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# Fall Newsletter

## 2024

### Free Family Event

## Wash Out Domestic Violence With Us!

**Where: Northeast College  
Parking Lot 1001 College Way  
South Sioux City, NE 68776**

**When: October 12, 2024**

**Time: 11 am to 1 pm**

**\*Free will donations for cleaning and hygiene supplies will be accepted.\***

**There will be a Silent Auction!**

**Community partner booths with fun games, food, clowns, a DJ, and much more!**

Thank you to our event sponsors, F&M Bank, Pepsi, Chestermans, and Northeast College.

\* Please note more sponsors may have joined since this newsletter was made.\*

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence and needs support, please reach out to Haven House at our office locations or the crisis hotline, which is available 24/7, at 1-800-440-4633.

### Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence occurs when an individual gains or maintains power and control over their intimate partner or relative. Domestic violence affects all no matter an individual's religion, sexual orientation, gender, race, ethnicity, age, etc.

Every October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month serves as a national movement dedicated to spreading awareness of domestic violence. The theme for DVAM 2024, "Heal, Hold, and Center," focuses on supporting survivors, particularly those facing anti-blackness and various forms of systemic oppression.

It is an undeniable reality that within specific communities of color, various factors and circumstances contribute to the under-reporting of domestic violence and a reluctance to seek the necessary support services, which include (The Women of Color Network, Inc., 2021):

- Cultural and/or religious beliefs that restrain the survivor from leaving the abusive relationship or involving outsiders
- Distrust of law enforcement, criminal justice system, and social services.
- Lack of service providers that look like the survivor or share common experiences.
- Lack of trust based on history of racism and classism in the United States and U.S. Territories.
- Fear experiences will reflect on or confirm the stereotypes placed on their ethnicity.
- Attitudes and stereotypes about the prevalence of domestic violence and sexual assault in communities of color.
- Legal status in the U.S. of the survivor and/or the batterer.
- Oppression, including re-victimization is intensified at the intersections of race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, legal status, age and socioeconomic status.

# Staff Highlights

## A Peace of Mind Project



In June, our staff enjoyed a conference hosted by the Child Saving Institute. There, they had a keynote speaker, John Notler. John is the executive director of A Peace of My Mind. He travels to different places asking people one question and then makes a portrait of that person with their answer. His whole idea is to build a community through storytelling and art. At the conference, he asked us, "What do you want your community to know or do about domestic and sexual violence?" and we are lucky to share how our advocates answered.



## National Sexual Assault Conference

With the help of the Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence, Haven House was lucky to send our advocate, Myah, to Washington D.C. for the 2024 National Sexual Assault Conference. Myah was able to attend daily sessions and expand her knowledge on the complexities of sexual violence. She had a great time building connections and learning amongst other advocates from all across the country. Myah was able to bring back many lessons on how to support our community and help combat sexual assault.



## National Night Out

Haven House had the pleasure of attending National Night Out in both Emerson and South Sioux City in early August. There, we got to strengthen our bond with the community as well as introduce our resources to individuals who were not aware of us. National Night Out is something that our advocates look forward to every year and they always have a blast!



# Advocates in Action

## Haven House Recipient of Legacy Funds



Wayne Area Legacy Fund recently presented a check to Haven House at our Wayne office. We will use the funds to build a privacy fence around our Wayne County shelter. This fence will give our clients and their children a safe space to relax and play without fear of someone or their abuser seeing them. We can't wait to offer our clients the privacy and safety they deserve while staying at our shelter.

## Donation Opportunities

### Adopt -a- family



Our adopt-a-family program provides Holiday cheer for survivors! Contact either office to see what you can do to help our clients this holiday season

Wayne Office Contact: 402-375-5433 or [katieg@havenhousefsc.org](mailto:katieg@havenhousefsc.org)

South Sioux City Office Contact: 402-494-7592 or [tammyp@havenhousefsc.org](mailto:tammyp@havenhousefsc.org)

### Harvesting against Domestic Violence

Gifting grain provides tax benefits – and it's easy! You can make gifts of harvested crops, such as grains, soybeans and corn, by delivering the crops as you would for a normal sale, except in this case they are delivered in the name of Haven House.



You can advise the elevator you will be donating a certain amount of crops to Haven House.



The elevator will accept the crops as they would any other sale.



Once that takes place, the elevator will send a check for the sale to Haven House.

## Statistics From the Fiscal Year

### Crisis Calls



### Shelter Night Stays



### Total Clients



## Save The Dates

**Chamber Coffee @ Wayne Office**  
**October 4**

**Wash Out Domestic Violence,**  
**October 12**

**Purple Thursday**  
**October 17**

**Trunk or Treat**  
**October 30**

### Closed Holiday Dates

**Thanksgiving & Day After Thanksgiving**  
**Thursday, Nov 28–Friday, Nov 29**

**Christmas Eve & Christmas**  
**Tuesday, Dec 24–Wednesday, Dec 25**

**New Year's Eve & New Years Day**  
**Tuesday, Dec 31–Wednesday, Jan 1 2025**

## Panda Express Fundraisers

20% of event sales will be donated

Location: 5745 Sunnybrook Dr. Sioux City IA

Saturday, Nov 02

Saturday, Dec 07

### Board of Directors

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#### Peer Support Groups

Free & Confidential  
 Childcare provided  
 Every Tuesday at the  
 Wayne office

#### Grupos de Apoyo Entre Pares

Gratis & Confidencial  
 Cuidaremos a sus Hijos  
 Cada Martes en la  
 Oficina de Wayne

Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault  
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**4:00 - 4:45 PM**

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