



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 live at Newhouse in the summer with my two children, ages three and four years old. I was pregnant and didn't have anywhere else safe to go. I felt lost and alone.

The staff made me feel comfortable with their kindness and generosity. I immediately received much needed counseling and guidance. Every day I was involved in activities designed to teach me new ways to live. The group sessions made me realize how similar my story was to so many others. It wasn't long before I started to find hope and I began to regain my confidence.

It has been a long and difficult journey and I still struggle when facing obstacles. Newhouse continues to provide me with guidance and I am grateful. I am in school now and I am working toward self-sufficiency.

Thanks to Newhouse I have broken the chain of domestic violence in my life and the in the lives of my children.

Thank you.

—Nicole

Newhouse Wish List: Dining Tables

Please call Bea Lynn at (816) 474-6446 x223 if you can make a donation toward \$15,000 Newhouse needs to purchase new **dining tables and chairs** in the shelter cafeteria.

Your donation is tax-deductible!

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Did you know...

- One in six women has been raped at some point in her life.
- Most rape victims know their rapist; 91% of adult female rape victims were victimized by someone they know.
- 62% of adult female rape victims were raped by a former or current partner.
- In 2007, 1,374 incidents of forcible rape were reported to Missouri law enforcement agencies.
- An estimated 5% of college women are assaulted annually and 25% will be victimized during their college years.

Source: Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, "April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month," March 6, 2009. For more information see www.mocadsv.org.

Newhouse Thanks Valentine's Day Donors

Newhouse residents were blessed with special gifts and visits from donors and Newhouse supporters on Valentine's Day and Valentine's Day weekend. We gratefully recognize the following donors:

Shelia Christiansen · First Family Church · Hallmark IAAP ·
Hallmark Gold Crown Store · Newhouse Board of Directors ·
Nordstrom's · Laurie Rhyne · Sam's Club ·
Dana Smith · Kyra Storms · Keri Tarchala · Marian Woodward

Newhouse Grant Awards in Early 2009

Newhouse thanks the following funders for grant support in the first quarter of 2009:

- Anonymous (\$25,000)
- Kansas City University of Medicine & Biosciences (\$20,000)
- Shumaker Family Fund (\$33,200)
- Sprint Center (\$2,500)

Newhouse Receives New Flooring Facelift

Thanks to a grant from the **Oppenstein Brothers Foundation** and in-kind service and material support from **Campione Construction**, Newhouse has new carpet and tiling on the first floor of the shelter. Thanks also to **Church of the Resurrection Men's Retreat Group** for braving a Kansas City winter storm to paint the shelter stairwells.

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 support Newhouse!

Yes, I want to support the future of Newhouse!

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Newhouse Thanks American Companion Care and Bonefish Grill For Cell Phone Fundraiser on March 4

American Companion Care (ACC) hosted a Newhouse cell phone drive on Wednesday evening, March 4, at the Bonefish Grill in Leawood, Kansas. Proceeds from this event will benefit Newhouse \$2,000 in cell phone donations through the Shelter Alliance recycled cell phone program. Participants enjoyed networking over free appetizers provided by Bonefish, traded in old cell phones for drink tickets, and received over 20 raffle items donated by American Companion Care, Foreclosure Management Company and Hallmark. Special thanks goes to Natalie Schneider (ACC CEO) and her staff for organizing the event, and to Randy Miller for MC services.



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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