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MEDICAL CASE MANAGEMENT at Our Little Haven

Dashing from building to building, office to office at Our Little Haven, Nurse Shari RN is the head of Medical Case Management Services. With blood pressure cuff in one hand and stethoscope around her neck the Medical Case Management program is not only unique to Our Little Haven, but is currently the only program in our region offering such services that are a valuable resource for the children, families, and dedicated staff.

Striving to better serve families, medical case management was developed a few years ago by Our Little Haven staff and leadership.



"I LOVE -LOVE -LOVE my job! It speaks to my passion - to serve the underserved. My variety of past experiences has helped prepare me for this role. Our Little Haven combines the pediatric hospital, home, and office setting. I feel these three services realms all come together, allowing me to draw on experience and knowledge advocating, advising and reassuring a child and family"

The American Academy of Pediatrics has identified children in foster care as the least healthy group of children in America. When behavioral, emotional, and developmental concerns are taken into consideration, the estimated proportion of foster children with serious health care needs jumps to 80%.

Each day Nurse Shari works with families, guardians, children and staff to ensure that the medical needs of each child are met. With the help of program management, she works in three distinct ways providing her services to Taylor Family Care Center Foster Case Management, Keystone Mental Health Services, and Our Little Academy Therapeutic Preschool. All programs at Our Little Haven caring for children through early intervention services and practice.

At the Taylor Family Care Center Nurse Shari coordinates health care needs for the children in foster care. In this capacity she works as Medical Case Manager uncovering missing health records, medical histories, tracking doctor visits, appointments and needs while providing guidance and resources to parents and guardians. Often accompanying Our Little Haven Foster Care Professionals as an added advocate for a child in family court.

While at Keystone Mental Health Services Nurse Shari coordinates health needs for children in treatment and receiving therapy. Always vigilant of a child's sometimes elevated needs, Nurse Shari provides professional physical health services and serves as a practitioner who can interpret, educate and help children and families gain access to additional resources available in our community. Keystone's objective is to reduce symptoms and increase functioning for children working through mental health challenges. Thanks to Nurse Shari, clinicians count on her as a valued partner.

At Our Little Academy Therapeutic Preschool, Nurse Shari often goes beyond her daily resource as available preschool nurse. For many children enrolled, additional care and expertise are needed. Coordinating and assisting during psychiatric visits, she helps children and guardians with any medication management needs and works to address underlying issues such as seizures, asthma, eczema, sleep issues and nutrition assistance. The professional care and services provided by Medical Case Management is key and often rare in a preschool setting.



Family mural painted by: Sue Pisoni

Medical Case Management at Our Little Haven is proof that together, Our Little Haven, our community of supporters, and dedicated caregivers we will continue to meet the needs for so many children and families in and around Saint Louis. Together we are caring for children. Mind. Body. Soul.

"Medical Case Management greatly improved our ability to meet the health needs of children in a timely manner. She is able to suggest referrals and solutions that a regular case manager would not know to look for"

- Megan Greeno
Foster Case Supervisor

"She helps me get a better understand of medical diagnoses, The helpful information she provides regarding illegal harmful drugs and how they can negatively impact newborns has been vital in my work."

- Tiffany Crumer
Foster Case Manager

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YOP and NAP Tax Credits A Giving Benefit

Any individual, corporation, shareholder/partner in an S Corp, limited liability company or partnership, or a self-employed individual may be eligible for a 50% MO State Tax Credit for any contribution greater than \$2,000.

Individual tax credits may be available, please call Mike Bahlinger (314) 533-2229, x225,

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AT OUR LITTLE HAVEN

As Our Little Haven approaches our 25th Anniversary in 2018, we cannot help but stand back and reflect on the journey and those who have joined us along the way. Our Little Haven is shaped by the children and families we serve as well as the compassionate staff and caregivers who have shared their lives with us. This spring we say thank you and offer our best wishes to three incredible faces, who combined share over 50 years of service with us.



SUSAN VILLASANA

11 years ago Susan joined Our Little Haven because she shared an idea with us. How can we better help children during those crucial formative years in their lives? How can we, through preschool education and mental health care, provide a place where children and their families can receive care along with a successful educational platform to build on? Our Little Academy Therapeutic Preschool was started thanks to the professional experience and knowledge Susan brought with her. Susan's compassion for the children she serves and passion for the program she started will be missed. Our Little Haven wishes Susan Villasana all the best in her future endeavors. Susan pictured with her granddaughter, Cora.



ANN JULIEN

When our community thinks of Our Little Haven, they think of smiling faces, compassionate caregivers, and the love shared with so many children and families each year. That is largely in part to the efforts and talents of Ann Julien. For over 20 years Ann has shaped the way we share with our community what Our Little Haven is all about. Ann's spirit and passion is in every project she works on. You see it in the newsletter, mailings, and the OLH web site. Her special touch and love of the arts is around Our Little Haven for all to share. Ann thank you for joining Our Little Haven and the journey we have experienced together. Your style and creative flair will be missed each day. Ann pictured with her sisters Susan and Barbie.



MARY CROOK

As Director of Administration and on and given morning at 6:00 AM Mary Crook starts her day at Our Little Haven. Mary is the backbone of the day to day operations at Our Little Haven. She keeps the doors open, the lights on and makes sure the tools needed by our team are in place. Who do you go to at OLH if you need something? Always remembering the details and taking the time to make sure our entire staff has the resources necessary to care for so many children. In May, Mary will officially retire. Mary you are irreplaceable and will be truly missed. Thank you for sharing your time with Our Little Haven for over 20 years. Mary pictured with her husband Don.

Our Little Haven Leadership in the Community



Dr. Ujjwal Ramtekkar

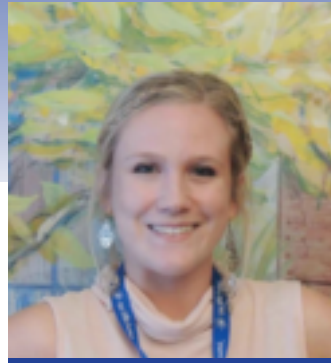
Our Little Haven Community and Staff congratulate Dr. Ujjwal Ramtekkar on being named one of the 40 Under 40 by the St. Louis Business Journal. Dr. Ramtekkar is a Trustee of Our Little Haven providing guidance and resources to the leadership and staff. As a child adolescent psychiatrist and physician director for specialty clinics and telehealth outreach for Compass Health Network, Ujjwal joins Our Little Haven as a colleague in our community serving children and families struggling with mental health challenges. Congratulations Dr. Ramtekkar on your continued success. Thank you for the continued support you provide to your profession and the Our Little Haven



Vice Provost Adrienne Davis

Recognized as a 2017 Women of Achievement Honorees, Vice Provost Adrienne Davis shares her passion for the arts and children; serving on the board of both St. Louis Art Museum and Our Little Haven. Having joined Our Little Haven in 2016, Vice Provost Davis continues to provide her legal expertise and opinions on how we can best advocate for the youngest in our community. In her role as Vice Provost of Washington University and William M. Van Cleve Professor of Law, Adrienne continues to serve the St. Louis region. We are proud she is recognized as a 2017 Women of Achievement Honoree for her tireless efforts.

NEW STAFF



BRITNEY BEUSSINK

“The hardest part of my day is soothing a crying child because they cannot go home”, says Britney Buessink, newest member of Our Little Haven and the Taylor Family Care Center Foster Case Management. Joining us from BJC Behavioral Health, Britney brings with her a wealth of knowledge in case management and understands the benefits of early intervention for the youngest in our community especially those families she serves in Jefferson County. When home, Britney and her husband Mike enjoy traveling, hiking and relaxing with their two cats, Olivia and Ivy. Welcome Britney to the Our Little Haven family.



EMMA PULS

How does Emma Puls (Case Manager for the Taylor Family Care Center Foster Case Management) relax after a long day? She joins her boyfriend Lucas as they work to remodel their home. When you put all your passion and efforts into helping the families you serve, a little time knocking down walls can be therapeutic. Welcome Emma to Our Little Haven. Serving children and families in Jefferson County, Emma said that spending more personal time with each family and building trust and rapport is key to helping kids learn that they can achieve things they once thought impossible. Thank you Emma for making those wishes come true.

Haven Club Happenings



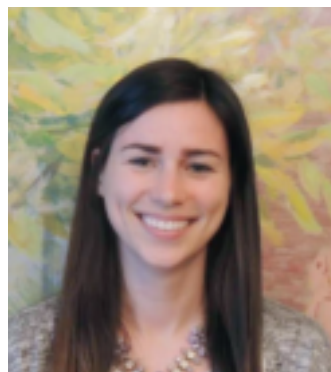
Join the Haven Club Young Professionals Group!

Share your time with Our Little Haven through the Haven Club. We gather through the year during social events, fundraisers, days of service and put on a Trivia Night and the upcoming 3rd Annual Home Brew Fest at the Bevo Mill Saturday, June 17th.

Trivia Night A Success!

Joined by over 400 guests and hosted by Martin Kilcoyne, the Haven Club Trivia night was a huge success! The event raised over \$10,000 for Our Little Haven. Big thanks to trivia chair, Mollie Hunt and the entire chair committee.

Visit www.ourlittlehaven.org to find out more and request some information.



HEATHER SCHMIDT

Heather is Our Little Haven’s newest member to the Our Little Haven Development Team. Her specialties include graphic design and digital marketing. She is excited to share with the community all the wonderful things happening at Our Little Haven. In her free time, Heather enjoys spending time outdoors with her husband and two dogs. She also loves to read and is always taking suggestions when it comes to a good book!

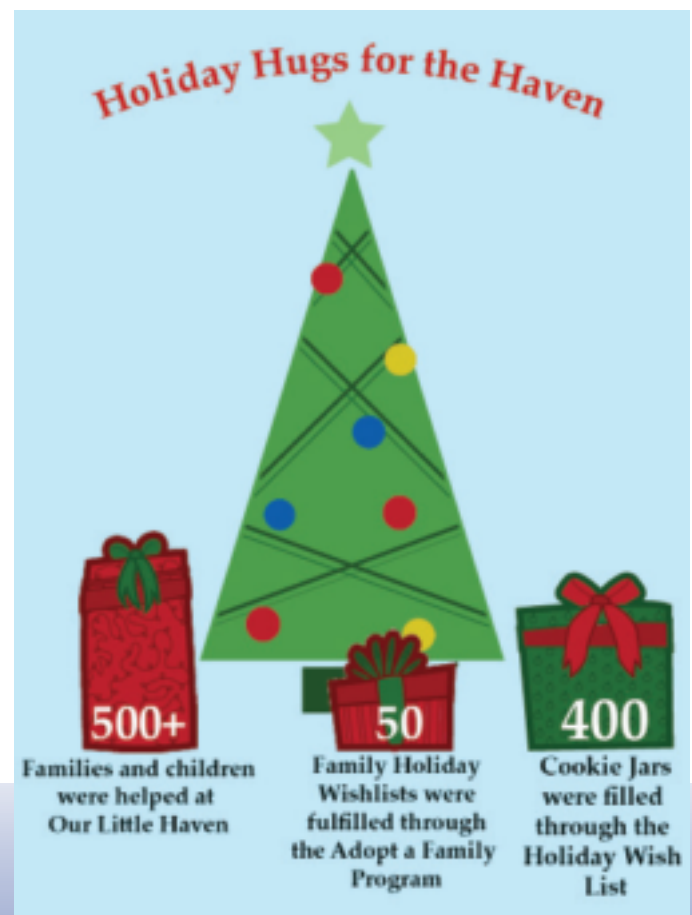
LEAVE A LEGACY OF HOPE



Leave A Legacy of Hope for generations to come.

For more about Our Little Haven’s legacy giving, including tax-wise options, call Mike Bahlinger, (314) 533-2229 x225.

Thank you to all who shared in the holiday spirit with Our Little Haven. The 2016 Season received the most participation in Our Little Haven history. Thank you for making this a special time in the lives of so many children and families.



Upcoming EVENTS



Sunday, April 23, 2017 - Spring Dinner Auction to Benefit Our Little Haven
5-9 pm Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel

An elegant evening celebrating care for special children. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent and live auctions, Wine Pull, live music, Fund The Need. Complimentary valet parking, cocktail attire. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! See www.ourlittlehaven.org for unfolding details and information about sponsorships.



Wednesday, June 7, 2017
Annual Card Party at Chaminade College Prep School

Invite your friends!
LETS SELL OUT!

Call Scott (314) 533-2229 x224



Saturday, Nov 4, 2017 - Chic Boutiques Fashion Show & Sale to Benefit the Haven - St. Louis Frontenac Hilton Hotel Ballroom, 10 am – 2 pm.

Guests will enjoy a day of boutique shopping, Wine Pull, raffles, lunch and a fashion show.



September 25 & 26, 2017 - 26th Annual Our Little Haven Golf Tournaments Sunset Country Club

Contact Scott to receive a registration/invitation, or for more info about sponsorship opportunities contact

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For more information and registration on events, visit www.ourlittlehaven.org



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Save the Date
Annual Spring Gala
Sunday, April 23rd, 2017

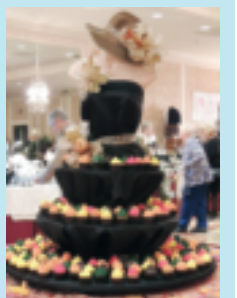
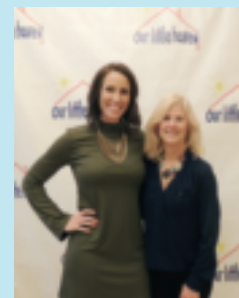
Marriot St. Louis
Grand Hotel Ballroom

Hosted by
Matt & Mary Stroble and
Steve & Mary Ann Faust



2016 Chic Boutiques Fashion Show a Success

Thank you to our Event Chair OLH Trustee Amanda Klenov and the amazing Chic Boutique Committee for hosting the 2016 Chic Boutique Fashion Show on November 5th 2016. With 200 guests, 15 boutiques, and a stage full of fashion models the afternoon was fun for everyone!



A special thank you to Small Cakes Cupcakery, GFI Digital, and everyone who helped make it a success. Funds raised at the 2016 Chic Boutique directly benefit Our Little Academy Therapeutic Preschool.



Join us November 4th 2017 as we celebrate again.