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Our Little News

New Playground for Our Little Academy Therapeutic Preschool



OLH staff and Centene volunteers at the Ribbon Cutting Opening.

Staff enjoyed a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and lunch hosted by Centene volunteers. The playground is used by the preschoolers at Our Little Academy, which received generous support this year from Dana Brown Charitable Trust, ESCO, Guth Foundation, Jordan Foundation and Saigh Foundation.



New Trustees Join Our Little Haven Leadership



MARGARET "MARGY" KEMP

Margy is President of Oaktree Products, the leading multi-line distributor of products and supplies to the hearing industry, and a company she and her husband, Bob, started in 1992. The Kemp Family has been involved with Our Little Haven for many years and Margy is excited to share her many talents through this leadership position at OLH. Most recently, OLH

announced that Margy and Bob have accepted the invitation to Co-Chair the annual Our Little Haven dinner-auction in the spring.



LORI MOSER

Lori is Vice President of Business Development at Emerson and lends her talents to help lead Our Little Haven. Lori brings a lot of experience with strategic approaches, marketing and research which are all important aspects for Our Little Haven's future. Lori and her husband Dave are long-time St. Louisans and Lori looks forward to helping Our Little Haven continue to

serve the Saint Louis community.



MATT STROBLE

Matt brings a tremendous amount of expertise to OLH from his many years serving the community in roles with many non-profits. Matt and his wife, Mary, have been long time supporters of the OLH Mission. OLH hopes to take advantage of Matt's willingness to share his talents developed from his years managing several aspects at Anheuser-Busch. Matt brings insight and additional energy to OLH along with experience in brand management, project management, design and production of marketing materials.



UJJWAL RAMTEKKAR

Ujjwal, a child psychiatrist practicing through the Mercy Clinic Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, is Our Little Haven's first practitioner on the Board of Trustees. He and his wife,

Dr. Shelar, have been part of the St. Louis community for several years and have been sharing their talents with the community since arriving. Dr. Ramtekkar brings a professional approach to Our Little Haven's continuum of care and use of research based treatment systems.

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Spring Cookie Jar Gala Apr 24, 2016 - Save The Date!



Spring Gala 2016 Chairs, l. to rt.: Bob & Margy Kemp, Andrea & Dan Tarlas

Please join us on Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 5-9 pm at the **Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel** in downtown St. Louis, as our Event Chairs, Margy and Bob Kemp and Dan and Andrea Tarlas 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. Enjoy the Wine Pull, where you 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 10 and individual tickets are available. The evening celebrates FULL COOKIE JARS for our special children, who come to us with complex needs due to mental or behavioral health concerns, abuse, neglect, trauma or abandonment. Don't miss this outstanding event! We can't wait to see you there! Invitations will be mailed and will be available for viewing online. **Please save the date and watch for more information online! Go to: ourlittlehaven.org/events/.** Contact Chris Munoz for information about sponsorships and tables.



Holiday Cookie Jars!

Call Mary, (314) 533-2229 x226, or email her at mary@ourlittlehaven.org

Holiday Giving

YEAR END DONATION: You can contribute [online](http://ourlittlehaven.org) or call Chris at (314) 533-2229 x232. Remember we have **MO State Tax Credits**. Donate online: ourlittlehaven.org
COOKIE JAR GROUP GIVING: Involve your group! Our Group Giving Cookie Jars are the perfect way to share support in a group setting. Call Chris at (314) 533-2229 x232, or email cmunoz@ourlittlehaven.org
IN HONOR OF HOLIDAY GIFT for someone special. We send a special card announcing their gift, or we can send it to you so you can present it to them. Call Chris at (314) 533-2229 x232. You can see a sample online at ourlittlehaven.org.
ADOPT-A-FAMILY: Many OLH families need extra help this time of year to make the season bright. Contact Sharon (314) 531-3183 x229, swhalen@ourlittlehaven.org
WISHLIST OR TOY DRIVE: Involve your group/family: collect needed items or toys. ourlittlehaven.org

See more online! ourlittlehaven.org

YOP, NAP Tax Credits ~ A Year End Giving Benefit for You

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, Or email Mike mikebahlinger@ourlittlehaven.org

JOB OPENINGS

PAID POSITIONS
THERAPEUTIC PRESCHOOL PRN Ed THERAPIST
KEYSTONE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PSYCHOTHERAPIST

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS
VOLUNTEER PAINTER, ONGOING AS-NEEDED, 4-BLDG CAMPUS
VOLUNTEER EDUCATIONAL ADVOCATE
see website for full descriptions
www.ourlittlehaven.org/job-listings/

Our Little Haven is an equal opportunity employer.

Haven Club Happenings

Upcoming Haven Club Events
Haven Club Winter Happy Hour: Mark your calendar.
Next Haven Club Happy Hour is Thursday, Dec. 3, 2015

Haven Club Trivia Coming Up
Join us for the 14th Annual Haven Club Trivia Night!
Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at St. Louis University High School. See our website for details, www.ourlittlehaven.org.

First Ever Blues & Brews Big Success.

Thanks to the planning committee and our sponsors. The Haven Club hosted over 200 people at this year's Blues and Brews. We hope you can join us next year as we continue the tradition.



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Young Professionals!
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Join The Haven Club,
www.ourlittlehaven.org



Haven Club Members at Blues & Brews

Rock 'n Roll Half-Marathon Benefits Our Little Haven

Due to a generous donation by The Quinn Family Foundation, Our Little Haven will benefit from the 2015 Rungevity Rock 'n Roll 1/2 Marathon, Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18. Calling all runners! Join this wildly popular two-day event, and get used to the VIP treatment because you are a supporter of Our Little Haven! VIP treatment includes VIP race-day tent with private portalettes, pre-race and post-race breakfast, lunch, beverages, entertainment and more! Because you are a supporter of Our Little Haven, you get this special treatment at no cost to you! Sign up www.ourlittlehaven.org,



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.

New Staff



Shana Blumenthal, MSW, LCSW - Associate Director of Clinical Programs

We are excited to announce that Shana has accepted a new position as Associate Director of Clinical Programs. She says "I have enjoyed working here as a Psychotherapist for the past one-and-a-half years, providing services to children and families in our community, and I look forward to taking on additional responsibilities and challenges in my new role. I am excited that in this new position I will be able to continue to see clients while also providing clinical supervision and assisting in administrative responsibilities. I love being a part of the Keystone team and I'm thankful that I am able to serve our community by working here." Congratulations on your new position!



Kanisha Harris - Foster Care Case Manager

Kanisha graduated from McKendree University in Lebanon, IL with a degree in Psychology. She has been in Foster Care almost 8 years, working in both Illinois and Missouri. She says: "I have three "spirited and willful" children...LOL, ages 6, 3, and 11 months (two boys and baby girl), who keep me very busy outside of work, and I'm engaged to be married in April 2016 to an AWESOME guy. I am very excited to be joining OLH and have felt very welcomed!" We're glad

you're here!



Keisha Ross, Ph.D. - Keystone Staff Psychologist

Keisha Ross, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist in the state of Missouri. Dr. Ross graduated from Saint Louis University with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and completed an APA accredited pre-doctoral internship in Clinical Psychology at St. Louis Consortium. Her clinical work include treating children, adolescents, and adults. Her specialty areas include work with individual's who experience or may be at risk for trauma due to physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, domestic and/or community violence; particularly in the foster care and adopted population. Dr. Ross's clinical work has also entailed addressing cultural and social issues including race/ethnicity and religion/spirituality, treating and understanding complex trauma and cultural competence. Keisha lives in St. Louis County and enjoy spending time with family, reading, traveling, and biking. Welcome, Dr. Ross!

Shari Sullivan, RN, BSN - Coordinator of Medical Services

Shari has been a pediatric nurse since 1991, hailing from Honolulu, Hawaii, where she was born and raised until she married a former Marine and moved to the mainland. She has worked in various pediatric settings, such as the hospital (in Hawaii & MO), in a pediatric home care agency (Seattle, WA), & as a triage nurse in a busy pediatric practice (St. Louis). Shari says: "The shift to OLH was a legacy-driven decision in my professional journey. As Hemingway said, "It's good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end." And this journey of coordinating health services for 3 different programs on behalf of needful families is certainly a journey that matters! Outside of work life, I enjoy volunteering at a clinic for the medically uninsured, and at a clinic for immigrants and refugees when able. I also enjoy loving on 3 amazing kids, playing the electric bass, & devouring sushi."



Henry Thurman - Foster Care Case Manager

Henry is a graduate of Maryville College now known as Maryville University. Working in the Child Welfare system was his second career. He has worked in this system for over 20 years and has a passion for helping youth whom are in need of guidance and support. Families are also important to Henry, and he says "It brings joy to my soul when I see them connect. Working in this system gives me a reason to prepare for work each day because I'm giving the gift that has been given me." Henry has been married for 27 years and has a son who he says was his 40th birthday gift---they share the same birthday! Henry shares that his son gives him a reason to share what he gives to others, because of what he has given to him. We are so glad you are on our team, Henry!



Dorothy Phillips - Food Service Worker

Dorothy has been in food service for eight years, and we are very fortunate she has come to Our Little Haven to cook nutritious lunches and snacks for the children at Our Little Academy, the therapeutic preschool! Dorothy enjoys trying new recipes for the preschoolers, and they love her cooking! Dorothy has three children, two girls and one boy. She loves her time in the kitchen with her kids because they bake all kinds of things and they love baking sweets. Dorothy says "I hope my passion and love for food warms the hearts of all the kids and staff at Our Little Haven."



Upcoming EVENTS



Every Wednesday in October, (four Wednesdays starting Wed. Oct. 7) 3 pm to close - Pietro's Anniversary Nights for the Haven: "Give Back Wednesdays"! 3801 Watson Road. Celebrate with Pietro's special roll-back price dinners, either strip steak dinner or Chicken Pietro with sides for \$5.95. With the money you save, donate to the Haven. For directions see: pietrosdining.com



Saturday & Sunday, October 17 & 18, 2015 - Rungevity Rock 'n Roll St. Louis 1/2 Marathon presented by the Quinn Family Foundation . Race Start Downtown St. Louis. Your participation as a VIP Our Little Haven runner gains you special access to a host of VIP benefits: VIP race-day tent with private portalettes, pre-race and post-race breakfast, lunch, beverages, entertainment and more! Sign up at our website: www.ourlittlehaven.org



Friday, October 16, 2015 - Sporting Clays to Benefit OLH presented by Icon Mechanical - St. Louis Skeet & Trap, 18554 Franklin Road, Pacific, MO 63069. A day of sport shooting, with golf cart, ammunition, lunch, soft drinks, snacks, beer after tournament and Top 5 Annie Oakley Contest, four flights, trophy, best team, raffle prizes. \$150 per person, RSVP to Steve Faust, sfaust@iconmech.com, (618) 741-1629. See www.ourlittlehaven.org for more information and to register.



Saturday, Nov 7, 2015 - 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. For more information and registration, visit www.ourlittlehaven.org



Sunday, April 24, 2016 - Spring Auction Gala to Benefit Our Little Haven 5-9 pm Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel - 800 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63101
An elegant 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. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! See www.ourlittlehaven.org



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Wish List

GIFT CARDS

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.

- 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 Chris, x232

- 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)

CAPITAL NEEDS 2015/2016 Call Mike, x225

- Air Conditioning Repair in Administration Bldg. (\$14,000)
- Assessment Software, Keystone Mental Health Services (\$9,000)
- Network Upgrades (\$19,000)
- XP Workstation Replacement (\$8,000)
- Personal Safety Systems/Children's Services Bldg and Taylor Family Care Center Bldg (\$3,000)

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