

Lafayette House Partners with St. John's Child Care Center

Lafayette House launched a new partnership in mid-July with St. John's Mercy Discovery Center, providing interim direction and support staff under a contract management agreement.

For an interim period Carolyn Hale, former Lafayette House clinical director, will serve as director of the child care center, and Lafayette House will provide support and direction.



"Lafayette House has a strong history of providing quality child care in Joplin," said Alison Malinowski, executive director. "We are excited to launch this venture with St. John's, combining our child care experience with their professional facility and staff."

Debbie Linnes, St. John's President and CEO, and a Lafayette House board member, said, "We are pleased to be able to recruit such a qualified leadership candidate. We feel confident that Carolyn will be a wonderful addition to Mercy Discovery Center staff."

The Mercy Discovery Center provides care for approximately 80 children, ages 6 weeks to 12 years.

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Girl Scout Troop

Lafayette House and the Ozark Area Girl Scout Council joined forces to establish a Troop for girls who are living in our shelter. The girls meet weekly, and the meetings follow a program specially designed for high-risk girls. So far, five girls have joined the LH troop.

Being a part of Girl Scouts will go a long way in building the self-esteem of the young girls who have seen much trauma in their lives, and give them a sense of belonging and purpose. The troop is one more way to provide a sense of normalcy in the lives of children while they are staying in the shelter. Hopefully, the girls will continue to be part of Girl Scouting after they leave Lafayette House.

We owe many thanks to those who made this project possible, including Soroptimist International of Joplin for contributing \$500 to subsidize the dues fees for girls unable to pay the required \$10 per year. Sugar Creek Designs and Frank Shagets, Sr. provided t-shirts with the Girl Scout logo to serve as uniforms.

Volunteer Joyce Gentzler made sashes for the girls to display the badges they earn.

New Home Marks a Milestone for Lafayette House

The time of leaving Lafayette House to start life on her own can be very stressful for a woman and her children. With a new job, and often new expenses such as rent, child care, and transportation, the family can feel overwhelmed. On July 3, Lafayette House launched a new housing program to help families make a smoother transition from shelter living to being on their own.

The City of Joplin helped Lafayette House acquire a small three-bedroom home, which our staff cleaned, re-painted, and furnished with donations from the community. Families leaving our shelter now may apply to live in the house for up to six months, for a low rental fee that increases the longer they occupy the house. This will help women work and save a few months of income before being hit with higher rental payments.

LH Welcomes New Board Members

Lafayette House is pleased to announce the addition of three new members to its Board of Directors.

Sharon Beshore, Joplin, is a community volunteer who works with many area organizations. Sharon also serves on the Missouri Arts Council Board.

Barbara Hicklin, Joplin, is owner of Abbey Title Company. Barb is involved in many community activities, including Joplin Daybreak Rotary. She and her husband Jim are longtime supporters of Lafayette House.



Mary Schillaci, Carl Junction, has been a Lafayette House volunteer for two years. She has experience with the issues Lafayette House addresses and currently volunteers as an emergency room advocate for sexual assault victims.



The new board members replace retiring members Mary Duff, Sara Newman and JoAnn Vowels, who gave many years of valuable service. Thank you!

Friends of Lafayette House

*Thanks to the following individuals, organizations and businesses
for their recent contributions to Lafayette House.*

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The Spirit of Sanctuary

In July Lafayette House presented its first annual "Spirit of Sanctuary" Awards to the employees who best reflected the Sanctuary philosophy of client care.

Kristen Devore, victim advocate, and Julie LeBlanc, community support worker, were each honored by their colleagues and clients for their attitudes and relationships with both clients and staff.

In their nomination forms, these winners were described as respectful, empathetic and being "real cheerleaders" for their clients.

Kristen and Julie will have their names engraved on bricks and placed on the Recognition Wall in the Lafayette House lobby.

Congratulations to these super staff members!

New Mission, Vision Highlight Lafayette House Plan

Lafayette House launched a new 5-year strategic plan on July 1, and the “blueprint for the future” sets a new vision for the organization.

Beginning last fall Executive Director Alison Malinowski led the Board and staff at Lafayette House through several planning sessions designed to set a new course for the 26-year old organization.

With help from Ron Nowosad, St. John’s senior vice president of strategy/business development, Alison and the Lafayette House administrative team focused on developing two broad strategic priorities: *Strengthening the Core* and *New Initiatives*.

Specific goals cover the areas of providing current and new services, increasing public awareness, maintaining financial stability, improving access to care for rural women and families, expanding child care services and reducing clients’ dependence on public assistance programs.

A key part of the new plan was to revise our vision and mission statements to reflect Lafayette House’s goals (see box).

“We are excited to have goals in place that we believe will help Lafayette House grow into new areas, while maintaining our financial stability. With the help of the community and our clients, I am sure these goals will be achieved during the next five years,” said Ms. Malinowski.

Our Vision

All those who need help will seek it and find a sanctuary that nurtures, empowers and improves the quality of their lives.

Our Mission

Lafayette House provides a safe environment for women, children and families touched by abuse and addiction.

Working collaboratively, Lafayette House promotes self-sufficiency through education and encouragement, while constantly striving to address the evolving needs of our clients and our community.

Endowment Phase 1 Fundraising Wraps Up

A big *thanks* goes out to the nearly 200 area individuals and businesses who pledged their support to the Lafayette House endowment fund!

The three-year start-up phase of our fundraising campaign ended June 30. Lafayette House will host a recognition event in September for our donors, and we’ll unveil the new “Wall of Honor” in our lobby, listing the names of contributors. Raising money for the endowment is still an ongoing project, since the fund will provide income to maintain or develop much-needed services in times of tight public budgets.

Wish List



**We could use a helping hand —
can you help us collect some of
these items?**

- Twin-size bed spreads/comforters
- Towels
- Pillows
- Silverware
- Children’s car booster seats
- Infant car seats

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