



April 2013

2012 "Pledge for Children" Campaign a Huge Success!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Childhaven Foundation 2012 "Pledge for Children" Campaign. With your help we were able to raise over \$60,000 to help the children at Childhaven!

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Valentine's Day Open House

Valentine's Day got off to a great start with an open house at the Childhaven Emergency Shelter. The open house was an opportunity to reveal our recent shelter renovation and to thank those who donated to support the project. The renovation was necessary in order to better utilize the space while creating a more functional layout for observation of children and teens with higher needs. The project was made possible with the support of the following donors: The City of Farmington Community Development Block Grant, The Merrion Family Foundation, Conoco Phillips, San Juan Regional Medical Center and the Childhaven Foundation.



Pictured from left to right: Erin Hourihan (Childhaven CEO), Steve Dunn (Merrion Oil and Gas), Jay Peterman (City of Farmington), Sandy Williams (SJRCM Board Chairwoman), Kathy Hunt (Childhaven Board Member), Jamie Church (Childhaven Foundation), and Michelle Ahlm (Conoco Phillips).



Before Common Area renovation



After renovation project

According to Erin Hourihan, Childhaven CEO, "The open house gave us the opportunity to thank the donors who supported the project and present them with Valentine cards made by the children at Childhaven. It was also a chance for our program directors and staff to keep the public informed about Childhaven services and what we do here for children and families. We are pleased to get the chance to thank the community for their continued support of

our organization".

Childhaven Success Story Putting your donations to work:



24 Hour Emergency Shelter:

Kim (not her real name), a 16 year old girl, was referred to Childhaven upon discharge from the hospital where she had been treated for substance abuse. Placement was requested pending an opening at an inpatient mental health facility to address her substance abuse issues. Kim was on probation for selling drugs (she said she sold drugs to keep herself supplied as she was using daily).

When Kim arrived, she was extremely underweight at 83 lbs. and 5 foot 5 inches tall. She had scabs all over her face from picking at herself, a side effect of the drug use. She was irritable, easily agitated, and suffered from daily headaches. For her safety, she was placed in one of our observation bedrooms and was kept with staff at all times.

During the first few days, Kim was verbally aggressive, refused to follow shelter rules, and would not participate in any group activities. She would sleep up to 12 hours a day and did not eat much at all.

After those first few days, shelter staff worked with Kim to develop a safety plan. She agreed to complete a mental health assessment and she participated in daily life skills activities. She was eating more, she was not picking at her skin and the marks on her face began to clear up.

Kim was at Childhaven for approximately three weeks. During that short time, she became a different person. She was outgoing. She volunteered to read to the younger children, she helped the pre-teens fix their hair in the mornings and she made posters for the Childhaven booth at the San Juan County Fair.

Upon Kim's discharge she weighed 95 pounds. She was no longer picking at her face and it was clear. She was so proud of herself and she thanked the staff for helping her. She was given a before and after picture to take with her and promised to keep staff informed of her progress. Via email she has let us know that she successfully completed her drug treatment program and is well on her road to recovery.



Poster made by Kim for the the booth at the San Juan County Fair

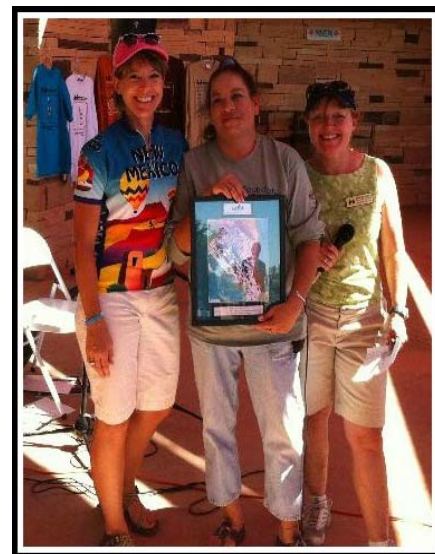
Your donations and support help Childhaven continue its mission of "Lifting Children from Crisis to Hope".

2011 Service Awards
Thank you to the following for their contributions to Childhaven

- Board Member of the year - Kathy Hunt**
- Friend of Chidhaven - Pam Breithaupt**
- Volunteer of the year - Aubrey Burbank**
- Staff Member of the year - Shelter Cook Ernest Rothlisberger**



Cathy Caswell (middle) is presented with artwork created by the children at Childhaven to thank her for her many



Kathy Hunt (middle) is recognized as the 2011 Childhaven Board Member of the year

years of service on the Childhaven Board
of Directors



Pam Breithaupt (middle) receives the
2011 Friend of Childhaven Award from
Jamie Church (left) and
Erin Hourihan (right)

Luci Davis (not pictured) was also recognized for her many years of service on the
Childhaven Board of Directors.

Save the date!
"More the Merrier" Walk & Roll

The 2013 "More the Merrier" Walk & Roll will be held on Saturday, June 8th at
the Riverwalk Gazebo located at Scott and San Juan Blvd. in Farmington.

Bring your walking shoes, your bike, your stroller or your dog and join the
"More the Merrier" Walk & Roll!

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

Cost for participation is \$30.00 and includes a t-shirt, breakfast burrito and
entertainment



If you would like information on how to become a sponsor for this event, please

contact Childhaven Foundation Development Director, Jamie Chuch at
(505) 325-5358 ext. 120 or jamiec@childhavennm.org

With your help we can reach our goal of \$35,000!

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