

Fair Haven Happenings

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WELCOME! GET TO KNOW FAIR HAVEN.

Thank you for taking the time to read our FIRST-EVER newsletter! We want our community to stay as up-to-date as possible with the happenings of our organization.

Wayne County Protective Agency, better known as Fair Haven, is a 501(c)3 non-profit located in Southeast, rural Georgia. Fair Haven provides a safe place for women and children who are victims of domestic violence in Wayne, Appling, and Jeff Davis counties. Fair Haven staff members assist victims and their children with services, options, and opportunities as they learn how to survive domestic violence successfully. The organization is divided into 4 locations: Fair Haven Women's Shelter, Fair Haven Community Resource Center, The Charolette Gore Center, and Fair Haven Market. If you would like to know more about the programs, services offered, or any location, please contact our Community Awareness Coordinator at (912) 559-9290.

2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year Highlights

In July of 2023, Fair Haven's new fiscal year began. As we reflect on the services, impacts, and partnerships formed in our community, we want to provide insight for you, our supporters. Between June 2022 and July 2023, Fair Haven Women's Shelter, Outreach, and Legal programs served and assisted 572 persons and 464 households experiencing domestic violence. With help and generosity from our community partners and supporters, Fair Haven raised \$32,102.03 through fundraisers and donations. We genuinely have a giving community!

Fair Haven's programs are funded through community support and donations as a non-profit in a rural area, and we want to highlight Alan Volsky and Georgia Power for their significant contributions. Not only did they grant us funding for new playground equipment at the Women's Shelter, but Volsky chose Fair Haven as his Club of Hearts non-profit. Through this program, our board chair, Jeff Chandler, and Volsky created a video giving homage to our mission and cause. You can view the video [here](#).

MAJOR EVENTS

10/25/2023
**Remembrance Vigil &
Proclamation Declaration**

10/31/2023
Purpling of the Jesup Fountain

11/18/2023
Clicks for a Cause

11/24-25/2023
Christmas at the Cottage

12/2023
Operation Santa

**“Just when
the caterpillar
thought the
world was
over, it
became a
butterfly.”**





OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!

Every year Fair Haven hosts a Remembrance Vigil to honor and reflect on the lives lost to domestic violence in Georgia within the previous year. In 2022, the state of Georgia noted 137 primary victim fatalities of domestic violence. On October 25, 2023, we ask for you to join us in honoring these lives while making a move of awareness and advocacy within our community. Lunch and refreshments will be provided to all who attend. This event is sponsored by Truist Bank.

To further the festivities happening during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Altamaha Steak and Seafood in Jesup is hosting a percentage night fundraiser on Tuesday, October 24th to help Fair Haven raise awareness about domestic violence. Join us from 5 PM to 8 PM as we “Dine with Determination” to end domestic violence.



SUCCESSFUL SERVICES

Fair Haven assists hundreds of individuals each year, ready to thrive in their survival of domestic violence. Each client shares an entirely different experience and view. After encountering an advocate in her place of work, one particular client decided to take the step and receive assistance. Through the services and resources Fair Haven provides, she was awarded funds through the Lily Grant, which allowed ease of the burden of financial obligations for her family.

She found an army of women who would stop at nothing to help and a group of friends who offered a safety net and support. From an act that was occurring within her home that was “killing her from the inside out,” she now manages a stable, independent life with her beautiful children, who are free of domestic violence. She advises anyone struggling to reach out to Fair Haven to explore the available resources.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

The Georgia Power Foundation has continuously provided for Fair Haven over the years. Recently, Alan Volskay spearheaded a project with the help of various community members and the Chair of Fair Haven’s Board of Directors, Jeff Chandler, to reimagine the playground and outside areas for the children residing in the shelter. During this transition, it is the small things that bring joy and contentment to difficult situations. Volskay recognizes the impact of domestic violence in our community and nominated Fair Haven as his Club of Hearts non-profit of choice. We are incredibly grateful to have such supportive and generous community partners. If you want to learn more about this contribution, watch the video through the link provided below.

<https://fb.watch/olTp06m6Vs/>



OPERATION CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2023

Operation Christmas is an annual campaign that ensures our clients and their children have presents around the Christmas tree to open on Christmas morning. In 2022, with the help of our

community partners, we were able to bless 22 families - 62 individuals, with Christmas gifts. Oftentimes, our clients are in the process of completely starting over when they come into any of our programs. Operation Christmas allows families to feel less stress about providing material items during the holiday season, but they are still able to feel the holiday joy. If you are interested in donating towards Operation Christmas this year, contact Kirby Griffis at (912) 559-9290.