



# The Haven Wolverhampton E Bulletin

Supporting women and children who are vulnerable to violence and abuse

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Keeping you up to date with the latest news, events and developments at The Haven Wolverhampton

## Welcome...to The Haven's January E-Bulletin

We start this issue by thanking all of those who supported The Haven throughout 2010. Your financial donations, gifts in kind and continued volunteer support has allowed The Haven to be able to continue its good work in Wolverhampton and surrounding areas.

As we enter 2011 a great deal remains uncertain about the economic outlook over the next 12 months. In spite of anticipated spending cuts in the voluntary sector The Haven will strive to continue to put the needs of women and children affected by Domestic Violence at the forefront. With funding obtained through various grants and trusts The Haven is fortunate to be able to launch a number of new projects this year which we believe will go a long way to raising awareness about the different aspects and effects Domestic Violence can have on the lives of women and children in the City.

Thanks for reading

## Thank You

The Haven Wolverhampton would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who donated to our Christmas Appeal 2010. We were astounded at the sheer amount of donations of toys, clothing, toiletries, food and even furniture that came through our doors in the run up to Christmas.

All donated items were delivered to one of The Haven refuges on 22<sup>nd</sup> December where we held a Christmas Shop. Mothers from each of The Haven refuges were then given the chance to browse the shop and select which items they would like to give as gifts to their children on Christmas day. The remaining items were distributed equally across the refuges and given as presents to the residents.

Our thanks go to;

- The Congregation at Springdale Methodist Church
- The Congregation at Albrighton Methodist Church
- The Congregation at Bilston Methodist Church
- The Congregation at Fordhouses Methodist Church
- The Congregation at Church of the Epiphany
- The Congregation at Lea Road, United Reform Church
- The Congregation at St Martin's of Tours
- The Congregation at St Nicholas Church
- Staff & Shoppers at 'Oasis of Love'
- Members of St George's Rotary Club Wolverhampton
- Staff at Wolverhampton Food Bank
- Mums and Toddlers at Tettenhall Wood Mothers Union
- Staff and Pupils at Girls High, Wolverhampton
- Staff and Students at No1 Radio School, RAF Cosford
- Staff at MAS, West Midlands
- Staff and Mothers at Deansgate Nursery
- Staff and Learners at Pertemps, Wolverhampton
- Staff at Lloyds Banking Group, Pendeford
- Staff at GE Money Ltd
- Staff at Carillion
- Staff & Listeners of Beacon Radio
- Staff & Listeners of Wolf Radio



*Due to an extremely busy donation period we apologise in advance if we have missed any names from the list.*

- Staff and Shoppers at The Mander Shopping Centre
- Staff and Shoppers at Asda Wolverhampton
- Staff and Shoppers at Sainsbury's Wolverhampton
- Staff and Supporters at Tividale FC, Oldbury
- AND– Thank you to all the individuals who generously donated gifts to the women and children at The Haven.

For more information on how to make a donation please call **01902 572140** or [email us](#)

## Upcoming Projects for 2011

In 2011 The Haven will pioneer a number of new and innovative projects which aim to highlight the different and intricate aspects of Domestic Violence.

The Haven's **Financial Inclusion Programme** will continue to raise awareness about financial abuse. After a change in staffing we are delighted to welcome Tracy Groom as our new Financial Inclusion Coordinator.



In 2011 the project will focus on working to make links with local financial institutions with the aim of implementing suitable measures to support women affected by Domestic Violence who are experiencing financial difficulties. Plans to hold a conference on financial abuse in the Spring are underway and it is hoped that we will raise awareness of the experiences of those affected by financial abuse in local and national media.



To mark International Women's Week (7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011) The Haven will be premiering its first ever **Domestic Violence Campaign Film**.

Made possible by funding from The Media Trust the year long project has provided both current and former Haven service users with the opportunity to express their feelings and tell their stories about Domestic Violence with confidence and without feeling judged. The project has also allowed the women to come together to engage in learning, gain media and work related skills and increased self esteem which has allowed the women to move forward with their lives. The film will premier on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March at Light House Media Centre. In 2011 The Haven will explore the affect Domestic Violence has had on young people who have been required to take on **carer roles** due to abuse in the home. We are delighted to have appointed 2 children's workers with funding from Comic Relief who will help to engage people aged 11 to 25 and work to improve a young person's overall well-being and ability to cope.

For more information on these or any of the other projects taking place at The Haven please call **01902 572140** or [email us](mailto:publicity@havenrefuge.org.uk)

## Changing Rooms Project

The Haven would like to extend a special thank you to local company Tarmac Ltd who in December last year donated their time and money in order to give the living area of one of our oldest refuges a much needed makeover.

Tarmac staff raised over £2000 as part of their company community volunteer programme to redecorate the living room. Working evenings the staff painted walls, fitted furniture and kitted the room out with new rugs, cushions, pictures and even a Nintendo Wii for the young residents.

Our thanks once again go to all those who helped to make the project a resounding success.

## Fundraising

2010 was a successful year for fundraising at The Haven Wolverhampton with a number of new and original events taking place across the City.

2010 was the year of 'Walk a Mile in Women's Shoes' which saw over 50 men don a pair of high heels to walk around West Park raising money and awareness for women and children affected by Domestic Violence. Due to the events overwhelming success we are pleased to announce that Walk a Mile in Women's Shoes will return in October 2011 alongside a number of other action packed events including;



Purple Party (March)  
Mothers Day Raffle (March)  
Haven Tea Party (April)  
Tandem Skydive (April)  
Aerobathon (June)  
Abseil (July)



Haunted House Experience (October)

Or if you fancy the challenge of a lifetime why not join The Haven as we trek the Great Wall of China in March 2012?

Whether you take part in a Haven event, or are interested in organising an event of your own, the Fundraising Team are here to help you every step of the way.

Get in touch on **01902 572173** or [email us](mailto:publicity@havenrefuge.org.uk)

## Feedback

If you have any comments or feedback about this or any previous issues of The Haven E-Bulletin please get in touch on [publicity@havenrefuge.org.uk](mailto:publicity@havenrefuge.org.uk) or call **01902 572173**

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