Fair Haven Happenings

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the May 2024 edition of our newsletter! As this year flies by, we're thrilled to update our partners and supporters on the latest happenings at Fair Haven. Your ongoing support means the world to us, and we're grateful for your continued readership. Thank you for being part of our journey!

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 successfully survive domestic violence.

The organization is divided into 3 locations: Fair Haven Women's Shelter, Fair Haven Community Resource Center, and Fair Haven Market. If you would like to know more about the programs, services offered, or a location, please contact our Marketing & Awareness Coordinator at (912) 559-9290.

2024 Professional Women's Luncheon & Fashion Show

This year's Professional Women's Luncheon & Fashion Show exceeded all expectations, thanks to the overwhelming support of our community. The event showcased the power of unity and generosity and "squeezing the day" while celebrating the professional women in our community with over 20 sponsors, including the platinum sponsor, Altamaha Insurance Agency, and more than 50 contributors and donors. Their support allowed this event to raise over \$20,000, which will go directly to providing services and resources to survivors of domestic violence in our community. The atmosphere was electric, with nearly 250 guests in attendance, culminating in a mesmerizing fashion show featuring local boutiques:

Cate's Boutique, Mine & Yours Boutique, Merle Norman, and My Daughter and Me. Beyond the glamour, Instaphotos by Pamela added an extra layer of fun with their state-of-the-art selfie booth. while The Cottage Photography and Events beautifully captured the day's candid moments. Altamaha Steak and Seafood provided a delectable spread, including lunch, dessert, and drinks. Unity Church of God graciously donated its gymnasium for the occasion. We extend a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed and attended. This event truly would not be possible without you. Stay tuned for updates as we continue to impact our community positively.

Contact Us:

24/7 Crisis Hotline: P.O. Box 1153 Jesup, GA 31598 (912) 588-9999

Resource Center: 261 S. Brunswick St. Jesup, GA 31546 (912) 599-9290

Fair Haven Market: 488 SW Broad St. Jesup, GA 31545 (912) 588-1998

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BLESSING BOX

Our blessing box, located at our Community Resource Center, has served as a beacon of hope to various families and community members over the last year. Each day, this box is filled to the brim with shelf-stable goods for individuals to grab as needed. Although small in nature, this box has provided a vast number of resources to those who would have otherwise gone without. If you or someone you know may benefit from the goods inside, please stop by and help yourself or consider donating items to benefit this program.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ENGAGEMENTS & GROUP TRAINING At Fair Haven, we are committed to fostering a safer and more informed community. As part of our mission, we offer comprehensive, free training sessions on domestic violence awareness and prevention for community members. Our training programs are designed to equip individuals, groups, and agencies with the knowledge and resources they need to recognize the signs of domestic violence and understand how to support those affected. In addition to our training programs, we actively participate. in a variety of community events.

If your group is hosting an event for any demographic or target population, we would love to join you. By being present at these events, we can spread awareness about domestic violence and share valuable information about the resources available through Fair Haven. To schedule your free training session or to invite us to your next event, please call our **Community Resource Center** today. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those affected by domestic violence in our community and in the world!

FY23 STATISTICS

In FY23, Fair Haven continued to make a significant impact in our community through dedicated support and comprehensive services. Our 24/7 crisis hotline served 493 individuals, providing immediate assistance and crucial support during times of crisis. Our shelter was a safe haven for 170 women and children, offering them a secure environment and the resources they need to rebuild their lives. We also welcomed 7 pets into our Pet Palace, allowing families to stay together during

their time in the shelter. Additionally, our outreach services reached 75 individuals, extending support and resources beyond our shelter walls to those in need throughout the community. We assisted 52 individuals with Temporary Protective Orders (TPOs), ensuring they received the legal protection necessary to stay safe. Through our various programs and services, we strive to empower domestic violence survivors, men, women, and children and promote a safer community for all.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

Come out and join us for "Let's Talk About It" – a revamped experience from Fair Haven Women's Group. On every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM at 261 S. Brunswick St. in Jesup. Our new focus: nurturing minds and igniting souls. Dive into empowering discussions, self-discovery, life skills, and building meaningful connections. Connect with Kirby Griffis at (912) 559-9290 for more information and to learn how you can get involved. Child care can be provided with advanced notice. Don't miss this opportunity to grow together! "Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly."

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

In our latest sponsor spotlight, we shine a light on Altamaha Insurance Agency, our platinum sponsor for the recent Professional Women's Luncheon & Fashion Show. Led by Kim Winningham, the agency's commitment to our mission runs deep, fueled by personal family history. Their generous support underscores their dedication to empowering women in our community. As we forge ahead, Altamaha Insurance Agency is poised to be a key partner in our journey moving forward. We are thrilled to embark on this journey together and eagerly anticipate the positive impact we will create side by side. With a team of women who share our passion for empowerment, the future is bright, and we are excited to see where this partnership takes us.

