



# OUR LITTLE NEWS

## Celebrating 25 Years of Service & Our Impact on 18,849 Children & Families

**“Cribs? Check! Formula? Check! Staff and volunteers ready? Check! Diapers? Oh no! Someone run and go get some diapers, QUICK!”**

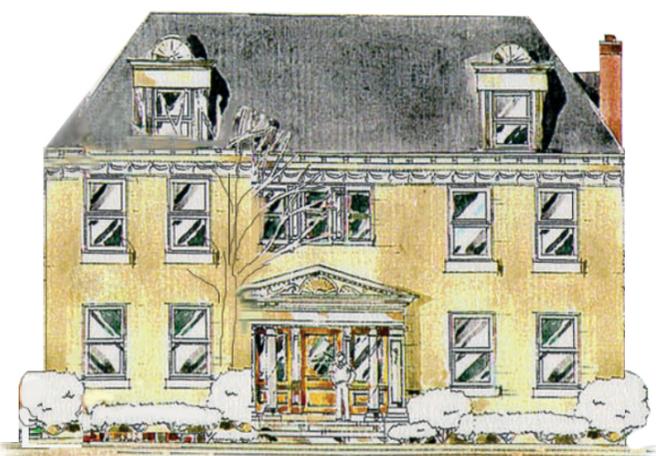
There was a mix of nervousness and excitement in the air on March 1st, 1993, the day Our Little Haven first opened the doors. Everything was in place; volunteers were ready, the first staff members were working hard, and a few lingering construction workers finishing up. There was nothing left to do but wait – wait until 3:00 pm, when the doorbell rang for the first time. \*DING DONG\* “What do we do now?” whispered a voice. “Answer the door” replied Kathleen Hummel, “And let the healing begin”.



“Baby Sean” during his first nap at Our Little Haven

Waiting on the other side of the door at 4326 Lindell Boulevard, was a Children’s Division Case Manager holding a little baby boy. “Baby Sean” was the first to receive the love, compassion, and care that Our Little Haven has provided to over 18,849 children and families during the past twenty-five years. That day, Kathleen and Scott Hummel, along with staff, volunteers, friends, and a few curious construction workers, welcomed “Sean”. He was given a bottle, his diaper changed, and laid down for his nap. Everyone stood by the door and watched “Baby Sean” sleep. It was calm, quiet, and peaceful. \*DING DONG!\* Another child had arrived and Our Little Haven’s adventure was just getting started.

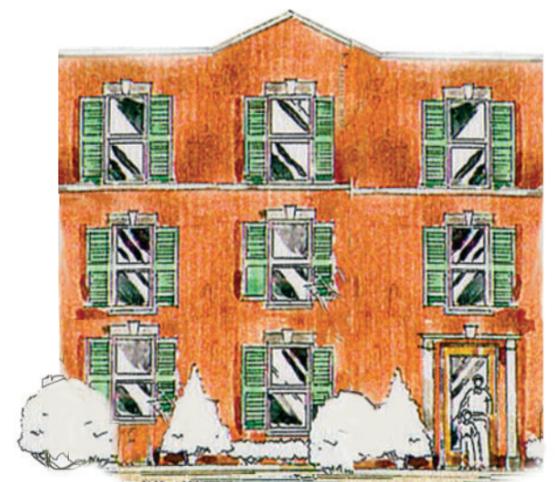
While the story is true, the name of Our Little Haven’s first baby has been changed to protect his or her privacy.



**Taylor Family Foster Care Case Management:** In 2000 opened to serve children and families in Foster Care. Ensuring that children will grow and thrive in a loving, nurturing family home. Providing compassionate and complete care unique to Our Little Haven.



**Keystone Mental Health Services:** Opening in 2003, Keystone helps over 400 children and families each year who are effected by mental and behavioral health challenges. Keystone, where professional care combines with love and compassion.



**Our Little Academy Day Treatment Preschool:** Cares for young children in a warm and loving preschool setting. Opened in 2005; a small program for small people with a big mission.

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# Our Little Haven Leadership



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

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## Cookies, Kids, and Community

Our Little Haven believes that when we're born, God gives us a Cookie Jar and with each positive experience – every hug, each high-five, every success – we get a cookie in our Cookie Jar.

At about ten years old (the ending of our formative years) our Cookie Jar gets sealed up and what we have in our Jar is what nurtures us for the rest of our lives. Now, most of our Cookie Jars are pretty full. The Haven kids jars are empty and it's our honor to invite the community to fill them.

**That's what YOU do - help to fill Cookie Jars!**



## 25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Sunday, April 22, 2018

5:00-9:00 PM

Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel Ballroom  
 800 Washington Avenue – Entrance between 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>  
 Saint Louis, MO 63101

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM**

**5:00-6:30 PM**

Cocktails/Open Bar

Hors d'Oeuvres

Wine Pull

Silent Auction

Music by Theo Peoples

**6:30 PM**

Silent Auction closes

Seated Dinner

**7:30 PM**

Special Remarks by

Nurse Jenny Meyer

Fund A Need

Live Auction

Cocktail Attire – Complimentary Valet Parking:  
 on Washington between 9<sup>TH</sup> & 10<sup>TH</sup>

View auction items and reserve table online at [ourlittlehaven.org](http://ourlittlehaven.org).  
 Reservations Held at Door

For questions or more information, please contact Chris Munoz.  
[cmunoz@ourlittlehaven.org](mailto:cmunoz@ourlittlehaven.org) or 314-669-9386

# Our Little Haven Young Professionals



## Service Day

The Haven Club had quite a busy 2017 and it doesn't seem to be slowing down for 2018! Our Young Professionals started off the 3rd quarter with a day of service. On a warm Saturday in October, the group repainted, furnished, and decorated a much needed, therapy and family meeting room in Our Little Academy.

## The Haven Club's Annual Trivia Night

What a great night celebrating our mission and the children and families! Tables were filled, the room was packed, beer was flowing, and the teams were focused. Big thanks to Trivia Night Chair, Anne Kerns and the Haven Club for putting together a wonderful evening!

Join us! Visit [ourlittlehaven.org](http://ourlittlehaven.org) to learn more.





## Our Little Haven's 25th Anniversary Trustee Celebration

The Board of Trustees celebrated Our Little Haven's 25th Anniversary with an intimate evening at Washington University's Harbison House, hosted by Chancellor Mark Wrighton and Trustee Risa Zwerling-Wrighton. The evening was filled with fond memories from our residential years and stories of the 18,849 children and families impacted over the past 25 years.

Thank you Mark and Risa for welcoming the Board of Trustees into your home and for holding Our Little Haven close to your heart.



## Holiday Hugs for the Haven

With your help during the 2017 holiday season, we were able to accomplish some pretty remarkable things! Every year we are amazed by the generosity of the St. Louis community.

**Thank you for your support!**



**557**

SCHOOL SUPPLIES WERE PURCHASED



**212**

OVERNIGHT BACKPACKS ARE PACKED AND READY FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE



**225**

FAMILY CHRISTMAS WISHLISTS WERE FULFILLED

## Our Big Wishlist

PROJECTORS (2) FOR COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS AND TEAM MEETINGS

CLINICAL SOFTWARE FOR KEYSTONE MENTAL HEALTH

STAFF COMPUTER UPGRADES

NEW ROOF FOR TAYLOR FAMILY CARE CENTER

LARGE BASKETS FOR OUR GALA AUCTION

FAMILY WAITING ROOM COFFEE MAKERS (3) (KEURIGS)

TOILETRIES

For more information, please contact Chris Munoz at (314) 669-9386 or [cmunoz@ourlittlehaven.org](mailto:cmunoz@ourlittlehaven.org)



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## KARI'S KIDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Love and compassion is a part of every day at Our Little Haven. Through compassion and understanding, a bond is formed between our caregivers and the children they work with each day. This is not only a special relationship we have with those we help, but internally as a team.

This year, Our Little Haven lost a very special member of our family, Kari Schooley. Kari joined Our Little Haven as an Educational Therapist in 2008 working with children attending Our Little Academy. Throughout her time with us, Kari impacted the lives of many children, families, and the entire Our Little Haven community. Days at Our Little Academy are not always easy, and helping children with complex needs can be challenging, but together the Our Little Academy team supports each other.



With the help of Kari's family and friends, her impact will live on through a scholarship established in her name. Kari's Kids Scholarship Fund will allow children and families, regardless of their ability to pay, to receive the love, compassion, and care provided at Our Little Academy.

A Message Shared By the Our Little Academy Team:

"Kari Schooley was a rare gem of a human being. We had the pleasure of watching Kari mature from a graduate student into an exceptional mental health professional who was passionately committed to the children of Our Little Academy. Every day she took time to make sure each student

knew they were safe, valued and loved. She was a one of a kind co-worker and friend. Ms. Kari filled our days with laughter, silliness, friendship and the latest stats on the SLU Billikens and St. Louis Cardinals. She was a deeply cherished member of our team and not a day goes by that we don't think of her and miss her dearly." – Susan, Sarah, Leisha, Danielle, Brittany



## New Staff



**TIMIKA EDWARDS, Ph.D.**

The first to graduate from college in her family, Timika went all the way earning her PhD in Counseling Psychology from the University of Georgia. She joins Our Little Haven from Washington University where she served as a Staff Psychologist and Outreach Coordinator. Timika shares her talent as a choir member in her church, Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church. She loves to roller-skate and spend time with family and friends.

Timika is a lifelong member in her public service sorority, Delta Sigma Theta.



**BRITTANY SMITH, MA, LPC**

Brittany was very impressed during her first visit to Our Little Haven, noting the therapy rooms and overall caring approach we provide. Brittany brings with her five years of family and child therapy experience. She is excited to join the team at Our Little Academy and we are proud to have her on board. Welcome Brittany.

### 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

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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

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# Upcoming Our Little Haven Events



25th Anniversary Spring Gala  
Sunday, April 22, 2018 5 pm - 9 pm  
Marriott St. Louis Grand Hotel  
Celebrate Our Little Haven's 25th Anniversary at the annual Spring Gala.



Icon Mechanical Clay Day  
Friday, October 12th, 2018 10:30 am - 4 pm  
St. Louis Skeet & Trap  
For more information contact Steve Faust at [sfaust@iconmech.com](mailto:sfaust@iconmech.com).



The Haven Club Brew Fest  
Saturday, June 16th, 2018 12 pm - 4 pm  
Das Bevo  
Join our Haven Club Young Professionals for a day of home brews, live music, and delicious eats!



Chic Boutiques Fashion Show  
Saturday, Nov 17, 2017 10 am - 2 pm  
St. Nicholas Family Life Center Banquets & Catering  
Guests will enjoy a day of boutique shopping, Wine Pull, raffles, lunch and a fashion show. For more information contact Heather at (314) 533-2229 x227



Annual Card Party  
Wednesday, June 6th, 2018 10 am  
St. Nicholas Family Life Center Banquets & Catering



Haven Club Trivia Night  
Saturday, Jan 26, 2019 7 pm - 10 pm  
St. Louis University High School  
Join the Haven Club Young Professionals for a night of trivia fun!



27th Annual Our Little Haven Golf Tournament  
Monday, Sept. 24th & Tuesday, Sept 25th, 2018  
Sunset Country Club  
Please contact Chris Munoz at (314) 669-9386 to receive a registration/invitation, or for more information about sponsorship opportunities.

**For more information and registration on events, visit [www.ourlittlehaven.org](http://www.ourlittlehaven.org)**

# Upcoming Third Party Events



Tapped STL - Charity of the Week  
April 10th - April 15th, 2018  
Located in Maplewood on Manchester  
Tapped is a self-pour restaurant, featuring 48 taps and a full menu. All tips made during this week will be donated back to Our Little Haven.



Our Little Haven Day at The White Rabbit  
Saturday, May 19th, 2018 10 am - 5 pm  
Located in Brentwood on Manchester  
The White Rabbit is a boutique that specializes in painted vintage furniture & great accessories for your home! 25% of sales will be donated to Our Little Haven.



Give STL Day  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018  
Give STL Day is a 24 hour day of online giving to benefit St. Louis nonprofits.



Pretzel Boys Community Giving Day  
Saturday, July 7th, 2018 8 am - 7 pm  
Located on Lindbergh in Sunset Hills  
Enjoy the freshest hand-twisted pretzels in town! 20% of all sales will be donated to Our Little Haven.

**Thank you for choosing Our Little Haven as your event nonprofit! We are grateful! For information on hosting a Third-Party Event, please contact Heather Schmidt at [hschmidt@ourlittlehaven.org](mailto:hschmidt@ourlittlehaven.org)**



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