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Our Little News

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The Schellhardt Family is committed to helping us "fill those cookie jars"!

It's A Family Tradition!

In the Schellhardt family, giving and caring for others less fortunate is just part of being a Schellhardt. Mama and Papa Schellhardt started the family tradition of giving to Our Little Haven in the early '90s. Their tradition has grown to include 8 children and 12 grandchildren.

The Schellhardt Family giving tradition drew added momentum and inspiration through granddaughter Audrey as an 11-year old in 2011. When asked what she wanted for Christmas she said: "Give my presents this Christmas to someone who may not have any".

The family's giving tradition continued strong this year. The children and grandchildren shopped for gifts on the Our Little Haven Wishlist. And together the grandchildren made their yearly trip to Our Little Haven to deliver the Schellhardt Family's generous donation.

Our Little Haven is grateful to families like the Schellhardts who instill the spirit and compassion of giving, and what it means to give to others who may not be as fortunate. We look forward to our yearly visit from the Schellhardt grandchildren as well as from many of our wonderful donors who share in our Mission during the Holiday Season. Thank you to all who gave so generously on behalf of the children and families we serve!



Full Cookie Jars

Every hug, kiss, high-five, and celebration --- we get a Cookie in our Cookie Jar. These Cookies nurture us for the rest of our lives. Children come to Our Little Haven with Cookie Jars that aren't full. It's our job, with your help, to fill these Cookie Jars.

Children and families come to Our Little Haven with complex needs due to mental and/or behavioral health concerns, abuse, neglect, trauma or abandonment.

Our Little Haven therapists and case managers provide professional *early intervention services* to set groundwork for success and help make their lives more hopeful.

Thank you!

Community Support Makes Holidays Happy



SLUH Hockey Team at the Taylor Family Care Center

children and families, bringing with him a present for every child. Thank you to **Keith Martin** and **Streib Electric**, who have been hosting this party for many years. Your support changes the lives of these special children.

Christmas Cookie Jars Big Hit!

What a delicious way to give. This year over 300 Christmas gifts were donated through cookie jar giving. Each group received their own cookie jar filled with Christmas cookies from Colleen's Cookies, and on the back of each cookie was a special wish for a child helped by Our Little Haven. Thank you to St. Ambrose Students, Aetna, Kiwanis Club, H& H Health Associates and Our Lady of Providence Church.

We look forward to passing out more cookie jars with special wishes next holiday season. For more information contact Chris.

With tremendous community support, we were able to provide a Happy Holiday for so many children this year. Adopt-A-Family was more successful than ever. We had 90 children 'adopted' (ages 12 and under) and 15 teenagers 'adopted' for Christmas. **Thank you to everyone who made the Season bright!** Between the young men of the SLUH Hockey Team and **Keith Martin's** generous group at **Streib Electric** and **John & Marianne Iovaldi** of **Pietro's** who provided the lunch, a great time was had by all at the Christmas Party! Each year **Streib Electric** provides a Christmas party for a Our Little Haven's Foster Care Case Management children at the OLH Taylor Family Care Center. Santa made a surprise visit this December to say hello to the



Aetna donated many Cookie Jar gifts!



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Spring Auction Gala April 19th



Please join us on Sunday, April 19, 2015 from 5-9 pm at the **Renaissance Grand Hotel** in downtown St. Louis, as our Event Chairs **Ron and Carmen Cameron** welcome you to our Spring Auction Gala in support of special children at Our Little Haven. Again, we celebrate "Cookies For Life: A Full Cookie Jar For Every Child."

This outstanding annual event raises funds so Our Little Haven can continue to serve even more children in the coming year. The fun evening includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, sit down dinner, silent and live auctions, Fund The Need and a welcome by Our Little Haven 'alumni' youth. New this year is The Wine Pull, where pay to play and choose a mystery bottle valued at \$25 to \$250!! Your ticket includes complimentary valet parking, open bar, photo booth, a theme activity, and live music by Delicious Fishes. Sponsor tables, tables of ten and individual tickets are available.

Please join us as we celebrate FULL COOKIE JARS for our special children, who come to us with complex needs due to mental and behavioral health concerns, abuse, neglect, trauma or abandonment. Don't miss this outstanding event! We can't wait to see you there! Invitations are in the mail and available for viewing online.

Reserve your tickets online! go to: ourlittlehaven.org/events

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Here We Grow Again! We Are Hiring!

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ourlittlehaven.org/job-openings.html

- **STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST, KEYSTONE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**
- **THERAPEUTIC PRESCHOOL COOK**
- **THERAPEUTIC PRESCHOOL AFTERCARE SUPPORT**
- **THERAPEUTIC PRESCHOOL PRN EDUCATIONAL THERAPIST**
- **FOSTER CARE CASE MANAGER, TAYLOR FAMILY CARE CNTR**

WEBSITE: ourlittlehaven.org/job-openings.html

Our Little Haven is an equal opportunity employer.

VOLUNTEER PAINTER, ONGOING AS-NEEDED 4-BLDG CAMPUS

contact Mike Bahlinger, 314-533-2229 x225

- **VOLUNTEER EDUCATIONAL ADVOCATE**

see article next page, contact Tiffany Lovelace, 314-531-3183 x225

Leave A Legacy of Hope

You can leave a legacy of hope for generations of children to come. For more about Our Little Haven's legacy giving, including tax-wise options, call Mike Bahlinger at (314) 533-2229 x225.

Executive Director: P. Scott Hummel, MSW, PhD(hon)
Therapeutic Director: Kathleen Hummel, MSW, PhD(hon)
Director of Finance: Michael P. Bahlinger, CPA
Director of Clinical Programs: Dr. Lizette Smith, PhD

Haven Angels

Thank you for generous donations for buildings/operations:

Patrick Zarrick ~ McGladrey
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Thanks to employees at these companies who give year-round through payroll deductions and gift matching:

Abbot Labs AT&T Boeing Combined Federal Campaign
Covidien Dell MO State Employees Truist
Victor Technologies Wellpoint



Haven Club Growing

It's Haven Club 2.0 Back and Growing. Join our Young Professionals Group, The Haven Club as we gather socially through the year in support of Our Little Haven. Through networking, social events, and our Trivia Night, the Haven Club helps to further the mission of Our Little Haven by fostering relationships, raising awareness and providing support. Visit www.ourlittlehaven.org to find out more information about the Haven Club or call Chris at 314.533.2229 x232.

Haven Club gathering at Humphrey's Pub and Grill



Great Trivia Night!

A Trivia Question for You: What event in St Louis each January has over 350 people in attendance, 42 tables, and benefits the children and families of Our Little Haven in a very big way? The 13th Annual Haven Club Trivia Night. The Haven Club would like to thank all who attended, donated, and helped make possible a successful evening. We are looking forward to another great evening next year and a growing Haven Club!

Seeking Volunteer Educational Advocate

The Volunteer Educational Advocate will provide educational support and advocacy to foster children and families served through Our Little Haven's Foster Care Case Management Program at the Taylor Family Care Center.

VOLUNTEER DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS: Knowledge of Special Education processes, laws, and child development as it relates to education. Assist in informal and formal assessments of the child's educational needs of the child through communication with the child. Complete observations in the school setting if necessary. Attend and actively participate in school meetings (i.e. IEP meetings, informal school conferences, diagnostic staffing and manifestation hearings). Partner with the child and family to prepare for upcoming school meetings and hearings. Review educational records as it relates to the goals of the IEP. **EXPERIENCE:** Previous or current experience in the educational field with specific knowledge of Special Education laws/policies. Contact Tiffany Lovelace, (314) 531-3183 x 225

For a full description of this position, please go to our website, ourlittlehaven.org

Leisha Guterman, MA in Counseling, Educational Therapist, Our Little Academy Leisha joins Our Little Haven full time. As an Educational Therapist for Our Little Academy Therapeutic Preschool, Leisha recently transitioned from a PRN position. She enjoys seeing the smiling faces of her students each morning spends her time away with her family and two active children. "I have loved my two years at Our Little Academy and feel very privileged to work with such amazing therapists serving the children of our community." We love having you here as well Leisha.

Judy Combs Memorial

The Our Little Haven Family lost a good friend recently as Judy Combs left this world for bigger and better adventures and we ask you to keep the Combs family in your prayers. Judy was precious to us - she wasn't afraid to get "down and dirty" for the sake of the kids and families we serve - she was our Friend, Cook, Confidant, Cleaner, Santa, and she kept us on our toes - above all else, she helped us serve those who otherwise wouldn't have a chance. She loved her God, her family, her friends, her ACTS sisters and brothers, her Mother Church and anyone even remotely associated with Our Little Haven - she loved making people smile, she sought opportunities to be helpful and she loved cooking and sharing her food. She was faith-filled, faithful, prayerful, humble, a humorist, a prankster, a good friend able to see the positive side of everything and the life of the party. And now she's Home.



YOP, NAP Tax Credits Available

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 \$1,000. Individual tax credits may be available, please call Mike Bahlinger (314) 533-2229, x225, mikebahlinger@ourlittlehaven.org

Get Your "Our Little House" Today!

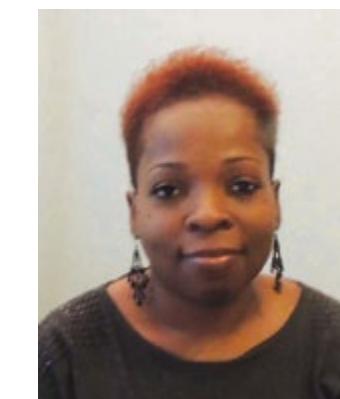


Be the first to fill an Our Little Haven Change House with love...and your loose change! These coin collection boxes are shaped like a house because home is where our unique story begins for every child. The Houses are available in large size and small size. Call Chris to get your coin collection House (314) 533-2229 x232.

New Staff



Ebony Brabham, MSW, LCSW
Keystone Family and Child Psychotherapist
Grants Admin/Clinical Data Mgr/HIPPA Security Officer
Welcome back Ebony! After a short hiatus taking time to care for her two adopted sons, Ebony is back at Our Little Haven as a Keystone psychotherapist, grants administrator, clinical data manager and HIPAA compliance officer. Ebony is a graduate of the Brown School of Social Work at Washington University and was an intelligence officer for 10 years in the U.S. Army. Ebony enjoys spending time with her family, reading, skating, and an occasional Betty Davis movie.



Kuwana Hornberger, Foster Care Case Manager, Taylor Family Care Center
Welcome, Kuwana! A graduate of University of Missouri St. Louis, Kuwana comes to Our Little Haven and the Taylor Family Care Center with experience working with children with developmental disabilities. She has a passion for helping families, which is why she is such a great addition to OLH. A quote that Kuwana holds dear to her work is: "If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song, if I can show somebody he's traveling wrong, then my living will not be in vain." - Martin Luther King, Jr.



Upcoming EVENTS



Sunday, April 19, 2015 - Spring Auction Gala to Benefit Our Little Haven - 5-9 pm - Saint Louis Renaissance Grand Hotel - 800 Washington Ave, St. Louis, MO 63101 "Cookies For Life: A Full Cookie Jar For Every Child"

An evening celebrating care for special children. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, sit down dinner, silent and live auctions, Wine Pull, live music, Fund The Need; complimentary valet parking, cocktail attire. Tables of ten and individual tickets available. See www.ourlittlehaven.org/events.



Wednesday, June 10, 2015 - Annual Card Party - Chaminade College Preparatory School. Call Scott for more info, at (314) 533-2229 x224.

September 21 & 22, 2015 - 22nd Annual Our Little Haven Golf Tournaments - Sunset Country Club. Please mark your calendars for Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 21st and 22nd, and contact Scott if you would like to receive a registration/invitation, or to get more information about sponsorship opportunities: scotthummel@ourlittlehaven.org



Saturday, November 7, 2015 - Chic Boutiques Fashion Show and Sale to Benefit Our Little Haven, St. Louis Frontenac Hilton Hotel Ballroom, 10 am – 2 pm.

Guests will enjoy a day of boutique shopping, auctions, raffle, lunch and a fashion show. For more information, contact Chris at (314) 533-2229 x232 or cmunoz@ourlittlehaven.org



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Wish List

Gift cards are extremely helpful. Children enter foster care, often with nothing, and foster parents are scrambling to find clothing that fits. A gift card would help meet this immediate need.

EVERYDAY ITEMS/GIFT CARDS

- Schnucks, Aldi's/Shop N Save
- iTunes (for the preschool)
- Target/Walmart/Amazon
- Michael's/Hobby Lobby

EVERYDAY NEEDS

- Paper towels, toilet paper, kleenex
- Healthy snacks: 100 calorie packs, etc.
- Copy paper, large white paper for painting
- Model magic, stickers, felt, playdoh, tie dye kits, Crayola Washable Kids Paint/Glitter Colors
- Small prizes for clinician's Treasure Boxes
- People playsets; animal playsets
- Matchbox cars, movie character playsets.

SPECIAL WISHES Call Ann, x227

- Preschool: Playmobil sets, especially construction or community sets
- Fisher-Price Loving Family Dollhouse furniture & people (we have the house)
- Lazy-Boy reclining chair (for therapeutic work to help clients struggling w/anxiety)
- **SEE COMPLETE LIST ONLINE**
www.ourlittlehaven.org

**50/50
POT of GOLD**

\$5,000
maximum pot

Only 300 chances
will be sold!!!

Drawing April 19, 2015
(You need not be present to win.)

Visit our webpage
www.ourlittlehaven.org/
events to fill out &
get your chance!

--or you can phone Scott at (314) 533-2229
x224 or Chris at x 232, and they will enter
your information over the phone and place it in
the drawing for a winner. **Good luck!!!**

Caring for Children & Families.
Mind. Body. Soul.

Our Little Haven
SPRING AUCTION GALA
In Support of Our Special Children

Can you help us have the greatest dinner auction ever to raise needed funds for our programs? Needed are: Large baskets for the auction; sponsorships; auction items (gift certificates, tickets, awesome items, unique opportunities, trips), volunteers to help at the event. Chris, x232.