



# NEWSLETTER

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## IN HER OWN WORDS...

The Newhouse Newsletter is published bi-monthly. With each issue we bring you the voice of a Newhouse resident as she shares her new beginning.

I came to Kansas City running from my ex-husband. I was going to start over—reinvent myself in a brand new place. I expected to stay at Newhouse for a short time—just enough time to get a paycheck and get back on my feet.

As part of my new life, I got a quick physical checkup at the doctor. That's when I found out I had stage three cervical cancer.

Miss Monci [Newhouse Vice President of Shelter Services] called me into her office and asked about my prognosis, friends and family, and what I would do. I told her I have no living family and had only been in Kansas City for eight days.

Miss Monci said, "Well, we will be your family" and just to concentrate on doing what I have to do medically. She said Newhouse would continue to provide shelter and help me get a support system going.

I have good days and bad days, but when I'm really sick with my treatments the staff has gone the extra mile for me again and again. I feel safe and secure here, but more than that, I feel the real affection that the staff have for me and the sincere caring for my wellbeing.

When I beat the cancer and move back into the mainstream, my memories of Newhouse will always be that of thanksgiving.

—Kathy

## Newhouse Wish List: VAN

Please call Bea Lynn at (816) 474-6446 x223 if you have a van in good mechanical condition that you would like to donate. A van is needed to transport residents and for picking up donations and supplies. Your donation is tax-deductible!

## January Is National Stalking Awareness Month

### Did you know...

- 1 in 12 women will be stalked in their lifetime.
- 77% of female victims know their stalker.
- 81% of women stalked by a current or former intimate partner are also physically assaulted by that partner.
- 28% of female victims obtained a protective order. 69% of female victims had the protection order violated.
- 76% of women who were murdered by their intimate partner had also been stalked by the killer.

Source: Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, "January Is National Stalking Awareness Month," December 5, 2008. For more information see [www.mocadsv.org](http://www.mocadsv.org).

## Newhouse Thanks Holiday Store Donors

Each year, Newhouse provides a Holiday Store for Newhouse mothers and children—children pick gifts for their mothers, mothers pick gifts for their children, and shelter advocates pick gifts for women without children. All of the gifts and wrapping supplies are given to the women and children at no cost to them. All of the gifts are donated by individuals as well as area businesses. We are grateful to the following donors for making Christmas a special time for Newhouse families:

Asset Link • Bath and Body Works • Michael and Jean Belancio • Break Pointe Charities • Bud and Annette • Mary Christmas • Church of the Resurrection Women • Joe and Max Close • Mary Daugherty • Elk's Lodge #26 • Express • Fort Osage High School Art Club • Amy Gearhart-Sage • Girl Scouts • Good Samaritan Baptist Church • Hallmark Cards • Mary Harrell • Hearts & Hands First United Methodist Church • Judy Janes • Johnson County Pediatric • KCP&L • Lady Luck Hair Parlor • Mariner Wealth Advisors • Gladys McMurray • Dwayne Moore • North American Salt Company • One Spirit UMC Alpha Circle UMW • Dan Papa • P/Strada • Blayne Shell • Sosland Foundation • Tracey and John Taylor • Through Our Children's Eyes • UMB • United Methodist Church Blue Springs • U.S. District Court • Victoria's Secret • Valley View United Methodist Church • Michelle Word

## Newhouse Grant Awards Up at End of the Year

Newhouse thanks the following funders for grant support in the last quarter of 2008:

- **Country Club Christian Church (\$5,000)**
- **Faith Lutheran Foundation (\$2,500)**
- **Kraft Foundation (\$9,000)**
- **Neotrope PR Award (In-kind PR Support \$25,000)**
- **William T. Kemper Foundation (\$25,000)**
- **R. A. Long Foundation (\$5,000)**
- **Jacob and Ella Loose Foundation (\$10,000)**
- **Shumaker Family Foundation (\$25,000)**
- **State Street Foundation (\$7,500)**
- **United Way of Greater Kansas City (\$40,000)**

***The mission of Newhouse is to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing the tools that allow women to make positive choices and lead self-sufficient lives.***

**Please remember Newhouse in the New Year!**

**Yes, I want to support the future of Newhouse!**

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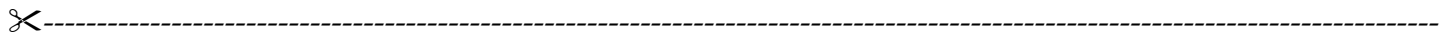
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All gifts are tax-deductible. Cumulative cash gifts of \$100 or more to Newhouse each calendar year may qualify for Missouri tax credits.



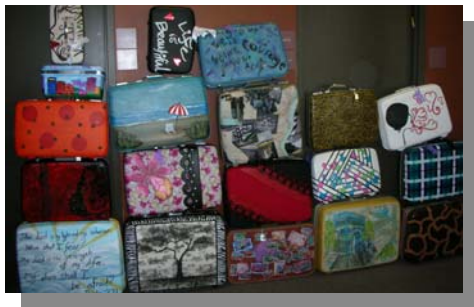
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**Newhouse Receives Painted Luggage Donation**

As you might imagine, many of the women and children fleeing domestic violence to seek shelter at Newhouse have to leave home in a hurry—and they arrive with their possessions and clothing stuffed into trash bags. This Christmas, Donna Terrell and the students in her Fort Osage High School 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Club gave Newhouse families a wonderful gift—handcrafted and painted luggage, each suitcase decorated with a particular theme, all of them unique and beautiful. Now when women and children are ready to transition from Newhouse into permanent housing, they can leave in style!



Newhouse is a domestic violence shelter serving the KC metro area.  
 Newhouse is also available for presentations to any group on topics including teen dating violence and violence in the workplace.

**For help or shelter (816) 471-5800 or (816) HOTLINE**



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