# Haven Newsletter

#### 2018 at a Glance:

January-July

441 Women

46 Children

45 Men

48 Sexual Assaults

580 Total Served

3,851 Bed Nights

750 DV Crisis Calls

84 SA Crisis Calls

11,553 Meals



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.

## Welcome

Meet Heather Grizzle, The Haven's newest team member! Heather has been a contract nurse for a few years with The Haven We are so excited to have her as



our new full time Sexual Assault Coordinator and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE). If any partnering agency's have questions or needs information on a sexual assault cases please email Heather at rcc@valdsotahavenorg

Welcome to the Team!!

### The Happening

**AUGUST 23, 2018** 

The Happening Information Fair, held every fall on the VSU front lawn, is an opportunity for students to have fun in the South Georgia outdoors while learning more about what the university and our community have to offer. The Happening is also an opportunity for local businesses, nonprofits, religious and civic organizations, as well as VSU departments and student organizations to introduce themselves to thousands of students, face to face, at one time, in one location, 1PM-4PM

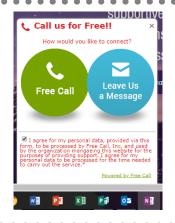


The Haven will be setting up a booth at the South Georgia Pride Festival is organized for charitable purposes benefiting the rights, equality, and general well being of the LGBT community in the South Georgia area.

12PM - 7PM at the John W. Saunders Park In Valdosta (1151 RIVER ST)

## Free Sexual Assault Support Group

The Haven is pleased to announce we now have a support group for victims of sexual assault. Food and drinks will be available during group meetings. Groups will be the 3rd Wednesday of every month starting at 6:00pm. If you are interested in attending, call 229-539-1435 or email therapist @valdostahaven.org. The Haven started a private group on Facebook that will also haven more information. All groups will be open to the public. **See you there!** 



#### Give us a call!

*Out of phone minutes?* Anyone can now call The Haven using our website phone. As soon as the website (www.valdostahaven.org) opens, the message on the left will pop up at the bottom of the screen. Call us from your phone, iPad, tablet, or computer. Either WIFI, internet, or cell connection is needed to operate the website phone. You also have the option to email us using the website Contact Us tab located at the top right of the screen.

#### 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:

Community **Awareness** & Education Blog by The Haven

https://thehavenshelter.wixsite.com/communityawareness



# 21st Annual

# Silent Auction

This year will embark on The Haven's 21st annual Silent and Live Auction event. Come enjoy live music and heavy hors d'Oeuvres. Items for bid will include gift certificates, vacation getaways, local artwork, and much more.

Please join us on Saturday August 18, 2018 from 7-10 PM. This event will be located at Mathis City Auditorium in Valdosta, Ga. Tickets can be purchased online at www.valdostahaven.org via Paypal and available at the door night of the event.

Ticket cost will be \$20 per person.

All proceeds benefit your local domestic violence and sexual assault center.





#### Follow The Haven on Social Media

#### www.valdostahaven.org







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Back to School Supply Drive	
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The Haven Battered Women's Shelter and Sexual Assault Center will be holding a back to school supply drive. All donations will go to help children start their school year with the necessary supplies to succeed. Monetary donations will also be accepted; all donations will be tax deductible.

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To drop off school supplies please call 229-24-7047

#### 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.



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



