



Everyone deserves a safe home.

A newsletter for friends of Coburn Place

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# Perspective

## Mission Statement

Coburn Place provides safe, affordable housing and supportive services to women and children who are homeless because of leaving abusive situations.

Dear Friends,



Greetings from our house to yours! Prepare for a "good read". If you like upbeat stories with positive endings, you will find them in this edition of our newsletter.

Choosing just a few of our women's success stories to share with you was a real challenge – there are so many! The children also had their own successes, combined with a whole lot of fun, at their summer camp.

Success stories continue with our two signature fundraisers, Spotlight on 56<sup>th</sup> & Illinois and Designers' Closet. The events brought new friends and welcome financial support to our program. If you missed out on the fun this year, mark your calendar for next year's events.

Coburn Place women are having fun expanding the Sisters in Stitches product line and creating things for themselves. They are sewing up a storm (or a purse) and eager for you to become customers! Read their news and find out where you can shop for the holidays and all year long.

Thank you for supporting our families with your time, your household goods, your financial contributions, and the services you provide. Thank you for your encouraging words to the staff and to our families. With every newsletter this year, we added another "thank you" column. We have added another page with this issue and even reduced the font size! This very visible evidence of support for our mission is overwhelming and

## Happy Endings Brought To You By...

People often ask us about our "success rate." Success is a subjective and relative term for our families. Each woman determines how she defines success and then develops her own Achievement Plan.

We are pleased to share a few of our families' success stories. We changed the women's names for confidentiality, but their stories are real. Hard work and determination are the key components of each story. In addition to being victims of abuse and working on healing from all that abuse entails, our strong women are surmounting other life obstacles in the areas of education, employment and personal finances.

### Like Mother, Like Daughter

SARAH recently moved to permanent housing after living at Coburn Place with her young daughter just shy of a year. When she moved to Coburn Place, Sarah and her case manager worked together to create a comprehensive Achievement Plan tailored to fit her personal situation and her goals. While here, Sarah worked on obtaining a degree in Secondary Education from IUPUI,

with plans to become a Spanish teacher. Her classes fit perfectly with her employment as a substitute teacher. With her case manager's guidance, Sarah applied for a scholarship to a noted area parochial school for her 4-year old daughter. The result was full tuition for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade! Also, with her case manager's help and guidance, Sarah was able to obtain a divorce from her abuser. Sarah took advantage of Coburn Place's supportive services and turned her dreams into reality. She is proud of herself, and we are, too. We celebrated her success when she moved to her new home.

### A Family Reunited

TESSIE'S Achievement Plan for self-sufficiency included a personal, as well as financial, need for employment. Tessie was denied custody of her children, because she was unemployed. She was frustrated and angry that her children lived in another state with their grandmother. With the assistance of dedicated Coburn Place staff, Tessie completed her training and became a Certified Medical Assistant. Now employed at a local hospital, Tessie has rediscovered the joy of having her children at home with her and has peace of mind in being financially able to take care of

them. She is ready to tackle the next goals in her Achievement Plan.

### Nursing - Her Dream

CARLA came to Coburn Place ready to take advantage of all we offer. The individual Achievement Plan she and her case manager created was not going to be easy, but it would lead Carla and her son to a better life. Her life dream includes becoming a nurse, but being an involved mother for her young son is her top priority. By working nights and trading baby-sitting hours with other residents, Carla keeps up with her bills, attends day classes while her son is in school, and recently completed the Certified Nursing Assistant program. She works in a nursing home and is returning to school to become an LPN. We are confident she will reach her goals.

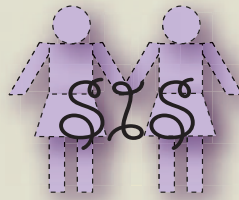
### On the Career Path

JANE has a degree in education from another country, but it is not recognized in the U.S. Having a career,

# The SIS Scoop

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Your source for all that's SIS to print.



**Sisters In Stitches**  
*"Sewing lives together"*  
Coburn Place Safe Haven

## Sisters In Action

Sisters in Stitches is really zipping along. Fourteen residents received their Basic Sewing Skills certificates this fall, and eight children received certificates for participation in summer sewing camp. The women learned to make clothing repairs and do alterations for themselves and their children. With your fabric and sewing notion donations, they have made garments and gifts that might not have been affordable otherwise. Best of all, they receive the joy and peace of mind that comes with being able to do things for themselves.

## Need For Knitting Materials

One serendipitous discovery we've made is that several of our residents know how to knit and crochet. They are sharing their skills with each other. To that end, we have added yarn, needles and hooks to our donation list. Of course, the need for neckties and old wool sweaters and garments continues to be great and ongoing.

## On the Road

Our signature SIS bags have gone on the road! They have been a featured item at several community and Coburn Place events this year. The SIS bags are available as far away as Suttons Bay, Michigan. They are available locally at the Basile Gift Shop in the Indianapolis Art Center and Premiere Hair and Nail Design in Broad Ripple. SIS bags were featured in the Holiday Gift Bazaar at The Indianapolis Propylaeum and at Artfusion, a community art fair at the Irvington Historical Society, this fall. Special thanks go to Julie Dhondt for initiating Artfusion and selecting Coburn Place as the benefiting agency.

SIS creations were also evident at this year's Spotlight on 56<sup>th</sup> and Illinois. Mary Jane Sorbera modeled a matching "necktie inspired" ensemble of dress, shawl and clutch bag, which garnered wonderful compliments.

## New Opportunities

Joanne Wright, SIS Project Director, has been named Programs Coordinator by the Sewing Professionals Network of Indiana. Congratulations, Joanne!

## Helping a Katrina Victim

Our residents have been able to help others as well. With donated supplies from a local quilt shop, some of the Coburn Place women and children worked together to make a quilt that was sent to a Hurricane Katrina victim.



Our women and children made this quilt, which was sent to comfort a Hurricane Katrina victim.

## Community Partners

Special thanks to Chase (formerly Bank One) and Verizon Wireless for sponsoring Sisters In Stitches. It's been a great year because of their financial support.

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not just a job, is part of Jane's Achievement Plan. She enrolled in a medical training program and begins classes this January. Meanwhile, Jane found part-time employment in the restaurant industry and is able to keep up with her bills. Jane is the mother of two young children. While she works on her educational goals, she is thankful Coburn Place's program and caring staff provide a furnished apartment, children's activities, and the safety and stability she needs to successfully complete her Achievement Plan goals.

With your support, our qualified and supportive staff help residents move forward on their paths to self-sufficiency. It is not easy work. The scars from domestic abuse, both emotional and physical, take time to heal; and, as with any wound, some people heal more quickly than others. Some of our families remain with us for the full two years of the program. Others are ready to move on to permanent, safe housing after only eight or nine months.

Thank you for helping to turn our families' dreams of success into the reality of self-sufficiency! 🏠

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gratifying for our families, staff and board.

The need for financial support for our families is ongoing. Please take a minute to read about the Neighborhood Assistance Program Indiana Tax Credit opportunity. The NAP tax credits are a wonderful way for you to "give and get." Please consider a financial donation to Coburn Place soon. You will ensure that we continue the upbeat stories and positive endings!

Thank you for ensuring that our thirty-five families live safely and securely every night. I hope the coming year includes an abundance of peace for you, your families, and friends.

Thank you from all of us at Coburn Place,

*Liane*

# We Filled the Closet With the Best; Then You Did the Rest


Designers' Closet, Coburn Place's annual fundraising event, rose to a new level of success this year! The generous clothing donations were "top drawer", and customers came in droves to shop.

Kathy Pease, the powerhouse chair of the Designers' Closet committee for the past 5 years, lead an outstanding group of volunteers on this project. "Designers' Closet is a lot of work, but a lot of fun! I have the best committee," said Kathy. Proceeds for the 2005 sale topped all previous years, totaling more than \$38,000 for Coburn Place.

## New Pre-Event

For the first time, the quantity and quality of donations were so high that a new "pre-event" was added. Dubbed "DC II," we featured only "royal room" clothing – our highest end merchandise. It took place October 2, the Sunday before Designers' Closet, at the Gene B. Glick Junior Achievement Education Center. Women paid a nominal tax-deductible fee to have the first choice of purchasing our new or consignment quality designer items. Complimentary wine, courtesy of The 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment, and hors

d'oeuvres created a festive atmosphere as women selected, tried-on, and purchased clothing from Escada, St. John, Chanel, and Worth, Ltd.

The "entrance ticket" also entitled shoppers to be entered in a drawing for a \$250 voucher to be used for shopping at Designers' Closet October 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Louise Morris, our winner, enjoyed her shopping spree. Coburn Place is grateful to North United Methodist Church again for hosting our successful signature event. Thank you also to City Securities for their sponsorship support. 

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## Inside Designers' Closet's Success

Very special thanks to the following for their roles in making 2005 our best year yet!

### 2005 Designers' Closet Committee

Wilma Amos  
June Blaydes  
Nancy Bugher  
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Mark your calendars for next year's  
Designers' Closet: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>.

Judging by the designer donations already coming in, it will be another fantastic shopping opportunity!



# The following individuals and groups contributed money, time, goods or services to Coburn Place during the months of June through October.

## Thank you for all you do!

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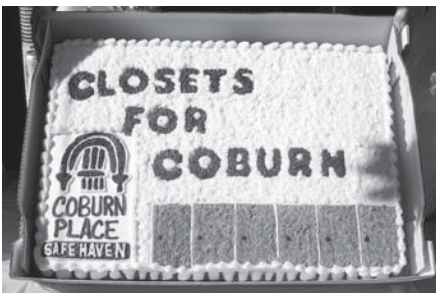
# 80 Awesome Volunteers, 60 Fabulous Closets, 35 Grateful Families, One Unforgettable Day

The Closets for Coburn project was a year in the making. The brainchild of the project was Julie Dowrey, Chapter Administrator for the Institute of Real Estate Management (IREM), Indianapolis Chapter 24. Julie's enthusiasm was contagious, and others soon took leadership roles in the major endeavor. Kris Moore, Senior Manager of Colliers Turley Martin

Tucker, agreed to chair Closets for Coburn. Mike Gresham and Scott Mingus of CTMT Construction agreed to be the project's construction managers. They enlisted more than thirty-five businesses, that are members and friends of IREM, to design, build, and install new, roomy closets in our apartments.

KPMG employees were also part of the day's activities. Their annual "Family Day" coincided with Closets for Coburn. They organized and lead a holiday craft project in the community room for the moms and their children. To add to the fun, artist Ray Matutes drew caricatures of all the children, which the moms proudly took home. KPMG volunteers even enjoyed the

beautiful weather, playing a spirited game of football with our children. At the end of the day, residents, Coburn Place staff, and our friends were tired but pleased with the day's results. 🏠



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It's not every day that an incredible army of volunteers funds, designs, builds and installs 60 closets for us! It was quite a celebration, indeed. And every good party (and hard-working crew) deserves cake.



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This group was amazing! They thought of and brought absolutely everything. From the closets themselves, to food for all volunteers, to warm, friendly smiles and the muscles to pull it all off. The Indy Bearcats baseball team (pictured above) was happy to lend its youthful strength and energy to the day.



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They even took care of the removal of the old, worn-out armoires. CTMT Construction Manager, Scott Mingus, put his all into it, as Coburn Place Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator, Laura Henn, holds the door. Out with the old...



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... And in with the new! Two strong workers aptly move a new closet into a third-floor Coburn Place apartment, hardly a small feat.



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The finished product! The new closets are not only more attractive than their replacements, they are also safer and more secure for our families. Special thanks to the Closets for Coburn Committee and to KPMG. Please check the thank you list for all the wonderful businesses that helped make this day a great success.

# Settle In For a Long Winter's N.A.P. ...

...then awaken to an Indiana State tax credit in April!

Coburn Place was awarded Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) tax credits again this year. Your gift of \$100 to \$50,000 to Coburn Place is eligible for a credit of 50% of the contribution amount, which is applied to your Indiana State income tax liability.

If you are interested in making a contribution to Coburn Place as a

gift in someone else's name, you are still entitled to take advantage of these wonderful, but limited, credits.

Call Lianne Somerville or Mary Jane Sorbera (923-5750) for more information. Or visit [www.coburnplace.org](http://www.coburnplace.org), where you can even print the required form.

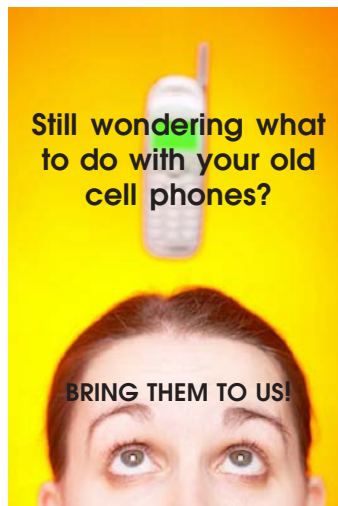
Hibernating bears aren't the only ones to reap the benefits from their winter's nap, now you can, too!

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## Thank You!

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# New Coburn Place Faces

We are pleased to announce the addition of several new staff members to the Coburn Place family.

**Georgia Gaiser** comes to us from Mississippi via Chicago. She brings extensive administrative experience and great office skills to our team. Georgia's ability to multi-task and her pleasant personality make her our ideal Administrative Assistant.

**Ryan Shultz** worked for Pedcor Property Management Company for several years. He has experience in the unique kind of maintenance that our wonderful old building needs.

Two new House Managers, **George Miller** and **Cheryl Majors**, ensure the security of our families and our building 24/7. George's sunny disposition and Cheryl's quiet efficiency compliment our House Management team of six.

Children's Program Assistants, **Candra Dixon** and **Anita Graeser**, have arrived in the nick of time to assist Shawnta Beverly, Children's Program Coordinator, with the holiday activities.

## Welcome everyone!

### Coburn Place Staff

- Lianne Somerville ..... Executive Director
- Lisa Benjamin ..... Information & Technology Manager
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- Hogan Black ..... House Manager
- Candra Dixon ..... Children's Program Assistant
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# Thanks to All Who Helped



## Shine!

More than 300 people took to the streets to attend the third annual Spotlight On ... event held September 16<sup>th</sup> at 56<sup>th</sup> and Illinois Streets. Sarah Butler, Lori Adams, and Beth Hutchinson co-chaired the unique outdoor fundraiser, which raised more than \$12,000 for the Coburn Place program.

### The Creative Sparks

Excitement was high and the fashions were fabulous. Artistic director, Stephen Garstang, and set designer, David Strohmeyer (G. Thrapp Jewelers), created the overall look of the show. Beautiful floral arrangements, including pave bouquets of rich, red carnations, were courtesy of McNamara Florist in Broad Ripple.

### Women of Style

To open the show, five special civic leaders who support Coburn Place were escorted down the runway and

honored as this year's *Women of Style*. Honorees were Susan Alexander, Lorene Burkhart, Denise Cordingley, Patti Curran and Murph Damron.

### Fabulous Friends, the Merchants of 56th & Illinois

Our sincere thanks to all who made this signature event possible. Fashions were provided by The Secret Ingredient, The Oxford Shop, Fitness Concepts Active Wear, Cynde's Shoes, Indianapolis Civic Theatre, Indianapolis Repertory Theater, and Coburn Place's Designers' Closet. G. Thrapp Jewelers provided the "sparkle."

emmett's beaute centre and PAINT cosmetiques owners, Emmett Cooper and Naieem Abdool, worked with their staff to transform Helen Wells Agency models and volunteers from the community into runway beauties. This is the third year


Emmett, Naieem, and their amazing staff have created "works of art" for Spotlight.

It's also the third year David Cassis and his design team donated countless hours in invitation and print design work.

Rob Hoaglin of Hoaglin's Fine Catering worked with Patti Crahan of Oh Yumm! Bistro and Catering to organize the fabulous food from their shops, plus Illinois Street Food Emporium, Kincaid's Meat Market, Safeway Foods, Inc., Hubbard and Cravens Coffee Co., OSCO DRUG, and Just Desserts.

### Invaluable Support from Sponsors

Special thanks to our sponsors: Somerville Team at RE/MAX, Pedcor Companies, the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation, Butler Family Motors, Chase (formerly Bank One), National City Bank, and Simon Property Group.

With thank you's for donated items more numerous than this space allows us to print, we encourage you to read our thank you list. As the holidays near, we also encourage you to support the shops at 56<sup>th</sup> and Illinois and the other friends of Coburn Place. 



Plans are already underway for the next Spotlight on Coburn Place. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 30, 2006. We hope that you and your company will include this annual event in your budget and on your social calendar next year.

## Together we raised more than \$12,000!

# Remember Your Best Summer Ever? Oh, To Be a Kid Again!



Smiles this big were par for the course this summer. Summer Camp gave our kids new opportunities and adventures daily to stretch their minds and bodies.



Even at 5:30 in the morning, everyone was full of energy and excitement when we gathered to leave for the ultimate kid destination, King's Island!



It was a great summer full of special memories for one and all. New experiences helped our children learn and grow. They were happy and safe. Most important, they were just able to be kids.

“I went to the last two summer camps and this was the best yet!” exclaimed our little Keenan. “We even went to King’s Island!” The King’s Island trip was a special treat from an anonymous donor, and the perfect end to a great summer camp.

We know the impact domestic violence has on the children who live in its shadow. The Coburn Place supportive services program provides needed, and fun, activities for our youngest residents. Summer camp is one of our children’s favorites.

by the Indianapolis Art Center staff. The kids also learned how good it felt to help others. A new community service component took our children to the Wishard Nursing home, where they played bingo and visited with residents. Our children also provided crossword puzzles for the senior’s future enjoyment.

Tried and true summer fun included participation in Alan Henderson’s Basketball Camp, swimming lessons at the IUPUI Natatorium, gymnastic classes at Jireh Sports, tennis lessons provided by the National Junior Tennis League, 4-H Purdue Extension

“Our moms love summer camp almost as much as the kids. Camp provides peace of mind for the moms, because they know their children are safe and having fun.”

This year’s summer camp was no exception. Educational and entertaining activities filled the days of our 30+ summer campers. Ms. Shawnta and the camp counselors made sure that academics were taken care of first, with daily 20-minute reading sessions, followed by 15 minutes of journal writing. The huge chalk board wall in the children’s room provided the backdrop for spirited math competitions. Math worksheets and “paper money” games contributed to the popularity of other math sessions.

Program cooking classes, bowling, and skating. Our moms love summer camp almost as much as the kids. Camp provides peace of mind for the moms, because they know their children are safe and having fun.

Thanks to all the sponsors, including the Pacers Foundation, Inc., the Fever Fund of the Pacers Foundation, Inc., the Miller Summer Mission, Indy Parks and Recreation and the CICF Summer Youth Program Fund, including the City of Indianapolis, the Efroymsen Fund, and the Indianapolis Foundation, for making our year-round children’s program activities possible. You are helping to change young lives for the better.

Coburn Place adds new children’s activities each year. New opportunities this summer included medical screenings by Project Shape, and popular art classes taught

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### 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.

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- 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.
- Legal advocacy.
- Family development counseling.
- Job interest surveys and career counseling.
- Credit counseling to restore credit.
- A building that has 24-hour security.
- Time to come to believe that life can be peaceful and everyone deserves to be safe.