



Everyone deserves a safe home.

A newsletter for friends of Coburn Place

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# Perspective

Dear Friends,

When snow was on the ground and a chill was in the air, we *knew* that Spring would arrive and wipe those frigid memories away. Our families were safe and warm at Coburn Place during the winter months, but we are glad to see the signs of Spring around us now.

We hope that you will join us for a great Spring activity, Homeward Bound: 5K Walk to Fight Homelessness. You may read more about this fun day just to the right of this column. Coburn Place will join with our partner agencies to create awareness about domestic violence and homelessness. Of course, we also will raise much-needed funds for our programs! Please join our team or form one of your own. It's easy, fun, and a good thing to do. Many of our neighbors in the community will benefit!

And while you are "thinking Spring," please check out our new perennial flower venture! We are selling beautiful perennials that will make great additions to your garden. Enjoy colorful blooms in your yard, and support our women and their children at the same time. Everybody wins!

I am glad to report that success stories abound at Coburn Place! The women and children in our program, blossom and bloom with the support that you and we provide. Thank you for your commitment to Coburn Place. Again, we could not do it without you!

Peace,

Lianne Somerville  
Executive Director

## Mission Statement

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

## Homeward Bound

The phrase "homeward bound" often brings to mind the Simon and Garfunkel song of the same name. For many, though, it represents a dream that can seem far out of reach, overcoming homelessness. This April 18<sup>th</sup>, Coburn Place will be participating in and benefiting from Homeward Bound, Indiana's 5k Walk to Fight Homelessness.

Last year's inaugural event was graced with sunny skies, above average temperatures, and over 1,000 participants. Indianapolis raised more than \$87,000 in support of its homeless service providers. And with your help, Coburn Place raised over \$11,000! *We were thrilled with last year's efforts, but we*



2003 Homeward Bound Walkers

*know with YOU on our team we can double our total!*

This event comes with a very valuable tool, the power of the Internet. And we will share with you a true story. Our board chairman, Phil Stoffregen, registered online as a participant at [www.homelesswalks.org](http://www.homelesswalks.org). He formed his

own team of walkers. In about 15 minutes, he had created his personal website, uploaded his email address book, and sent a customized email to 1,500 people asking for support. **Phil was able to raise more than \$5,000 for the women and children of Coburn Place with just 15 minutes of effort!**

Thanks, Phil, for being a shining example to all of us.

If you need more information please contact Mary Glaspy at 923-5750 or [mary@coburnplace.org](mailto:mary@coburnplace.org). Whether you prefer to walk in high heels, golf shoes, flip-flops, or good old tennis shoes, whatever shoes you're in, you CAN help Coburn Place fight homelessness!

THANK YOU!

### There are many simple ways to get involved, and we invite you to be a part of our team!

#### Make a donation

##### Online with a credit card

- Log on to [www.coburnplace.org](http://www.coburnplace.org). Click on the "Homeward Bound 5k Walk" link. Read about the walk and click the link to get started. Enter your secure donation and follow the instructions.

##### By mail with a check or credit card

- Mail your gift to us in the enclosed envelope. *Please make checks payable to Homeward Bound.*

#### Join our team as a walker, or start your own and collect pledges

##### Join our team

- Follow the links for making an online credit card donation above. Click "Join our team" at the top. Follow the instructions to create your own personal website tool and begin collecting donations.

##### Start your own team

- Log on to [www.homelesswalks.org](http://www.homelesswalks.org). Click "Indianapolis". On the left, click "Participant Registration". Follow the instructions to create your own personal website tool and begin collecting donations and teammates.

#### Volunteer the day of the walk

- Log on to [www.homelesswalks.org](http://www.homelesswalks.org). Click "Indianapolis". On the left, click "Volunteer Registration".

#### Spread the word

Log on to [www.coburnplace.org](http://www.coburnplace.org). Click on the "Homeward Bound 5k Walk". Click "Help us spread the word". Download and print a flyer in .pdf format. Copy, post, email, and share the flyer freely!

# Special Events Calendar

## APRIL

- ✓ Now through 4/16/04  
**Perennial Flower Sale (Please see enclosed order form on page 6.)**  
Pick-up at Coburn Place on 5/1/04 & 5/2/04, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



### YOU HELP US BLOOM!

Spring is right around the corner. Along with that comes Mother's Day and the planting of flowers. This year Coburn Place will be selling perennials, and we have a beautiful assortment from which to choose. The plants are packed in one-gallon containers and will be ready for pick-up at Coburn Place on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

An order form is enclosed for your convenience. Each plant costs \$6.00, with \$3.00 going directly to Coburn Place. Payment must be made in advance, with checks made out to "Coburn Place."

If you don't have a need for flowers for your own yard, why not think about purchasing some for your mother, an elderly neighbor, or even for our families to plant at Coburn Place! This is a great way to beautify your garden while supporting the program and services offered to the women and children who call Coburn Place home.

- ✓ 4/18/04  
**Homeward Bound Indiana's 5k Walk to Fight Homelessness**  
University Park, downtown Indianapolis  
Registration and entertainment begin at 12:30 p.m., Walk at 2:00 p.m.



## MAY

- ✓ Coming soon...



**Details of a very special restaurant  
grand opening celebration!**

## SEPTEMBER

- ✓ **Spotlight on 49th Street**  
Date to be announced. Check next newsletter for details



## OCTOBER

- ✓ 10/7, 10/8, 10/9/04  
**Designers' Closet**  
North United Methodist Church, 38th and Meridian Streets



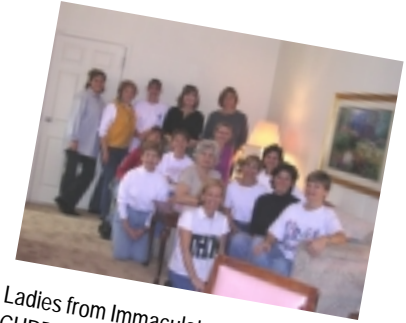
## Bring Us Your Tired, Your Unwanted and Your No Longer Used Cell Phones!

If you've had a cell phone account for more than a year, chances are you probably have an old phone or two taking up space in a drawer. Now, you can reclaim that drawer space and help Coburn Place in the process! We are currently accepting unused cell phones. We turn the phones into THE DONATE A PHONE® CALL TO PROTECT® campaign. Proceeds from the sales of some of the phones benefit Coburn Place and other agencies working to end domestic abuse. Other phones are reprogrammed for emergency 911 calls and distributed to victims of domestic violence. This program benefits everyone. So, tell your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Start collecting those old phones and drop them off at Coburn Place! For more information, contact Mary Jane Sorbera at 923-5750 or maryjane@coburnplace.org.

# With a Little Help from Our Friends...

## Decorators' Showcase

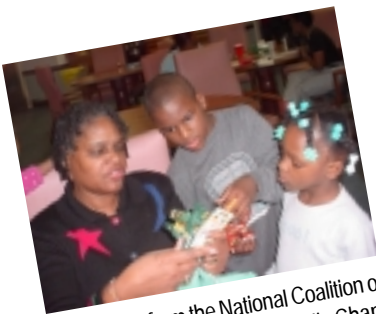
Members from *Immaculate Heart of Mary's Christ Renews His Parish Group #10* volunteered their time and their resources to decorate and furnish one of our two-bedroom apartments in November. They collected everything necessary to outfit the apartment, from washcloths and towels to a vacuum cleaner and microwave. They even added special touches like magazines, flower arrangements, and toys to make the apartment feel like home. Great job, ladies! If your group would be interested in a similar project, please contact Mary Glaspy at 923-5750 or [mary@coburnplace.org](mailto:mary@coburnplace.org).



Ladies from Immaculate Heart of Mary's CHR #10 group inside the apartment they decorated.

## No Winter Blues

The families of Coburn Place were treated to a wonderful holiday season, which included Winter Break Camp for the children. Two of the complimentary holiday treats from local arts organizations were tickets to "The Wizard of Oz" at *Indianapolis Civic Theater* and "The Nutcracker?" ballet by the *Gregory Hancock Dance Theater*. The *Red Brick Dance Studio* donated dance sessions for a day. *Cookie the Clown* paid the children a visit, eliciting lots of smiles and giggles from the crowd. The *National Coalition of 100 Black Women's Indianapolis Chapter* hosted a holiday party and also made a presentation on the dangers of smoking. *Kappa Kappa Gamma of Butler University* took the children to "Christmas at the Zoo". Artificial Christmas trees were donated by *Wal-Mart* for each family. They also donated a tree for the community room that lit up our meetings and our spirits. And these were just *some* of the events of the season. With so many holiday celebrations and fun things to do, no one at Coburn Place had time for the winter blues!



A volunteer from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women's Indianapolis Chapter working on a craft project with Coburn Place children.

## Tapping Resources for Coburn Place Children

Coburn Place, the *Indianapolis Civic Theater*, and *Mark Szobody* from the *Indiana Historical Society* have joined together on a project to offer Coburn Place children tap dance lessons. The lessons began this month and run through May.

"The idea came to me as I was deciding on how I wanted to volunteer with the Indiana Historical Society. "I love to dance, and was a 12-University. Also, *Brent Marty*, Director of Education for Civic Theatre, the space, it just seemed like a great opportunity for the children. I didn't take it on."



my time at Coburn Place, " said Szobody, Director of Special Events year faculty member of the Jordan Academy of Dance at Butler and I had worked on projects together before. With Civic providing also knew it was likely they would not have this opportunity if we

Coburn Place children, ages 6 to 17, are learning to tap. Marty will also teach theater techniques. A recital for the mothers is planned at the end of the classes.

## Feasts Fit For Kings and Queens

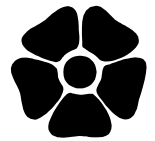
It's not uncommon for Americans to pack on an extra five pounds during the holiday season. And Coburn Place families and staff were no exception this past year! We were treated to three wonderful meals and warm fellowship by special friends. *Fairview Presbyterian Church* opened their church and their hearts to share a homemade Thanksgiving dinner that would rival Grandma's. *Boy Scout Troop #615 and Girl Scout Troop #257* filled our building with the smells of a turkey dinner they prepared in our kitchen. After dinner they performed for us, and everyone shared reasons they were grateful. *KPMG* hosted our Christmas party providing a yummy kid-friendly dinner. They were even able to coax Santa into paying us a visit! Many thanks to all who filled us with food and friendship during the holidays!



Volunteers with Santa at KPMG's holiday party.



The following individuals and groups contributed money, time, goods or services to  
Coburn Place Safe Haven during the months of November through February.



*Thank you for all you do!*

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## PERENNIAL SALE FLOWER DESCRIPTIONS

**Bee Balm**- sunloving, wine-red blooms, long bloom time, hummingbirds love them, easy, up to 20".  
*Raspberry Wine*

**Yellow Daisy**- full sun, lovely yellow daisy flowers, hardy and maintenance free, up to 14".  
*Coreopsis*

**Salvia- Blue & Rose**- full sun, clump form, blooms fairly cut back, reblooms, fragrant, up to 12".  
*Rose Queen & May Night Ornamental Salvia*

**Daylily**- canary yellow blooms and orange throat, popular plant, easy, clump form, repeat bloomer, up to 18".  
*Stella D'Oro*

**White Daisy**- full sun, lovely big white daisy flowers, easy, shiny green foliage, cut flower, up to 20".  
*Shasta 'Becky'*

**Hosta**- shade loving green with creamy-yellow margins, purple striped flowers, clump form, easy, fast growing, up to 18".  
*Golden Tiara*

**Butterfly Bush**- full sun, fast growing, flowers all summer, hummingbirds and butterflies love them, great show plant, mix colors, easy, up to 5'.  
*Butterfly Bush*

For order form, please see next page!



# FLOWER ORDER FORM

<u>Item</u>	<u>Qty.</u>
Bee Balm	_____
Yellow Daisy	_____
Salvia	_____
Blue	_____
Rose	_____
Daylily	_____
White Daisy	_____
Hosta	_____
Butterfly Bush	_____
Total Plants	_____
<b>x \$6 = \$_____ Total Due</b>	

*I don't have a need for plants, but please accept my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please make checks payable to  
Coburn Place Safe Haven  
and send along with your order form  
in the enclosed envelope.

**Thank you!**

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# Our Perspective: From Ten Months to Six Years

In February, Women's Services Coordinator/ Lead Case Manager, Deb James celebrated her 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Coburn Place. In light of this milestone, we asked her to reflect on her position and our program.

*Q: What are the responsibilities and challenges of being a case manager?*

Coburn Place is a program specifically designed for women and their children that have left abusive homes who want to become self-sufficient. As a case manager, one of my responsibilities is to interview and determine who would be a good match for our program. It's during the interview process that I find this out. Sometimes women cannot pass a drug test or do not have an income. This is a challenge, because often times I may have someone that I know in my heart would be perfect for the program, but she can't pass a drug test or hasn't had a job for whatever reason, so therefore she is not a match for our program.

Another aspect of my job is to be a resource and provide support for the families. Although the mother may face challenges, a lot of times I don't think she realizes that leaving home is harder on the children than it is for her. Children will act out or start failing in school, and the mothers don't seem to realize that it is part of the changes they are going through.

*Q: What are the rewards?*

The rewards of the job are seeing the difference in the women after they have been here for awhile. Sometimes I am able to see the changes that they usually aren't aware of. Some lack the self-confidence they need to be productive. With the support groups and counseling we provide, we hope all that has changed by the time they leave.

Another reward is when a woman calls to inform us of her accomplishments after she has moved out. A couple of weeks ago, a resident who left last June called with the news that she is building a home this spring!

*Q: What makes this the most gratifying job you've had?*

I love being a resource for the women and letting them know that they *do* have choices. Seeing the expression on their faces when they see the apartments. I can identify with the issues that a lot of them have to face, and it's important to me to give back. Knowing that we are here, because there were no places like Coburn Place when I needed one.

*Q: Do you feel that the Coburn Place program is suited to everyone leaving an abusive situation?*

Coburn Place is for women who are serious about wanting to change their lives and to hopefully work on some of the issues they may have as a result of the abuse they have suffered. Our program is designed specifically for these women. Women are required to participate in different groups to work on those issues. Everyone is not ready to make that commitment. Sometimes they just want a place to stay and not the program we have to offer. This is sad but true, especially when there are children involved.

I think Coburn Place has a beautiful facility and a wonderful program for women who are serious about wanting to become self-sufficient.

I t's hard to believe 10 months ago I came to Coburn a broken, shattered wreck. I had accepted things were bad, were going to get worse and that's how it was meant to be. Now I'm more optimistic and try to face each day with a smile or at least a grimace, the tears I was drowning in don't flow so freely and I'm not as easily upset.

Ten months seems like a lifetime and indeed it is; Coburn is helping me find a new life and now I know I don't have to go back to what was, nor can anyone force me to.

It's not been easy to be here. I fought it tooth and nail at first. There wasn't

anything wrong with me and WHY did I have to go to (support) group?! I was at fault, not the abusers – boy do I see how wrong I was!

I've always had a strong faith in God and if I hadn't I seriously doubt I'd be here today. God got me through pretty tough odds and with Coburn to help it's made my faith in God even stronger. Coburn doesn't espouse religion, but neither do they deny it. Here, I can be me, am encouraged to try new avenues and knowing God and Coburn have my back makes a world of difference.

I was raised in a home where denial was a way of life; where I never felt

accepted by Mom and where her flying into rages over Dad giving her roadside roses (NOT from a florist) were common events.

I remember how I felt as a child and vowed my kids would never, ever feel that way – and they never have.

I broke the cycle.

Dad was my best buddy and ally and his death in June hit me hard. I still can't look at pictures of him without dissolving into tears. Nothing will bring Dad back, but I'm not alone in my grief, either.

Friends and staff are quick to give me a hug, to tease me or give me a

push if I want to sit and pout. Plus, Deb James set me up with a fantastic counselor who's helping me take down the wall I've built around myself. We do it together, one brick at a time. It's painful and not always pleasant to face facts, but if the kids and I are to have quality lives, it has to be done. There will always be challenges and troubles, but I'm better prepared to deal with them.

Since I've been here my son has graduated from I.T.T. with honors and an engineering degree. My daughter, who's in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, is making honor roll. And life is good.

This article was written by Coburn Place resident D.B. She also contributed a piece to the Summer 2003 newsletter.

## ... Volunteer, Jessica Franklin

Each year, volunteers from KPMG, a local accounting firm, come to Coburn Place for a unique event, Family Portrait Day. They spend time getting to know our families, take their photographs, and give each family their own album. Three years ago, one of those volunteers developed a special fondness for our program. That volunteer was Jessica Franklin. Since then, Jessica became the driving force behind KPMG's involvement with Coburn Place. Each year they donate goods and services to our women and children. They bring wonderful toys at Christmas. They help stock

Designers' Closet with their clothing donations. They sent our summer campers to the Indianapolis Zoo. And this year they hosted our annual staff and resident holiday party, providing a delicious feast, warm hospitality, and a visit from Santa.

Jessica, in addition to being a full-time KPMG employee, is also a full-time student at Indiana Wesleyan. And if that is not enough to keep her busy, she and her fiancé, Douglas Thompkins, own the Red Brick Dance studio. They generously donated dance lessons followed by a pizza party to our children during

Winter Break Camp. Jessica and Douglas will be moving to either New York City or Boston at the end of June. As her last gift to Coburn Place, she will be heading the Perennial Flower Sale to benefit our program. (See page 2 for details and page 6 for the order form!)

Shawnta Beverly, our Children's Program Coordinator, has worked closely with Jessica over the years and considers her a personal friend. "Jessica is compassionate and caring and always trying to do more," she said. "And I have a lot of respect for KPMG as a company. Each year they increase their

involvement. Jessica gets the ideas, and they follow along. I'm really going to miss her."

When asked what compels her to get involved with organizations like ours, Jessica says she feels she has been "truly blessed in life with wonderful parents, friends, family, skills, etc. and it's important to share our blessings". And we have been blessed by your friendship, Jessica. Everyone at Coburn Place wishes Jessica and Douglas all the best!



KPMG volunteers, including Jessica Franklin (middle), serving dinner at our holiday party.

## Steps to Success

(December 1 - February 29)



- ✓ 23 women and 14 children participated in support groups.
- ✓ Two women who had jobs found better paying jobs with benefits.
- ✓ One woman finished C.N.A. training and found a job.
- ✓ One woman began studies at Martin University and is being nominated for a financial aid scholarship.
- ✓ Four women purchased cars.
- ✓ One long-time resident finally received a divorce.
- ✓ One woman put together her first resume.
- ✓ One former resident is building a house.



### Wish List



#### New Linens

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

#### Kitchen

Pots and Pans Sets  
Silverware  
Baking Pans  
Sets of Dishes  
Bowls

#### Small Appliances

Vacuum Cleaners  
Irons  
Coffee Makers  
Toasters  
Microwaves

#### Audio/Visual

##### Equipment

35 mm Camera and Film  
Televisions  
VCRs

##### Miscellaneous

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

##### Volunteers

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



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Darlene Berry .....	House Manager	Kim Morris .....	Children's Program Assistant
Shawnta Beverly .....	Children's Program Coordinator	Rosie Morris .....	House Manager
Hogan Black .....	House Manager	Arlene Sanders .....	House Manager
Dave Bostic .....	House Manager	Mary Jane Sorbera .....	Director of Development
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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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### 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.