



OUR LITTLE NEWS

Welcome Jasmine & Andrew

"Hi, my name is Jasmine and I'm five! I started visiting Our Little Haven after I was getting in a lot of trouble at school. I was always angry and wasn't nice to my teachers, friends, or family. I met Dr. Lisa at Our Little Haven, she's a psychologist! She taught me about my "cookie jar" and how to manage and express my feelings.

I also got to play on their playground, pick out cool toys after my visits, and even pick my own tomatoes from the therapeutic garden. I thought Our Little Haven would be scary, but it's the best place in the world! Because of Dr. Lisa and everyone at Our Little Haven, I am back at my old school with my friends and teachers."



"This is Andrew, tomorrow is his first day at Our Little Haven. He's shy, but I know he will like Dr. Lisa. His cookie jar isn't full yet, but it will be soon! Thanks to Dr. Lisa, everyone at Our Little Haven, and you... kids like me and Andrew get to come to Our Little Haven every day and feel better!"



Cookie Jars, 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.

We are excited to introduce Jasmine and Andrew! We chose animation as our invitation-media to help us preserve our dedication to the confidentiality of those we serve; and, to allow for a creative approach to the Cookie Jar Story. It is important our families know they are safe and cared for at Our Little Haven. Thanks to Jasmine and Andrew, we are able to share the successes of the children and families, without sharing their private information. Over the next few months, you will hear Jasmine and Andrew tell their story and share the positive impact made by Our Little Haven each day.

Special thanks to our creative friends at Captiva Marketing who were able to give life and voice to Jasmine, Andrew, and the work we do. Please visit www.ourlittlehaven.org to hear their story and learn more about the compassionate care that is provided at Our Little Haven.





Our Little Haven Leadership

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25th Anniversary Gala



25th Anniversary archway created by Arrow Box Co.



Thanks Arrow Box Co for creating a replica of our Brother Mel Statue



Nurse Jenny (far right) with her family. Starting from the left, Jenny's sons: Ray, Cameron & Joseph Jenny's husband Todd and daughter Bella

530 friends and family were welcomed at the Our Little Haven 25th Anniversary Gala Celebration earlier this year. Guests were welcomed by our very own Haven Club Young Professional members and treated to a stroll down 25th Anniversary Avenue. The evening was a celebration of gratitude presented by Our Little Haven's first nurse, Jenny Meyer and her family. Her tearful message had us all reminiscing on the impact Our Little Haven has made in the community these past 25 years. Let's celebrate again next April when we will be hosted by our new friends, the Chase Park Plaza. Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 28th, 2019!

A special thank you to Arrow Box Company for the creative way we celebrated that night by providing the backdrop, 25th Anniversary Avenue arch, and a full-size version of our angel statue.



A Commitment to Compassion

The compassionate and professional care that a child receives through Our Little Haven is a significant investment in their futures. Through the early intervention services provided, we are assuring that a child will grow into a happy, healthy, and compassionate adult. We invite you to join our mission through the impact of your estate planning. We are honored that you would consider such a personal experience of philanthropy through your support of Our Little Haven.

If you are interested in solidifying your legacy by impacting the future of Our Little Haven through estate or planned giving, please contact Chris Munoz for information. Your commitment to the mission of Our Little Haven will positively affect the future of children in our community for years to come.

Our Little Haven is relentlessly committed to providing early intervention services for children and families. Our community of professional caregivers creates a safe, secure and healing environment for those impacted by abuse, neglect and mental or behavioral health needs. We make the hurting stop, the healing begin, and the love last, one family at a time.

Chris Munoz can be reached at (314) 669-9386 or via email at cmunoz@ourlittlehaven.org

Golf Tournament Presented by Enterprise Bank & Trust

Under the leadership of the 2018 Our Little Haven Golf Tournament Committee and Committee Chair Scott Goodman of Enterprise Bank & Trust, the 2018 Our Little Haven Golf Tournament was a big success. Over 150 golfers were welcomed by members of the Haven Club and enjoyed lunch, a round of golf, and dinner at Sunset Country Club. With a little help from our friends we even "raised the roof" and raised enough funds Monday evening to complete two roof upgrade projects at Our Little Haven. A special thank you to Scott Goodman and Enterprise Bank & Trust for your continued commitment to this event and the mission of Our Little Haven.



Back to School Bash hosted by STLIA



Thank you to members of St. Louis Independent Agencies for helping us kick off the school year right with a full room of school supplies. STLIA was able to provide and fill backpacks with school supplies for every child we serve.

Card Party: Haven Angels Back at it Again!



Another successful Card Party joins the deck. Bridge, Mahjong, and spades were all played this year. We wish to thank St. Nicholas Family Life Center for hosting and Russo's Catering for providing the delicious lunch.



Katie Todaro

On her way to our satellite office in Jefferson County, Katie usually is in her car jamming out to her favorite hip hop songs. As a Case Manager working at the Taylor Family Foster Care Center, Katie works with families & children each day. She enjoys the challenges & rewards that come with her work, but is always happy to be welcomed home by her dog Reggie. Welcome Katie & thank you for sharing your dedication & passion with us.



Meg Jennings

Meg, a Washington University Brown School graduate, joins the Keystone Mental Health Services team here at Our Little Haven. Meg & her husband love the diversity offered by St. Louis & are currently guardians of two wonderful children from Liberia. Meg joins us as our new Psychotherapist & brings with her experience in working with children & their families within community mental health settings. Glad to have you on the team.



Tiffany VanMatre

After 10 years of teaching, Tiffany joins us as our very first volunteer Educational Advocate. She helps the children we serve, receive the support they need while in school. Her passion for the children she helps fuels her drive to assure they are well cared for. Tiffany & her husband Tim are busy soccer parents to an 8, 6, and 4 year old. Pizza nights are a go-to crowd pleaser at the VanMatre home. Thank you for sharing your time with us.



Sarah Scheller

Currently enrolled in St. Louis University Accelerated Program for a Master's Degree in Social Work, Sarah will be spending the next two semesters as a practicum student working with our team at the Taylor Family Care Center. Sarah already feels like a valued member of the team and will be learning from the best. Glad you are sharing your time with us Sarah.



Katelyn Lamb

All the way from Oklahoma City, Katelyn will be sharing her time as a practicum student of the Washington University Brown School of Social Work, under the supervision of Dr. Christi Moore at Keystone Mental Health Services. Katelyn brings to Our Little Haven her dedication to early childhood intervention care and her love of poetry by TS Eliot. Welcome Katelyn, we are glad you are with us.



Sasha Jay

Adding a little West Coast vibe to our Midwest organization, welcome practicum student Sasha Jay. The future Brown School of Social Work graduate will be working under Shana Blumenthal at Keystone Mental Health Services. Sasha is a coffee lover and lives with Kepi the cat near the Delmar Loop. Sasha wants to help improve access to quality mental health care for children. You came to the right place Sasha, glad to have you on board.

Our Little Haven Leadership in the Community



Risa Zwerling-Wrighton (left) & Kathleen Hummel (right) at the WoA Luncheon

Our Little Haven congratulates longtime friend Trustee Risa Zwerling-Wrighton for being recognized as a Women of Achievement. Risa shares her understanding of community needs with Our Little Haven through her leadership.

"Risa gives Our Little Haven the opportunity to understand the need of the organization: to both serve well and communicate well – to develop and manage an authentic approach to care for

the young child, in a holistic fashion, and to develop and manage an invitation to the community to assist in this endeavor." - Scott Hummel, Executive Director



HOLIDAY HUGS FOR THE HAVEN

Our Little Haven invites the community to support the children and families this season. To find out more visit ourlittlehaven.org/holiday

BIG WISH LIST ITEMS

DIGITAL CAMERA TO HELP CAPTURE SPECIAL MOMENTS (\$500)

NEW CARPET ON THE LINK BETWEEN PROGRAM BUILDINGS (\$1,000)

SPRINGTIME PLAYGROUND PROJECTS (\$1,500)

PRACTICUM STUDENT COMPUTER WORK STATIONS (\$2,500)

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**Our Little Haven
Young Professionals**



Haven Club Young Professionals volunteering at the St. Louis Partners Picnic
Left to Right: Gretchen, Michelah, Cassie, & Anna

Das Home Brew Fest at Das Bevo was Das Awesome! Nice work Haven Club! Congratulations on another successful and delicious celebration of home brews from all around.

Joined by Haven Club volunteers, the St. Louis Partners Foster Family Picnic was enjoyed by all, with a few furry guests. Thank you to Anna DiRaimondo and the Haven Club for making it a special day for so many children and families.

Upcoming Our Little Haven Events



Chic Boutiques Fashion Show
Saturday, Nov 17, 2017 10 am - 2 pm
St. Nicholas Family Life Center (NEW LOCATION)
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



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!



#GivingTuesday
Tuesday, Nov 28, 2018
An Online Global Giving Movement
Join the movement! Visit our social media outlets and website to learn what we are doing on November 28th. ourlitlehaven.org



Kendra Scott Gives Back
Sunday, Feb 3, 2019 12 pm - 3 pm
Kendra Scott in the Frontenac Plaza
Grab all your Valentine's Day gifts at Kendra Scott. 20% of proceeds go back to Our Little Haven.



Holiday Hugs for the Haven
Thursday, Dec 6, 2018
Our Little Haven's Online Giving Movement
Help us provide holiday presents for all the boys and girls at Our Little Haven!



Annual Spring Gala
Sunday, Apr 28th, 2019 5 pm - 9 pm
The Chase Park Plaza in the Central West End
Help us celebrate our 26th Anniversary at our Annual Spring Gala. Features silent & live auction, wine pull, raffle, and more!

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



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