



OPEN ARMS SHELTER

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Shelter Gives Abused Kids a Chance

If your daughter got sick, would you write her off as hopeless? If your son was hurt in a car wreck, would you skip the rehab because he was too ruined to recover? Absolutely not! You would do everything in your power to help them get better. You would make sure they had treatment, support and comfort.

So how do we help the children who are physically and emotionally sick from abuse and neglect? The kids that find themselves alone? This is the mission of Open Arms Shelter...to give these children the support they need in a comfortable setting surrounded by people who care.

“When kids are welcomed into a safe, structured place where they are loved and nurtured, they often thrive,” says Nancy Hamlin, director of Open Arms. “Many abused and neglected children can recover from the hardships that brought them here.”

Yet there are decent, well-intended people that assume victims of child abuse and neglect are “ruined” or “permanently damaged.” Some people think when children are abused it destroys their innocence and they are destined to carry on the cycle of abuse. And it is easy to understand why people have this reaction to the cruelty of abuse. It’s hard to imagine getting over something so cruel and destructive. Children can recover, but they don’t do well without help. And the help they need is pretty much what all children require to prosper– security, love, support and hope.

The Open Arms Shelter offers a safe place to begin this process for abused and neglected children from all over Arkansas, and the Board and staff are continually seeking to improve ways to give these kids a chance at a better way of life. You can help too! Come show your support for these children by participating in one of the fundraisers happening in the next few months.

First, join us on August 7th for our annual Barbeque Supper and Auction in the Lonoke Primary School from 5:00-7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 for a barbeque plate and \$5 for a hotdog plate. You can buy tickets from any Board member, at the shelter, or at the door. Live auction items include an official autographed Razorback Football, two tickets to anywhere Southwest Airlines flies, and an autographed Cliff Lee baseball. There will be lots of silent auction items for the

whole family including tools, home décor, gift baskets, gift certificates and more.

You and the family will also want to be a part of the 2nd Annual Great 5K Pumpkin Run, 1M Family Trot and Pumpkin Patch in September. Or dress up and have fun at Scary-oke in October.

Thank you for your support!

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Open Arms Shelter Barbeque Supper and Auction

Tuesday, August 7th
5:00pm-7:00pm
At Lonoke Primary

**Sponsored by: AgHeritage
FCS, Bank of England, &
First State Bank**

“Serving abused and neglected children for 25 years”

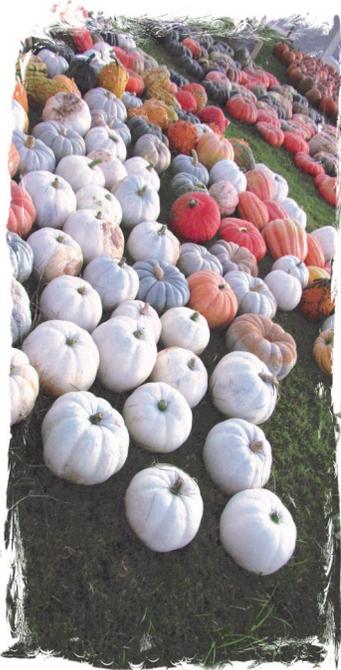


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The 2nd Annual Great 5K Pumpkin Run 1M Family Trot and Pumpkin Patch

September 29th, 2012
at the Historic Lonoke Depot
(102 W. Front St)
Pumpkin Patch is 8:00am - Noon
Pumpkin Run at 8:00am
Registration from 7:00-7:45am
1M Family Trot at 9:30am

Give your support to the abused and neglected children at Open Arms Shelter. Run the 5K that begins at the historic Lonoke Train Depot, winding its way by the City Park and through beautiful small-town neighborhoods. Known for its flat as a pancake course, the chipped 5K Pumpkin Run is made for setting a personal record. Runners return back to the Depot to baked goods, drinks and recovery snacks. Cheer on the winners at the awards ceremony led by **Matt Mosler of KARK** and the live band **New Horizon**. Bring your family to the 1 Mile Family Trot where every child is a winner and gets a mini pumpkin and medal. Shop around for pumpkins and enjoy all the fall festivities. Can't be there or don't want to race...be a Spirit Runner and get a t-shirt in support of the shelter. Register online and get more information at www.great5kpumpkinrun.com or www.openarmsshelter.org.



Great Pumpkin Patch offers all kinds of locally grown decorative pumpkins and gourds, mums and hay bales. You can even get a monogrammed pumpkin while the kids play in the corn box or decorate a pumpkin of their own.

Great 5K Pumpkin Run:

Pre-registration is \$20

Race-day registration is \$25

Spirit Runner: \$20

1M Family Trot:

Registration is \$10 per child

Family fee cap: \$50 (2 adults + kids age 11 and under)

(All entry fees are non-refundable)

Pumpkin patch is free.

5K Racers Receive:

- *Professional chip timing from Mac's Race Timing Service with accurate, prompt race results
- *Bib # entered in a drawing for door prizes (you must be present to win)
- *Awards ceremony presented by KARK's Matt Mosler
- *Race on a USATF certified race course
- *Post-race refreshments and lots of entertainment and Pumpkin Patch festivities.
- *Official race results posted on Macs chip website.
Exceptions: Please no bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades or dogs on the certified course.

Sponsored by: Lyon's Drugs, Arkansas Crop Technologies, Inc., Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Dairy Bar & Tidwell's Flying Service, Pool Fisheries, Petrus Seed & Grain, Windows and More, Elect Judge Phillip Whiteaker Court of Appeals, Chris & Karen James, George & Linda Elias, Pace Family, Best Toilets Inc., Carolyn Strickland, Nutrition World, First AR Bank & Trust, Road ID, Jelly Bean Inflatables, Beautiful Feet Ministries, Lonoke Chamber of Commerce, Carlisle Chamber of Commerce, New Horizon, Go Running, The Wolf 105.1, KSSN 95.7, Lonoke Nursing & Rehab Center. If you would like to be a sponsor, call Shannon Holman at 501-454-0667 or go to our website at www.great5kpumpkinrun.com.

AWA Gives to Shelter

The kids from the Arkansas Waterfowl Association raised \$1500 for the shelter during their annual summer camp. We appreciate the kids in our community stepping up to help the kids at the shelter!



Scary-oke Celebrity Karaoke Bash

The second annual Scary-oke, live auction and after party will be held on October 20th at the Argenta Community Theater at 405 Main Street in North Little Rock. The doors will open at 6:15pm and the show will start at 7:00pm.

We've got an excellent celebrity line-up this year with Alyse Eady, former Miss Arkansas and Today's THV anchor serving as the celebrity emcee," says Rhonda House, an Open Arms Board member.



"We encourage everyone to purchase their tickets early! The Wolf 105.1 and KSSN 95.7 have signed on as media sponsors and once they begin promoting this event, we think the tickets will sell out quickly," says House.

The tickets are \$50 and include hors d'oeuvres, water and soda. Costumes are not required but strongly encouraged as 85% of the audience appeared in costume at last year's event. Call the shelter at 501-676-6166 to get your tickets today!

If you would like to be a sponsor, call Rhonda House at 501- 259-0509.



Memorials and Honorariums from April to present:

In Memory of:

Jeff Wilkins by

Ginny Barton

Cleo Miller by

Andrew & Ruth Drucker

Wilburn Simpson by

John & Sara Shaw

AgHeritage Farm Credit

Dean & Misti Morris

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Scott & Tracey Hill

Jessie Cox by

John & Reba Hobson

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Open Arms Shelter Needs List

Bread and Buns	Folders (With and W/O Prongs)
Styrofoam (sectioned) Plates	Graphing Paper
Cereal	Report Covers
Rotel	Dividers
Canned and Fresh Fruit	Index Cards
Green Beans	Spiral Notebooks
Onion and Bell Peppers	Construction Paper
Tomatoes and Lettuce	Poster Boards
Chili	Post It Notes
Chips	Binders (1 and 1 1/2 inch and few 3 inch)
Hotdogs	Scissors (Kids)
Instant Potatoes	Glue Sticks
Cream of Chicken Soup	Dry Erase Markers
Mushroom Soup	Highlighters
Hamburger Helper	Markers
Chicken	Sharpies
Cooking Oil	Crayons
Gallon Ziploc Bags	School Supply Boxes
Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags	Pencil Cases
Taco Shells	Protractors
Kool-Aid	Rulers
Tubs of Butter	Hand Sanitizer
AA Batteries	Back Packs
Deodorant	Ink pens and Pencils
Razors	Calculators
Tide Liquid Detergent	Water Colors
Paper Towels	Kleenex
Lysol	Pencil Sharpeners
School Supplies:	Erasers (pencil and block ones)
Loose Leaf Paper	Liquid Hand soap
Composition Books	

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

My donation in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed, and is in honor/ memory (circle one) of _____

Send notification of gift to: _____

Address: _____

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