



Everyone deserves a safe home.

A newsletter for friends of Coburn Place

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Perspective

Celebrating Successes

Mission Statement

Because we believe everyone deserves a safe home, Coburn Place provides supportive services and safe, affordable housing to women and children who are homeless because of leaving abusive situations.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We could try to shock you with grim statistics and heroic escape stories. Or we could list behaviors often exhibited by abusive partners. Instead, we would like to take this opportunity to let you know how your support over the past year has made a difference in the lives of the women and children who come to us from abusive situations. Your support, in all forms, plays an important role in breaking the cycle of domestic violence and in the journey to begin healing.

⌘ 70 women and 123 children were kept safe while living at Coburn Place.

⌘ 70 women began the healing process by participating in support groups.

⌘ 32 women moved toward self-sufficiency by completing at least two goals from their achievement plans.

⌘ 12 women increased their income by the end of their residency.

⌘ 31 women moved into permanent safe housing.

⌘ Three women became

homeowners.

⌘ 27 children enjoyed a wide range of fun and educational activities, while participating in Coburn Place Summer Camp.

⌘ 28 families were adopted and received gifts and warm wishes during the holiday season.

⌘ Volunteers, donors, and shoppers raised \$16,919.35 during last year's Designers' Closet.

⌘ Individuals alone gave \$43,352.61.

⌘ Donors gave 149 in-kind donations.

Success is subjective. How it is measured can be tricky. What may seem small or even insignificant is often a big step for some of our women. We celebrate all successes, small or large. And we invite you, our supporters, to share in our excitement. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for us.

While we greatly appreciate your past generous support, we would like to share with you some

opportunities to continue your commitment to our work. We realize we are "preaching to the choir", but the current economy has hit all of us hard. You may have seen the news recently about the closing of Dayspring Shelter due to financial hardship. As a small non-profit organization, we need and value your contributions more now than ever.

Inside you will find many fun ways to help support our program in the coming month. You can shop for a new wardrobe at our annual Designers' Closet sale. Or spend a Sunday evening with family or friends enjoying delicious food, cocktails, and live jazz at Café Nora's New Owners Celebration. Or begin your holiday shopping for the youngsters on your list at Kids Ink during an upcoming book signing. Or take a look at our Wish List and make a donation. Or simply return the enclosed envelope with your gift.

Thank you for your continuing support! You are an important part of our success. Let's keep celebrating, together.



We are pleased to announce a very special evening with a new partner.

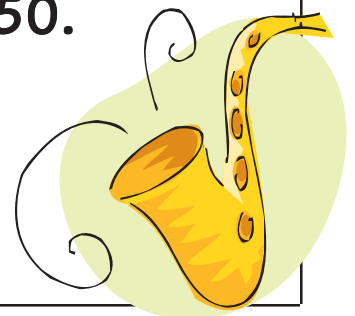
Join us
Sunday, October 20 from
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
at Café Nora for a
celebration with new owners,
Jim and Debra Nethercott,
to benefit Coburn Place.

Guests will be able to sample a variety of scrumptious appetizers from Café Nora's new menu along with complimentary beer and wine. Cool live jazz will be provided by the Charlie Smith Project with Stan Hillis.



Tickets are \$50 per person or \$90 per couple and are available by contacting Coburn Place at 923-5750.

We are grateful for our new partnership and look forward to our staffs working together.





The following individuals and groups
 contributed money, time, goods or services
 to Coburn Place Safe Haven
 during the months of
 June through September.
Thank you for all you do!



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**Thank
You!**

Help Us Stock Our Closet While You Stock Yours

Nothing says fall like fashion, and Coburn Place's Annual Designers' Closet is the place to stock your closet without breaking your bank account. Come and shop our one-day boutique of women's designer apparel and accessories at prices below the consignment shops! Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North United Methodist Church on the northwest corner of 38th and Meridian Streets. Bring a friend and make a morning of it. All proceeds benefit the women and children of Coburn Place.

And while you are stocking your closet, we ask that you please help us stock ours. We will have a new opportunity this year for you to

do so. We provide 35 furnished apartments complete with kitchens and bathrooms. To furnish our apartments just once it takes:

- *108 sets of twin sheets
- *108 blankets
- *108 pillows
- *108 bath towels, 108 hand towels, and 108 wash cloths
- *70 pot holders and 70 kitchen towels



Needless to say, we use a lot of linens! You can help us by bringing a donation of new

sheets, blankets, pillows, bath and kitchen towels, or washcloths with you. Or if you can't make it to the store before Designers' Closet, visit our interactive linen display at the sale. By making a contribution, you can "buy" linens for us, while shopping at Designers' Closet and then add your donation to our display.

Now that you've finished back-to-school shopping for the kids or grandkids, it's your turn. A new fall wardrobe isn't just for students. And if you are cleaning out your closet to make room for new items, keep us in mind. We will be accepting donations for



the sale through October 9th. Call us for more information at 923-5750.



Some of the wonderful fashions you'll find at Designers' Closet!



Looking for a simple way to help?

Join the Marsh Community Shopper Program!



Each time you purchase Marsh brand products with your "Fresh Idea Card", 1% of your purchase is donated to Coburn Place! Register in a store or online at www.marsh.net. At the top, click on "Savings" then on "Community Shopper" on the right. Have your "Fresh Idea Card" number handy. The "Express Code" for Coburn Place is **A00000995**.
Thank you!

An Evening of Giving

Just in case you didn't find everything you were looking for at Designers' Closet, we have another shopping opportunity for you! **Sunday, November 24th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., The Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing** will be holding its annual "An Evening of Giving". Coburn Place is selling tickets to this special night of private shopping. All mall stores and restaurants will be open, many offering exclusive sales and activities. Dozens of door prizes will be given away. Holiday entertainment will be featured. Tickets are \$8 with \$2 benefitting the Simon Youth Foundation, and \$6 benefitting Coburn Place. Tickets will be available at Designers' Closet or call us at 923-5750.

Buy the Book!

Meet Valiska Gregory, the author of a dozen books for children, at **Kids Ink Children's Bookstore on Tuesday, October 15th from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.** In honor of Gregory's newest book, *Shirley's Wonderful Baby*, Kids Ink will donate one book to Coburn Place for each Gregory book purchased. So stock-up on some of your favorite titles, have them autographed by the author, and support the children of Coburn Place! Kids Ink is located at 5619 N. Illinois Street. Call 255-25898 for more information.



From Publishers Weekly

Shirley the hippo thinks it's about time to send her new brother, Stanley, back where he came from ("The trouble with Shirley's new baby brother was that everything Stanley did was wonderful"). She's had enough of his attention-grabbing spitting, drooling, babbling and smelly diapers. But gradually Shirley undergoes a change of heart, thanks to a clever new babysitter, Ms. Mump. Announcing, to Shirley's delight, that "I like my tea with two lumps of sugar and no babies," Ms. Mump mirrors Shirley's resentment by disparaging babies in general ("Babies are notorious for getting into trouble"), while at the same time maneuvering Shirley into defending her brother. The author also understands how a word like "notorious" (used judiciously, several times) can be like a feather tickler to readers' burgeoning vocabulary. Ages 3-7.

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Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities

⌘ **10/10**, Domestic Violence Network of Greater Indianapolis (DVNGI) conference, *When Domestic Violence Comes to the Workplace*, 475-6110.

⌘ **10/12**, Coburn Place, *Designers' Closet*, 923-5750.

⌘ **10/16**, Family Service breakfast & workshop, *What Employers Should Know about Domestic Violence*, 634-6341, ext. 156.

⌘ **10/18**, DVNGI's, *Night of Awareness at the Pacers game*, 475-6110.

⌘ **10/20**, *Breaking the Silence: Journeys of Hope*, documentary will air on WFYI at 3:00 p.m.

⌘ **10/20**, Coburn Place, *Cafe Nora New Owners Celebration*, 923-5750.

⌘ **10/22-23**, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV) conference, *Transforming Trauma*, 917-3685.

⌘ **10/24**, National Hook-Up of Black Women forum, *Love is NOT Abuse*, 931-7031.

⌘ **10/26**, A-Way-Out Ministries, *Walk-a-thon and Gospel Concert*, 258-5005.

⌘ **10/27**, *Breaking Free, Ecumenical Worship Service of Hope and Healing*, 923-5563.



New Linens

Blankets
Bath Towels & Washcloths
Pillows
Twin Sheets
Kitchen Towels
Bedspreads

Audio/Visual Equipment

Children's Videos
Music Cassettes
Televisions
VCRs

Wish List

Designers' Closet donations are needed and welcome now!

Women's designer clothing and accessories- any season, gently used, consignment quality

Kitchen

Pots and Pans Sets
Silverware
Baking Pans
Sets of Dishes
Bowls

Small Appliances

Vacuum Cleaners
Hand Mixers
Irons
Toasters
Microwaves

Miscellaneous

Crafts (All Ages)
Personal Care Items (toothpaste etc.)
Gift Certificates (Target, Wal-Mart, or Grocery)
Birthday Gifts
Cleaning Supplies
Laundry Detergent
Paper Products
Over the counter cold remedies
Aspirin, adult and children



Baby Equipment & Supplies

Swings
Diapers (all sizes)
Strollers

Computers

New or fairly new

Volunteers

Children's Activities (Tuesday through Thursday)
Mentors and Tutors
Special Events Volunteers



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Coburn Place Staff

Lianne Somerville	Executive Director	Mark McLaurine	Housekeeper
Lisa Benjamin	Technology Assistant	Rosie Morris	House Manager
Shawnta Beverly	Children's Program Coordinator	John Patterson	House Manager
Sherry Chambers	Administrative Assistant	Robin Royal Turner	Children's Program Assistant
Mario Furlow	House Manager	Debi Ward	Case Manager
Rochelle Heidelberg	House Manager	De'Borah Wright	Children's Program Assistant
Debra James	Case Manager/ Women's Services Coordinator		

About Coburn Place Safe Haven

Coburn Place Safe Haven provides women and their children a chance to start anew, to finally accomplish a dream that an abusive partner and circumstances prevented. Coburn Place provides furnished apartments, complete with dishes, linens and toys for children. Women may live at Coburn Place for up to two years.

In exchange for affordable housing and utilities, a woman must be employed, enrolled in school or in job training. These efforts will help develop a better future for women and their children. Residents sign a six-month lease, pay a percentage of their income for rent and utilities and create budgets that enable them to save money for permanent housing after two years.

Coburn Place is a member of the Domestic Violence Network of Greater Indianapolis and the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Coburn Place Safe Haven offers:

- Case managers who provide support and assistance to the women to accomplish achievement plans.
- Organized activities for children planned by the Children's Program Coordinator and her staff.
- Activities that help women achieve emotional stability and promote better independent living skills.
- Educational assessment and development of an academic plan.
- Legal advocacy and legal council.
- Job interest surveys and career counseling.
- Credit counseling to move toward improved credit.
- A building that has 24-hour security.
- Time to come to believe that life can be peaceful and everyone deserves to be safe.