blair
Jane F. Brake
Bridgeport Christian Church
John & Marcy Broderson
Ann Gillock Brooks
Morris Burton
Rendell T. & Fonda Butler
Sara Call
Lisa Cann
CDP, Inc.
James & Betty Claycomb
Stan Cochran
Mary Lynn Collins
Community Trust Bank
Ann Peter Crowell
Ann Crowe
Vivian Dawkins
Jerry & Emily Deaton
Eads
Jean Edwards
Sherrill & Joseph Elam

Fair View Farm at Spring Station
William & Charley Fallon
Jimmy Farra
Farmers Bank & Capital Trust
First Presbyterian Church
Fox Creek Christian Church
Frankfort Arts Foundation
Jennifer Frazier
Margaret B. Friel
Roberta Gabbard
Galla Hair Salon & Spa
Fred & Debbie Goins
Michelle A. Goins
Roberta Gray
James Hall
Scott & Mary Pat Hankla
Carols Hernandez
John & Amanda Hess
Highland Christian Church
Chris & Linda Hill
Jodie Hillard
David & Lorie Hines
Chad & Marsha Hockensmith
Jack & Karen Hoover
Hope Circle
Hope Lutheran Church
Robert & Ola B. Howard
Immanuel Baptist Church
Lane B. Jacobs
Gina Jesse
JoAnn T. Johnson
Verna Johnson
Rachel Jones
JRS Printing
Juniper Hill Golf Association
John & Marcia Kirby
Matt Kirby
Carole Kruse
Amanda Lange
Annette Leathers
Janet L. Lohr
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William & Jenny May
Anna L. Mayne
Aileen McClain
Jim McGurk

Edith McNulty
Donald & Diana Mefford
John & Michal Mello
Martha Moore
Betty J. Newman
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Shirley S. Noel
Janice Osborne
Mark & Nancy Overstreet
Dana Parker
Peaks Mill Christian Church
Jackie Phillips
Emily & Rex Pitts
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church
Suzette Polson
Jerome P. Prather
Joel M. Prather
J. D. & Meg Quarles
Charlotte Reed
William Reinig
Bobby & Juanita Rice
Lili & Bob Riddle
Louise Roach
Bob Rush
Melissa Russell
Admiral Dewey Sanders
Anthony & Susan Smith
South Frankfort Presbyterian Church
Larry & Andrea Southworth
Scott Stevenson
Tony & Linda Stith
Bryan & Linda Stopper
Geneva Straub
Faye Thacker
The Antioch Church
The Candleberry Company
David Tincher
Betty Updike
Daniel & Jane Venters
Donald J. & Carolyn Waldner
Elizabeth Walsh
Kevin Welch
Susan Wells
West End Homemakers
Charles Williamson
Linda Wilson