



Everyone deserves a safe home.

A newsletter for friends of Coburn Place

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Perspective

Become a Mentor... Touch a Life!

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.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

~ Leo Buscaglia

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Coburn Place is looking for volunteers to become valuable members of our mentoring team! Mentors are committed to helping the women and teens residing at Coburn Place. There is a bright and promising woman or child who could really benefit from your encouragement, guidance, emotional support, and knowledge of life and the working world. It only takes a few hours each month to make an important impact and contribution to your community and someone's life. Through volunteering, you will find challenging and enjoyable activities that will be a blessing to you and the person with whom you will work.

What Does A Mentor Do?

- Mentors.....
- ★ Are dependable, caring and giving individuals with a desire to help others
 - ★ Serve as a trusted friend, role model, coach, guide, supporter, and listener
 - ★ Help mentees explore and achieve personal, academic, and career goals
 - ★ Encourage success in the Coburn Place program
 - ★ Introduce mentees to new people, places, and ideas
 - ★ Have fun learning along with their mentees

Mentor profile:

- ★ Age 21 and older
- ★ Interest in working one-on-one with teens and adults
- ★ Ability to impart a non-judgmental perspective and attitude
- ★ Valid drivers license and automobile insurance
- ★ Attend optional mentor support meetings and special events such as Recognition and Awards Events

Commitment:

- ★ One year
- ★ Participate in a one-hour interview
- ★ Attend an orientation and two 2-hour mentor training sessions

I began volunteering with Coburn Place in September 2002 by organizing a linen and toiletry drive for my sorority Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. But I wanted to do more hands-on work in the area of volunteering and felt led to become a mentor. After completing mentor training in November, I was assigned to a teen who is a sophomore at Franklin High School. I felt being a mentor would enable me to give back to the community and be of assistance to a teenager during this time in their life. Thus far, we have gone on a shopping outing, and I look forward to future outings and getting to know her.

Mary Glaspy has been an excellent facilitator and has been there for myself, as well as my sorority, by getting us acclimated to Coburn Place. Being a volunteer at Coburn Place has truly been a rewarding experience, and I look forward to serving in 2003.

Lisa Dandridge, Mentor
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Indianapolis Alumnae Chapter

Make a difference today by contacting Mary at 923-5750 or by e-mail, mary@coburnplace.org.

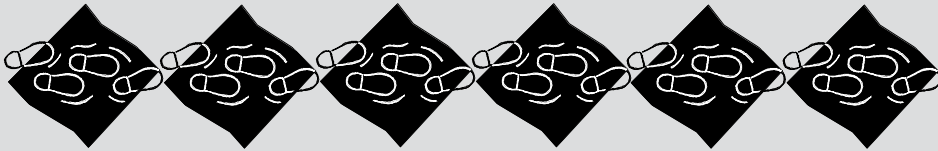
Mentors Make A Difference... Be One!

News and Reviews

Taking Steps to End Homelessness

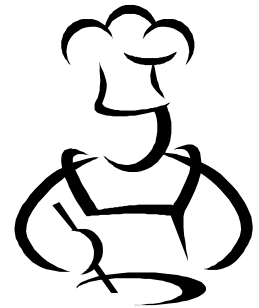
We invite you to join us, **Sunday, March 23** for the first annual **Homeward Bound Indiana's 5k Walk to Fight Homelessness**. Enclosed, you will find a flyer announcing the walk which you can share with family, friends, co-workers, members of your congregation, or pals of any clubs or groups to which you may belong. On the back you'll find a pledge form to get started. Please visit our website, www.coburnplace.org, to learn how to register online or for more information. We encourage you to share the afternoon of March 23 with your family and friends to help raise awareness and funds for Coburn Place. *In one afternoon, we can each take 6,542 steps (the average number in a 5k walk!) toward ending homelessness!* Please call Mary at 923-5750 for more information.

THANK YOU!



A Cause for Celebration

October 11th found us, and many of you, enjoying a fun and food-filled evening at **Café Nora's** New Owner Celebration. Many thanks to owners Jim and Debra Nethercott, Chef David Mitchell, and all of the **Café Nora** staff for their generosity and hospitality.



A fundraiser can only be as successful as its supporters make it. Thank you to all of our friends who sent their best wishes or joined us to sample Chef David's tasty treats and to enjoy the cool jazz sounds of The Charlie Smith Project with Stan Hillis. If you didn't make it to the party, we highly recommend you stop by **Café Nora** soon for lunch or dinner. Or if you did make it, then we know you will definitely want to make a return visit. *And when you do, be sure to tell them Coburn Place sent you!*

Café Nora offers Southern European style fare and atmosphere with a menu that changes seasonally.

The restaurant is located at 1300 E. 86th Street in the Nora Plaza Shopping Center. Call 575-1000 for reservations or more information.

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!



The reviews are in. Our annual October fundraiser, **Designers' Closet**, drew wide acclaim from shoppers from all over the state! Fashion-conscious bargain hunters found plenty to fill their closets. Friends, new and old, made new space in their wardrobes by donating many wonderful items. Loyal volunteers helped sort donations, check out customers, and set-up/tear-down the day of the sale. Our incredible, tireless committee brought them all together to make it happen. Together, they raised \$13,000 to help support the women and children of Coburn Place! Our heartfelt thanks goes out to North United Methodist Church for putting the "closet" in **Designers' Closet** and to everyone involved for their support! And it's not too early to start planning for this year's event. We are gladly accepting donations of gently used women's designer clothing and accessories now!



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- Blankets
- Bath Towels & Washcloths
- Pillows
- Twin Sheets
- Kitchen Towels
- Bedspreads

Audio/Visual Equipment

- Children's Videos
- Music Cassettes
- Televisions
- VCRs

Kitchen

- Pots and Pans Sets
- Silverware
- Baking Pans
- Sets of Dishes
- Bowls

Small Appliances

- Vacuum Cleaners
- Hand Mixers
- Irons
- Toasters
- Microwaves

Wish List

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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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.