

Liberty House Happenings...

October 2017

Serving victims of Domestic Violence in Southwest Georgia since 1981



24-Hour Domestic Violence Crisis Line

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Awareness Month 2017

October 3

Butterfly Release & Vigil
6pm-7pm at Riverfront Park

October 10

DV Legal Lunch and Learn
"Family Violence, Protective Orders and Custody"
Collaboration with ASU Criminal Justice Club
12pm-2pm ASU West Campus
J Bldg Multipurpose Rm
Free lunch for the first 50 to register
Call (229) 439-7094 to register; Deadline Oct 2nd

October 10

Self Defense Class
Collaboration with Chris Morton
6pm at APD Community Room
201 W. Oglethorpe in Albany

October 21

6th Annual Pearls & Possibilities GALA
6pm at Hilton Garden Inn, \$50 per person
Dinner, Silent & Live Auction, Live Band
Call (229) 439-7094 for tickets

October 27

Dating Violence College Maze
12pm at ASU East Campus - Student Center
Collaboration with Cadeidra Hill from the ASU
Legal Affairs Department
ASU Students Only

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For more information call (229) 439-7094

Liberty House Services

- Crisis Line
- Emergency Shelter
- Outreach Advocacy
- Legal Advocacy
- Support Services
- Education & Prevention

Serving Southwest Georgia Counties: Baker, Calhoun, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Dougherty, Early, Lee, Macon, Miller, Quitman,

We welcome to our team at Liberty House...

Jamie Hurst
Outreach Advocate

Kimberly Haywood
Shelter Advocate



LIBERTY HOUSE OF ALBANY
PRESENTS

6th Annual Pearls & Possibilities Gala

"DANCING CHIC TO CHEEK"

Saturday - October 21, 2017

With musical guest JT & the 4040's



STARTS AT 6PM - TICKET \$50 - CALL 439-7094

DINNER & DRINKS/SILENT & LIVE AUCTION

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Throughout the month of October communities all around our country will observe *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*. Liberty House of Albany will be hosting events that honor the victims and survivors of domestic violence. Our events will also educate our community on the prevalence of domestic violence, as well as it's effects. We encourage community members, leaders, area collaborative agencies and law enforcement to participate in these events to show support for this cause as well as to raise awareness of the impact of domestic violence on our community. We have dedicated staff within our organization determined to make a difference in the lives of those affected by domestic violence. We challenge our community to become more knowledgeable in the area of domestic violence so that that together we can break the cycle and put an end to this senseless act of violence. In the State of Georgia alone from August 25, 2016 through September 1, 2017, **102** people lost their lives due to domestic violence. *So take part in these events, learn about domestic violence, allow us to work with your company, church, school or organization to educate our community on how each of us can make a difference.*

Diane Rogers, MSW

Executive Director



Katalina Valdes
Program Manager/Bilingual Advocate

I have recently moved into the position of Program Manager over Outreach Services. Prior to this recent transition to a supervisory position, I have had the great privilege of working for the Liberty House as a Bilingual Outreach Advocate. I work directly with clients who are in need of safety, emotional support and other resources as they leave abusive relationships. I assist them with attaining protective orders, accompanying them to court so that they feel less alone during hearings that can be extremely scary and stressful, and also providing domestic violence education. I have helped clients get the resources they need to such as legal representation, counseling, housing, and other forms of financial assistance. With Spanish speaking clients, I also assist them with their language barrier by being there to translate conversations, legal forms, and educating them on how our legal system works including the safety measures that are available to them. Overall, although I deliver all of these services and more, I believe that my biggest job in this role has been to support the client, to assure them that they have someone in their corner, and they are not alone on this journey.



Despite the stressors and difficulties that can come with working with clients in crisis, I love my job and what I do. I choose to work in this field because of the direct impact that our services have in bettering the client's life, and as a result, our community. Everyone deserves the right to feel safe in their own home, and working to help these clients attain this feeling, that I am privileged to experience every day, is what makes every difficult moment worth it.



Tiffany McGauley
Family/Child Service Program Coordinator

I am a native of Waycross, GA currently living in Albany Georgia for 8 years now. I am a Fall 2013 graduate from The Unsinkable Albany State University where I received my Bachelors of Science degree in Psychology, and upon graduation I attended Argosy University where I graduated Spring 2015 with my Master of Science degree in Human Services. I am here at Liberty House through my passion of wanting to continue working with families. I've always wanted to support families' live healthier and empower others as individuals and as a family unit. Through working at Liberty House for 2 years now, the clients spark me with their willingness to allow me into their lives to give support without hesitation. My perspective about my position is very rewarding. Each day I enter into the doors of our agency, I enter with the strength and compassion to help a family gain success in everyday life. My role as the Family/Child Service Program Coordinator empowers the families to be healthier for success, at home, work, school and our community.



Kimberly Oates
Outreach Advocate

I have been employed with Liberty House for nearly 2 years. Prior to working here I served as an intern through Albany State University. During this time, I was trained and learned so much about the agency and saw the importance of the work that we do. The services that I provide to the client as an outreach advocate is assisting the clients with TPO's, Domestic Violence Education 101 and Domestic Violence Awareness to the community and collaborative agencies. I provide morale support accompanying clients to court and through the legal process. My role as outreach advocate helps the clients find resources and tools to use through whatever their circumstance. I help to advocate on behalf of the client for safety purposes and for the betterment of their lives.

The thing that sparks me about my the clients that I serve is seeing them coming in broken and bruised but going out empowered knowing that there is hope. Each day that I come to work, I feel that if I just make a difference in a client's life. It lets me know that I am doing something for a great cause. I am here doing this work because I see the need in our community. I see the need being educated on domestic violence. I more so do it because I enjoy helping people to see that they can become self-sufficient out of any circumstance.



CURRENT SHELTER NEEDS:

- Paper Towels**
- Lotion**
- Body Wash**
- Baby Wipes**
- Cleaning Products**
- Non-Perishable Items**
- Twin Sheets (new)**
- Twin Comforters (new)**
- Twin Mattress Covers**
- Pillow Protectors (Standard)**
- Lamps for Bedrooms**

Nancy Sweet-Holp
Therapist



I have served as a therapist at Liberty House since May of 2016. What really sparked my interest, in applying for this job, is being able to directly work with this special population of people. I have learned a lot about Domestic Violence from the women that I serve as well as co-workers. I feel very fortunate that I have been allowed the opportunity to work with this group of individuals. Liberty House has provided me with growth both personally and professionally.

My role as a therapist allows clients to present and work through their issues in a safe, trusting environment. I provide group counseling, which allows clients to obtain psycho-education skills, support, and feedback from other members of the group. Through support, education, and feedback, clients are empowered to make positive changes, not only in their own lives but the lives of their children. I also provide individual counseling, which assists women in working through their problem in a more personalized setting. Women that have been through domestic violence have very special need. Therapy helps them to work through their feelings, cope with family issues, and make meaning of their experiences.

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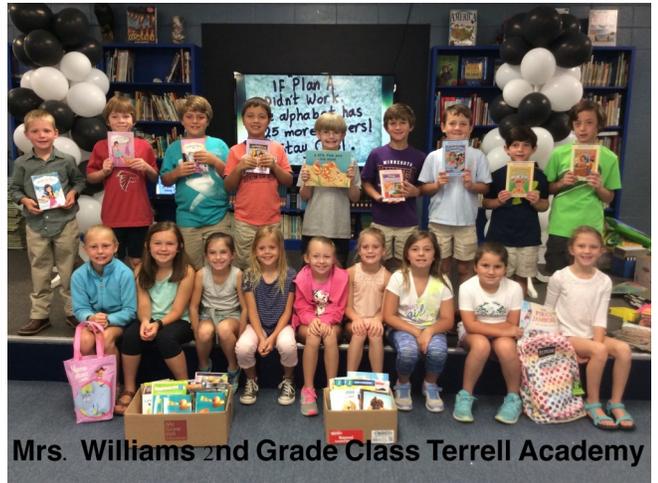
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