

The Haven Newsletter

Current needs list

The Haven is currently looking for these items.

To donate, please contact The Haven at 229-241-7047.

Twin Size Sheets

Large Shampoo

Large Conditioner

Bed Sheets

Laundry Detergent

Cleaning Products

Diapers

Baby Wipes

Towels

Rags

Children's Clothing

Children's Snacks

Blankets

Baby Beds

The Haven is a nonprofit agency that provides temporary emergency shelter and services to victims of family violence and sexual assault. The Haven is one of eight dual programs in the State of Georgia: The Battered Women's Shelter, which serves victims of family violence, and the Sexual Assault Response Center, which serves victims of sexual assault. Both programs have a 24-hour toll-free crisis line, staffed by trained personnel, available to anyone wishing to utilize the emergency facilities and outreach programs. The Haven serves nine counties in South Georgia, including Lowndes, Brooks, Colquitt, Echols, Berrien, Cook, Lanier, Clinch and Atkinson.

For more information, visit www.valdostahaven.org or call 229-244-4477.



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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. During this month we encourage the community to help raise awareness on sexual abuse and learn the risk factors involved.

Sexual violence is defined as any type of unwanted sexual contact, including words and actions of a sexual nature and without their consent. Anyone can experience sexual assault no matter their gender, age, race, or ethnicity. Stats show that the perpetrator can be an acquaintance, family member, close friend or stranger.

How you can make a difference:

- **Intervene** to stop concerning behavior
- **Speak up** when you hear rape jokes or harmful comments
- **Believe and support** survivors
- **Create** prevention policies at your workplace or school
- **Coordinate** a community event to raise awareness
- **Talk** with organizations on ways everyone can get involved
- **Email** Legislators about supporting programs

April and May Events Calendar



Take Back The Night April 3

Take Back the Night will take place on April 3 with two sessions beginning at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. It will focus on eliminating sexual violence in all forms.

The Mix % Night APRIL 10

Come to The Mix on April 10, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at 1803 Jerry Jones Drive, to support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Ten percent of what is made that night will go toward these victims.

Bunco

APRIL 19

Join The Haven for a night of Bunco on Thursday, April 19, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Cotton Corner, located at 101 N. Ashley Street. Bunco is a social dice game, traditionally played with 12 players who are divided into three tables with four players at each table. But really, almost any number can play. It is \$35 per player and all proceeds will go toward helping victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Visit <https://www.valdostahaven.org/bunco> to sign up.

Speak Out Paint Party April 26

The Blush Brush will be teaching at our speak out event! The paint party will be confidential; no pictures will be taken, no names will be kept, and no one will be asked to do anything. Enjoy a night with food, painting, and friends. It will take place on April 26, at 6 p.m. To sign up contact Taylor at sarcadvocate@valdostahaven.org or 229-539-2275.

Mellow Mushroom

% Night

MAY 2

Come to Mellow Mushroom on May 2 at 1526 Baytree Road to support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Ten percent of what is made that day will go toward these victims.

VSU Clothes Line Project April 9-13

The Clothesline Project will take place on the VSU Pedestrian Mall at 9 a.m. from April 9-13. This project is a visual display that bears witness to the violence against women. During the public display, a clothesline is hung with shirts. Each shirt is decorated to represent a particular woman's experience, by the survivor herself or by someone who cares about her. The shirts were made by VSU students in honor of someone they know and love, including themselves.

Buffalo Wild Wings

% Night

APRIL 11

Come to Buffalo Wild Wings on April 11 at 1553 Baytree Road to support victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Ten percent of what is made that day will go toward these victims.

"What was she wearing"

APRIL 23-27

The Haven will host a "What was she wearing" campaign from April 23-27, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, on the VSU Pedestrian Mall to educate people about sexual assault. For more information

visit, <https://www.valdostahaven.org/events>.

Lanier Lunch & Learn APRIL 30

The Haven will host a luncheon to raise awareness for sexual assault on April 30, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at The Threatte Center, located at 139 Burnt Church Road in Lakeland, Georgia. RSVP to Taylor Strickland at: sarcadvocate@valdostahaven.org or call 229-539-2275.

Employment Opportunities

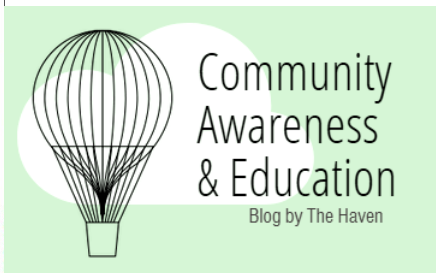
Volunteer Coordinator

The Haven has an immediate opening for a Volunteer Coordinator. Responsibilities include coordinating efforts with colleagues to determine needs for volunteers in each program, coordinate intakes, and maintain required documentation for monthly statistics reports. The Haven prefers a degree in social work, psychology or a related field or equivalent experience with proven effectiveness. You must clear all background checks, education verification and have a valid driver's license with a good driving record.

Visit www.valdostahaven.org/careers or [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com).

Applications will only be accepted through [Indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com).

The Haven's New Blog!



The Haven's Community Awareness and Education Program has created a new blog that will keep the community informed and educated.

Blogs will be posted Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. You can also find the blogs uploaded to The Haven's Facebook for sharing.

If you have a specific topic you would like to see discussed please let us know at:

<https://thehavenshelter.wixsite.com/communityawareness>

Volunteer

Get involved with
The Haven today and
make a difference!

www.valdostahaven.org/volunteer



Please visit www.valdostahaven.org for more information

jeans4 justice

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and The Haven's Sexual Assault Center is participating in the Jeans for Justice Campaign to help spread awareness to end sexual violence. We would like to invite you to participate.

The Jeans for Justice Campaign began with a 1999 court case in High Italian Court. A rape conviction was over-turned because the victim was wearing jeans. A 45 year-old driving instructor was accused and found guilty of sexually assaulting his 18 year old student during a driving lesson. However, the case was over-turned in appeals court with the argument that tight jeans can only be removed with a women's consent. The court ruled that "it is common knowledge that jeans cannot be even partly removed without the effective help of the person wearing them, and it is impossible if the victim is struggling with all her might." Italian women wore jeans in parliament to protest the appeal, and the campaign has spread worldwide in the years since.

You and your business can join the campaign against sexual assault by purchasing a Jeans for Justice t-shirt, and wearing it on Friday, April 27th along with jeans to help spread awareness. All proceeds will benefit The Haven's Sexual Assault Center.



FRONT LOCATION



BACK LOCATION



**Wear your Jeans 4 Justice
T-shirts on Friday,
April 27th 2018**

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

