

# SafeNews

## Don McPherson speaking for SafeHaven Feb. 17



Don McPherson

SafeHaven will hold its inaugural *Legacy of Men Breakfast* on Feb. 17. The event will engage and mobilize men to take a proactive role in ending domestic violence and features Don McPherson, former Syracuse quarterback and NFL player as the speaker. Now a social activist, Don is one of the nation's leading educators regarding men's violence against women. He works with coaches, athletes and others to change the culture that cultivates abuse. XTO Energy, Olenjack's Grille and *The Fort Worth Business Press* are sponsors.

Jason Witten will accept the organization's first Legacy of Men Award for his work in speaking out about domestic violence and supporting domestic violence prevention programs. A tight end for the Dallas Cowboys, Jason started the SCORE Foundation which funds male mentoring programs in several domestic violence shelters across Texas, including our Arlington site.

Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck is the honor-

ary chair for the event, and the host committee consists of prominent area men including Jamie Adams, Terry Akin, Ruben Anguiano, Bill Barnes, Bill Bowie, Theron Bowman, Joe Bruner, Larry Darlage, Sal Espino, Bob Ginsburg, Weldon Hafley, Santos Hernandez, Bob Lansford, Don Leaman, Tim McKinney, Scott Murray, Kent Nix, David O'Brien, Peter Parsinen, Charlie Powell, Buddy Puente, Paul Ray, P.D. Shabay, Mike Stone, Scott Turnage, Wes Turner John Wallace.

Scott Murray will emcee the breakfast event and other sports celebrities are expected to attend as well as local high school and college coaches. The event is at the Fort Worth Club at 7:30 a.m. Single reservations are \$100 and tables of eight are \$750. For sponsorship information, contact Reece Small at 817-535-6462, ext. 105 or [rsmall@safehaventc.org](mailto:rsmall@safehaventc.org). For reservations, contact Michelle Karr at 817-535-6462 ext. 101 or [mkarr@safehaventc.org](mailto:mkarr@safehaventc.org).

## Legacy of Women nominations due April 30

Do you have an outstanding woman in your life? Someone who has inspired you or excelled in the fields of Art, Business, Education, Health and Human Services or Volunteerism? Recognize that woman by nominating her for SafeHaven's annual Legacy of Women Awards Luncheon, which raised more than \$210,000 for SafeHaven's domestic violence prevention and intervention programs in 2008.

To nominate a fantastic woman who has inspired you, call 817-535-6462, ext. 105 or visit [www.safehaventc.org](http://www.safehaventc.org). Nominations are due on April 30, 2009.

Plans for the 2009 event are already underway and this year will prove to be as exciting as last. The committee is led by Elizabeth Ray and the event is set for Oct. 8. We will announce the location at the Legacy of Men Breakfast. For reservations, contact Michelle Karr at 817-535-6462, ext. 101 or [mkarr@safehaventc.org](mailto:mkarr@safehaventc.org).



Some of last year's nominees and winners with speaker Patricia Heaton at the pre-event VIP party at Neiman Marcus.

# SafeHaven Snaps



## Concussion adopts a family

Concussion, a Fort Worth advertising, marketing and design firm, chose SafeHaven's Adopt-A-Family program as the company's Christmas beneficiary.

## Santa's Sack

Valerie Salter of SafeHaven worked alongside volunteers such as the National Charity League of Colleyville (pictured) from Dec. 6 to Dec. 22 to collect Christmas presents for the women and children residing in our shelters. University Park Village provided our Fort Worth drop off location and Lincoln Park Village provided our Arlington drop off location.

## Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways to get involved at SafeHaven. Volunteers are the heart of the services we provide.

Some of the opportunities include:

- **Hold a donation drive.**
- **Help brighten the life of a child with toy donations or work with the children's program.**
- **Assist in sorting donations at Berry Good Buys.**
- **Sponsor an Easter egg hunt for children in the shelter.**
- **Provide meals for our shelter residents.**
- **Answer Hotline calls.**
- **SafeResponse--assist**

**women with information and resources at the hospital or police station.**

- **Staff a community fair booth to provide information about SafeHaven and domestic violence.**

These are just a few ways that your group can get involved with helping the families at SafeHaven. The next volunteer training session is Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information on how you can help to impact the lives of families of domestic violence, please contact Geri Medlin at our volunteer department at 817-548-0583, ext. 226 or [gmedlin@safehaventc.org](mailto:gmedlin@safehaventc.org). You can also visit our Web site at [www.safehaventc.org](http://www.safehaventc.org).



## Christmas for the kids

Texas Ranger third baseman Travis Metcalf and his wife, Abbey, served a holiday lunch to the children and their families at SafeHaven's Fort Worth shelter location on Dec. 18. The Fort Worth Police Department and the West Meadowbrook Neighborhood Association also attended, bringing books they collected for the children. Spring Creek Barbecue catered the lunch.



## Celebrate 20 years of Berry Good Buys

Berry Good Buys, SafeHaven's resale store on Berry Street near TCU in Fort Worth, is celebrating its 20th anniversary on Valentine's Day. The event, Saturday, February 14, will include door prizes, refreshments, and of course special sales! Berry Good Buys receives merchandise every day that includes clothing, household goods, and furniture. All of our supporters and their friends and families are welcome to celebrate this important milestone with us.

The store is at 1701 W. Berry St. and all proceeds benefit the women and children residing in SafeHaven's emergency shelters and transitional living program.



# SafeHaven releases annual report

Each year brings new surprises, challenges and successes. This year was no different. We experienced an 81 percent increase in hotline calls over 2007, along with significant increases in clients served. Shelters and agencies like us nationwide are attributing these increases to economic woes and four television crews came to our shelters to film interviews for stories on the subject.

CEO Mary Lee Hafley told one reporter that economic pressure is one of the most common problems in relationships and is often the tipping point cited in domestic violence cases.

"It's no surprise that domestic violence cases are rising in Tarrant County as well as nationwide as a result of the slowing economy," she said. "As people lose jobs and face foreclosures and other money issues, survivors have fewer financial means to support themselves when they leave their abusers. This pushes shelter numbers up. Tougher economic times translate to more reports of abuse."

SafeHaven sheltered a total of 2,751

women and children in 2008, an increase of 164 over 2007. There were also 56 families participating in our transitional living program in 2008 and 3,299 women and children

41,767.

Vice President of Client Services Ashley Lind said that to accommodate the spike, the hotline department had to be restructured.

Some of the steps taken to alleviate the workload included hiring a crisis call specialist with specialized training in crisis call management and phone counseling, rolling calls to client advocates when volume is high, monitoring calls for quality and using our new Client Relationship Management System to see all previous client contact with the touch of a button.

"That way, recurring callers do not have to repeat painful information over and over again, Lind said. "This saves time and improves the service to the client overall. It is an opportunity to improve what we do best."

Below are two charts that show the sources and uses of our

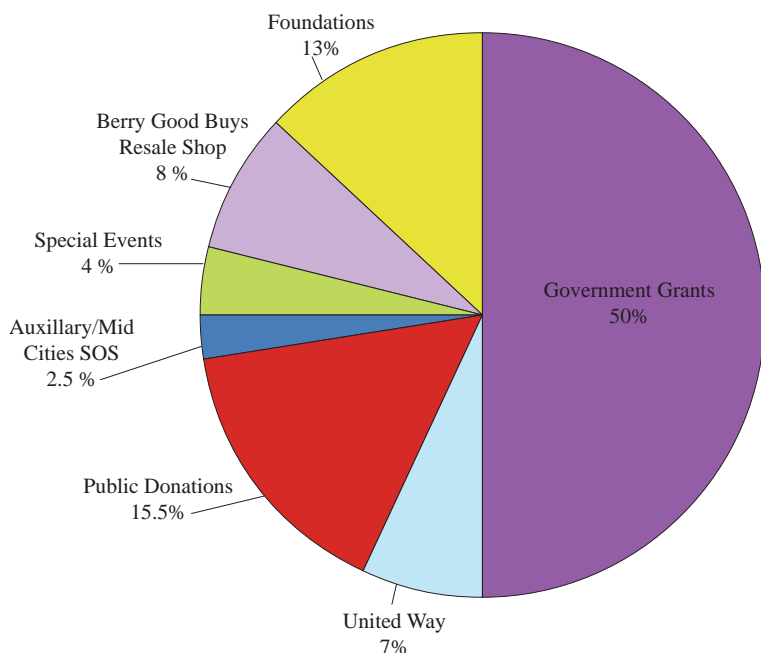
\$6 million budget for FY 2008. A complete annual report and donor list can be found at [www.safehavenc.org](http://www.safehavenc.org) or by calling Sarah McClellan-Brandt 817-535-6462, ext. 119.



who sought counseling at one of our resource centers.

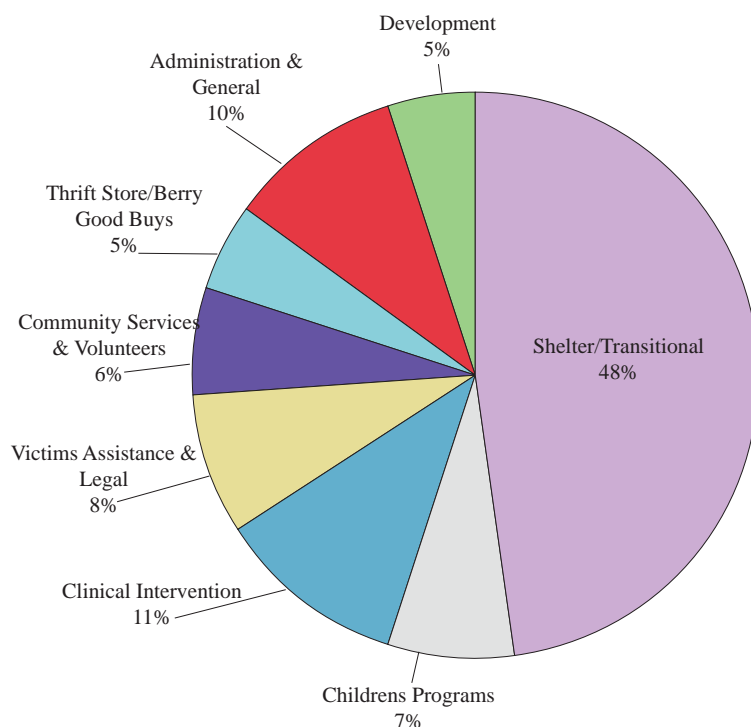
The most notable increase was the 81 percent jump in hotline calls...from 23,080 to

## Sources of Funds



\* Revenues do not include losses on investments.

## Uses of Funds



\*Expenses are before depreciation.



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## SafeHaven Stats

### In 2008 SafeHaven:

Answered **41,767** hotline calls to **1-877-701 SAFE (7233)**  
Logged **23,543** volunteer hours  
Educated **57,088** people about family violence  
Provided emergency shelter to **2,751** adults and children

## Leaving a Legacy

If you'd like to leave a legacy of providing for Tarrant County's victims of domestic violence by making arrangements to include SafeHaven and its programs in your will, please contact Reece Small at 817-535-6462, ext. 105.

### Contact us:

Development offices: 817-535-6462, ext. 119  
**24-hour Emergency Hotline: 1-877-701-SAFE (7233)**  
[www.safehavenc.org](http://www.safehavenc.org)

### Immediate needs for shelter clients

Children's pajamas, underwear, socks and clothing  
School supplies  
Female personal hygiene items and toiletries  
Women's undergarments  
Women's professional clothing  
Women's plus sized clothing  
Baby formula, bottles, etc.  
Non-perishable food  
New pillows and twin sheets

**Our mission is to end domestic violence through safety, support, prevention and social change.**

### Monthly E-mail Newsletter

To receive our monthly e-news, please e-mail Sarah McClellan-Brandt at [sbrandt@safehavenc.org](mailto:sbrandt@safehavenc.org) or call 817-535-6462, ext. 119.