



*Heal, Restore, Inspire*

## **An update from our "pad"**

Many great things have been happening at Lily Pad Haven. Not only are we approaching the opening of our fourth safe house, we have expanded our staff and have continue to buildup on our Transitional Programs. We also are excited to announce that Lily Pad Haven has been selected as the charitable recipient of the 2017 Ballantyne Ball!

Through the hard work of our volunteers, community partnerships, board members and staff, we've successfully provided **40 guests and their children with more than 3,980 nights of safety!**

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**Welcome Jennifer Sheely!** We are excited to welcome our new Executive Director of Lily Pad Haven: Jennifer Sheely. Jennifer comes to us from Holy Angels Foundation where she was the Vice President of Strategic Partnership and for 14 years served as the Annual Fund Coordinator, Director of Development, and the Vice President of the Foundation. Jennifer holds a Master of Public Administration with a concentration in Non-Profit Management from UNC-Charlotte and she also serves on the board of the Catholic Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Jennifer's position has been made possible through a partnership and grant from St. Gabriel's Catholic Church in Charlotte. We are thrilled to welcome Jennifer into the Lily Pad Haven family!

**Ballantyne Ball.** This Valentine's Day fall in love with giving. The annual [Ballantyne Ball](#) will take place on **February 11, 2017** and Lily Pad Haven has been chosen as the charitable recipient of the event! The event takes place at the Ballantyne Resort and promises the romance of Valentine's Day coupled with the intrigue of a masquerade ball. The purpose of the Ballantyne Ball is to join together the community and local businesses in collective support of local causes with the hope of enhancing the lives of those in our community who experience hardships. Mark your calendars as this event is one not to be missed.

- **Sponsorship:** if your business would like to take advantage of this unique sponsorship opportunity and have your brand highlighted to 350 Charlotte residents please [contact us](#) for more detail.

**Transitional Programs.** We continue to develop programs aimed at helping our guests meet and overcome specific challenges. In this effort we have expanded our transitional programs to touch upon:

- **Career Development:** This program helps guests learn the skills needed to help them find and maintain jobs. The program helps guests create resumes, learn how interview, understand appropriate dress and professional conduct, as well as assists in career searches and application completion.
- **Life Skills Development:** a goal of this program is to help guests develop and build upon healthy habits and choices to not only carry them through their time at Lily Pad Haven, but to also provide sound building blocks for healthy living in their lives after they transition from Lily Pad Haven. Through this program guests receive help in understanding nutritional choices and meal planning, cleaning, self-care, stress management, mental and spiritual wellness.

*If you have an interest in participating in any of our programs, please [contact us](#). We can put any skill to use!*

**Fourth House:** Thanks to the hard work of our incredible staff, network of local organizations willing to donate their skills and services, and our volunteer base, we are close to opening our fourth safe house. Not only has the infrastructure been completed, but the finishing touches (those which turn a house into a home) have been completed. A beautiful and inspirational mural has been painted on the wall, furniture and fixtures are in place, and rooms are ready to welcome their first guests for healing. This house will welcome it's first guest soon.

**Volunteer Services:** We are so appreciative of our volunteers, they are truly the backbone of our organization. Our guests are directly impacted by their generosity and compassion. Year-to-date **119 volunteers** have donated **4,168 volunteer hours!**

We are so grateful for the passion and commitment of our supporters, it is through your efforts that the above is possible. Thank you for your continued interest and support.

*- Sincerely, Lily Pad Haven Board of Directors*

## Ongoing Needs

**Event Tickets** - tickets to events in and around the Charlotte area so guests can experience the various activities our region has to offer

**Gift Cards** - \$10-\$15 to Subway, Chick-fil-a, Arby's etc. for meals out during a busy day or \$25 to Walmart, Target, etc. for guests to use to purchase themselves a special treat while learning budgeting skills

**iPods** - slightly used iPods are helpful for guests who like to escape with music when in stressful/crowded situations

**Transportation** – vehicles are the next step to help our guests transition to independent living (cars and trucks are needed!)

**Recreation** – some guests would love the opportunity to be active again: kayaks, bikes, running shoes are all welcome

**Beauty** – some guests have never had a day of pampering at a salon

**Dental and Eye exams** – dental and optic health are another level of care often needed by guests

### **Freedom Eats**

Are you looking for a delicious homemade dessert treat!? Well we have the answer: Freedom Eats. We have a guest who has a passion and knack for baking. She has realized baking is a part of her healing process and has decided to capitalize on her skill. Please contact us if you are interested in ordering for your next event!

### **Amazon Smile**

Put online shopping to good use and designate Lily Pad Haven as your [Amazon Smile](#) recipient!

### **Contact Us**

Please [email](#) us to receive more information about getting involved or partnership opportunities.

***"Never give up, if you keep fighting you have a chance to win." – LPH Guest***  
***"Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." – Psalm 82:4***

Want to learn more and get involved? Tell us your gift and we'll find a way to use it!



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