

OPEN ARMS SHELTER

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Emergency and Long-Term Care-A Possibility for the Future

Since 1986, the Open Arms Shelter has provided emergency shelter to over 2,100 victims of abuse and neglect between the ages of birth and 18 years from every imaginable crisis. Children have come to the shelter with bruises and broken limbs due to abuse. Some have come that hide food and have never had a Christmas tree, birthday party or seen a movie due to neglect. And some are in shock from being a victim of kidnapping, sexual abuse or a drug bust.

As an emergency shelter, children can stay at the shelter for a maximum of forty-five days while awaiting placement in foster homes, treatment facilities or with relatives. While at the shelter, they receive three meals a day, around the clock supervision from highly experienced staff, attend public school, and receive behavior management and basic life skills instruction. During their forty-five days at the shelter, the staff works diligently to care for and rehabilitate the children with love, attention and discipline.



About one-third of the children at Open Arms will return home or be placed with relatives at the end of their 45 days, with the remaining two-thirds being placed in foster homes and residential facilities. With over 4,000 children currently in the foster care system in Arkansas, the number of children in need clearly outweighs the number of foster homes available. To address this growing need, Open Arms is currently looking into the possibility of long-term care, especially for older foster children and teen mothers.

There is a great need for long-term placement care around the state, whether it be long-term foster care or facility placement. Children need a place where they can have a consistent life-style, guidance in their education and mentoring so they can become productive members of society. Long-term care provides a place where

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they can potentially get involved with a church and after-school activities, but mostly, it provides a place that establishes a framework of love, attention and discipline that all children need in their lives.

Long-term residential care at OAS would offer many challenges, but with the help of the communities in the area, we can continue, with arms wide open, to love these children to the fullest of our potential.

Mark Your Calenders!
The Annual
Open Arms Shelter
Bar-B-Que Supper
and Auction will be
August 3rd in the Lonoke
High School Cafeteria.

“Serving abused and neglected children for 23 years”

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Child Abuse Awareness Day

Join us at the Lonoke County Child Abuse Awareness Day at the Lonoke County Courthouse on April 22 at 11:30 am. The outdoor event will feature keynote speaker Sen. Bobby Glover, special music from kindergarten and first-grade students from England Elementary School, and a grilled hot dog lunch.



The event is part of a Blue Ribbon Campaign to raise community awareness of child abuse sponsored by the child services in Lonoke County including the Open Arms Shelter, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Department of Child and Family Services, Wade Knox Children’s Advocacy Center and Safe Haven. As part of the campaign, the organizations put blue ribbons on the trees around the Lonoke County Courthouse to celebrate the individuals, organizations and communities who work towards preventing child abuse and neglect and help the children who become victims.

The goal of the campaign is to raise awareness of child abuse in order to keep children safe and provide support for families to stay together and raise children and youth to be happy, secure and stable adults.

OAS Kids Enjoy a Special Easter

The OAS Advisory Board treated shelter kids and staff to an Easter egg hunt and dinner at the city park. Everyone left with lots of smiles (and treat-filled eggs)! The kids also enjoyed Easter baskets that were given by Lonoke Baptist Church members. Thank you!



Lemonade and Love

There is nothing finer than a cool glass of lemonade on a hot day! And on June 5th, you can stop at one of the many lemonade stands around the county with a Lemonade and Love sign and help kids at the shelter have a great summer.

It’s about kids helping kids as kids around the county sell lemonade to raise money for summer activities at the Open Arms Shelter. All the money raised will go towards helping shelter kids experience swimming, the zoo, bowling, movies, Wild River Country, and a host of other fun activities. So stop and have a lemonade June 5th and make a difference.

Junior Honor Society Decorates Bags

The Lonoke Middle School Junior Honor Society did a fantastic job decorating bags and stockings for the kids at the shelter to have on Christmas day. They decorated twelve large bags that were used for each child’s presents on Christmas morning. The look on the kids faces as



Lonoke Middle School Junior Honor Society students decorate bags for children in need.

they saw their own huge bag full of presents and a stuffed stocking with their name on it was full of amazement and gratitude. We appreciate LMS Junior Honor Society for their help in making a difference in children’s lives. A big thank you also to Emma Carpenter for sewing the bags for us and to everyone who contributed in helping fill up the bags with wonderful presents!



Sherry Phillips, Junior Honor Society sponsor, is on her knees helping students.

Memorials and Honorariums made to the Open Arms Shelter from November 2009 to present:

In Memory of:

Harvey Threlkeld, by Marie Wilkins
Virginia Barton
Dan Culvey, by Curt & Peggy Moody
Charles Elmore, by Rob & Kathy Millard
Dr. Bob Wilkins, by J.W. McConnell
Robbie Allen, by John & Virginia Brooks
Duain & Debbie Freeman
Tommy & Shelby Hillman
Victor & Audrey Ferrari
Charles Hunt, by Duain & Debbie Freeman
Bob & Myra Sue McCallie
Mike & Karen Hardke
Olivia Kegley, by Bob & Myra Sue McCallie
Tommy & Shelby Hillman
Michael & Betty Wilson
Rob & Kathy Millard
Mike & Karen Hardke
David Walters, by Bob & Myra Sue McCallie
Nelita Hunt, by Bob & Myra Sue McCallie
Lois Dean, by Ken & Sarah Orlicek
Win P. Rockefeller, by Tommy & Shelby Hillman
Jean Sanders, by Phylis Wujs
Mildred Privett, by Dick & Amelia Muse
Rob & Kathy Millard
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Max & Sue Harris
James & Lucille Nix
Jerry & Nellie Ann Schafer
Ed & Pam Willman
Ronnie & Peggy Anderson
Curt & Peggy Moody
Jimmy Younts, by Ginny Barton
Skip Landen, by Ginny Barton
Terry & Louise Winters, by Bettie Tyson
Wayne Bennett, Sr., by Mike & Karen Hardke
Ronnie & Peggy Anderson
Gloria Garrich, by Mike & Karen Hardke
Virginia Golleher, by Mike & Karen Hardke
James E. Evans, by Jerry & Nellie Ann Schafer

Dolly McClanahan, by Dean & Misti Morris
Mike & Jane Dolan
Clara Simpson, by Jerry & Sandy Cavaneau
Nick & Wendy Cavaneau
Michael & Annabeth Loeb
Chris & Patricia Aycock
Terry & Robin Harris
Kenneth & Dixie Harrison
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Charlene Hillman Lee
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Lance & Leann Hanshaw
Jim & Lois Harvey
Jack & Shon Evans
Mickey & Jerri White
Stephen Smith, by Ronnie & Peggy Anderson
Jane Turney, by Beech Creek Hunting Club
Bill Brightwell, by Charlotte Brightwell
Nancy Harrison, by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Robinson
Rick & Margo Douglas
Eugene & Lynn Young
Sandra, Edwina & Jim Walls
Rosalind Cheek
Mary Jo Wallace, by Rick & Susan Bransford
Dick & Johnnie Bransford
David Bennett, by Mike & Karen Hardke
Mildred Plant, by Mike & Karen Hardke
Junior Hauk, by Mike & Karen Hardke
Bill Shoup, by Addie Petrus & Family
Howard Miller
Clyde Mosier, by Michael & Betty Wilson
Fran Holman, by The Strickland Family
Rick & Susan Bransford
Nora Mae Horton-Moore, by Rob & Kathy Millard
J.D. Ashley, Sr., by Bill & Sherry Sandage
Rick & Susan Bransford
Buddy Davenport
Vivian Pauschert, by Mike and Karen Hardke
Addie Petrus & Family
Gil & Carol Plant
Kay Sims Sweeten, by Harold & Carole McDonald
William & Phyllis Foster
Larry & Kathy Welch
ArCom Systems, Inc.

In Honor of:

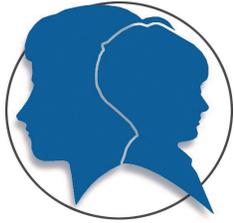
Janet Petrus, by Nancy Qualls
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Neal & Kaye Anderson, by Charles & Shirley Johnson
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Robert & Kathy Millard, by Dorothy Hogue
Tommy & Shelby Hillman, by Charlene Hillman Lee
Dick & Johnnie Bransford, by Bill & Becky Paxton

The Great Pumpkin Patch




Proceeds go to the Open Arms Shelter. Coming next Fall, October 2, 2010 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Lonoke Depot



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Open Arms Shelter Needs and Wish List

Aluminum foil	Macaroni & Cheese
Apple juice	Marshmallows
BBQ sauce	Mixed vegetables
Black eyed peas	Napkins
Black pepper	Onion flakes
Bread	Onion soup mix
Brown sugar	Off mosquito repellent
Canned chicken	Pam cooking spray
Canned fruit	Paper towels
Cereal	Pickles
Chili	Pinto beans
Chicken bullion	Plastic wrap
Chicken soup	Pledge furniture polish
Chips	Pork & Beans
Chocolate chips	Pudding
Clorox bleach	Ranch dressing
Cooking oil	Rotel
Corn (whole kernel)	Salt
Cornmeal	Shampoo
Crackers (saltine) Juice boxes	Snack foods
Cream of chicken soup	Socks (boys, all sizes)
Cream of mushroom soup	Spaghetti
Deodorant	Styrofoam plates & cups
Diapers & sleep pants	Sugar
Dishwashing liquid	Sunny Delight
Eggs	Sun screen
Face wash for teens	Taco shells & seasoning
Fresh fruit	Teen bras & sports bras
Fresh onions & potatoes	Tide laundry detergent
Gravy mixes	Tilex
Great Northern beans	Tomato sauce & paste
Green beans	Trash bags (large kitchen)
Hair brushes	Tylenol, Ibuprofen & Benadryl
Hamburger buns	Vegetable oil
Hamburger helper	Vegetable soup
Hot dog buns	Vinegar
Hot dog relish	Windex
Instant potatoes	Yeast
Juice boxes	Ziploc bags (quart & gallon)
Kool-Aide	
Lima beans	Wish List:
Liquid hand soap	Tickets to Magic Springs, IMAX
Lettuce	& Wild River Country
Lysol spray	

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: _____

___ Please contact me about other opportunities to assist OAS

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