

# The Haven Newsletter



The Shelter has a new playground!!



Before



After



The Haven is a local non-profit agency that provides emergency temporary shelter and services to victims of family violence and sexual assault.

The Haven is a dual program having two emergency facilities: The Battered Women's Shelter, which serves victims of family violence, and the Rape Crisis Center, which serves victims of sexual assault.

Both programs have a 24-hour toll-free crisis line, staffed by trained personnel, that is available to anyone wishing to utilize the emergency facilities or the Outreach Programs.

Both programs serve nine counties in South Georgia, including Lowndes, Brooks, Colquitt, Echols, Berrien, Cook, Lanier, Clinch and Atkinson. Visit [www.valdsotahaven.org](http://www.valdsotahaven.org) or call 229-241-7047 for more information

## Back To School!!!



School is back in session. It's been a fun summer, but now it is time to meet old school friends and learn new things! Going back to school after a lengthy summer break can be a time of excitement, anxiety and even a bit of sadness for students of all ages. The new school year is full of many unknowns and that can feel a little scary at first.

The Haven would like to wish you a wonderful new school year!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." -Nelson Mandela

### WINNERSVILLE CLASSIC 2017



AUGUST 18TH  
8:00PM



MARTIN  
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# The Haven's 20th Annual Silent Auction

The Haven's  
**20th**  
Silent Auction  
Saturday, August 26, 2017  
Mathis City Auditorium  
Valdosta, GA  
7-10 PM



Tickets: 20% per person  
229-241-7047



Don't miss the opportunity to get a great deal on a mountain get away or beach vacation. Visit [www.valdostahaven.org](http://www.valdostahaven.org) or see our Facebook for more "sneak peaks"



# October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



National Domestic Violence Awareness month helps raise the voices of victims and survivors across the country, and underscores the need to break the cycle of violence in our country. While October is slipping away in a blink of an eye, we want to take a moment to thank the community for all the support they have provided this year. Domestic violence is willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another. It includes physical violence, sexual violence, threats, and emotional/verbal abuse. The frequency and severity of domestic violence can vary dramatically.



## SAVE THE DATE

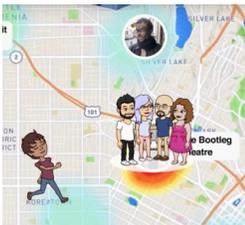
Our annual Law Enforcement Training will be held on Friday, October 13th. We are looking for volunteers to help us set up on Thursday the 12th! If you are Law Enforcement and have not signed up please call Kim Bennett at 229-241-704-7 and register today!

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## Snapchat's new map feature raises fears of stalking and bullying



Snapchat has introduced a map feature that lets users track other people's location in real time, raising concerns among safety and privacy advocates. The new feature has raised concerns among safety experts who fear it could be used to stalk or bully others. Snapchat isn't the first social media company to allow location tracking. Twitter lets people add their locations to tweets, while Facebook check-ins and the "share location" Messenger function allow people to track their contacts. Apple also allows users to share their location on a map for a limited time period. Parents need to sit down with their kids and get them to really consider which friends they are sharing their location with and who all can see it.



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### ***The Haven and The Child Advocacy Center***

The Haven has now partnered with the CAC in providing 24 hour Pediatric Exams for ACUTE sexual abuse cases on children ages 15 and below. Thank you to District Attorney Bradfield Shealy and Ashley Lindsay with the CAC for making this possible. The updated protocol, including the new age range for The Haven, was put into place April 1st 2017 for Brooks, Echols, and Lowndes county.

If you have been sexual assaulted call 911 or The Haven crisis line at 229-244-1765.



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# Meet The Haven Board of Directors

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# Volunteer!

If you'd like to join our volunteer program and help victims of family violence and sexual assault, apply today!

[www.valdostahaven.org](http://www.valdostahaven.org)

Internships are available for VSU students.

REMEMBER— WE ALWAYS NEED HELP FROM VOLUNTEERS ON FRIDAYS TO HELP PICK UP DONATIONS

## Have The Haven Speak at Your Event!

With domestic violence awareness month just around the corner, we will be trying to speak to different organizations about The Haven; its services, tips for staying safe, stats, donating and more. If you or your organization would like to have a representative come and speak call 229-241-7047 and set up your event today.

### If you are Being Abused...

Call The Haven for information on resources that are available to you at 229-244-1765

Tell family and/or friends about the abuse.  
The shame belongs to your abuser . . . not to you.

Teach your children to call 911 in case of an emergency.

**Trust yourself and stay safe!**

*All Services are Free and Confidential Available 24/7 Crisis Hotline (229) 244-1765*