



Shelter News

May 2011

Shelter Launches Annual Film Festival

2011 Theme: The Civil War in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary

FCWS will soon be hosting the first of what we hope will become an annual fundraising event: the 2011 Film Festival at the Grand Theatre. For the inaugural year, we have selected movies with a Civil War theme in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of this historic event.

Saturday, June 11

The festival will begin the evening of June 11 at 7 PM with the feature film *Gone With the Wind*. This classic film shares the tumultuous love story between Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler before, during, and after the Civil War. *Gone With the Wind* took home Oscars for Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actress (Vivian Leigh) and Best Supporting Actress (Hattie McDaniel). At the 2010 Southern Sumptuous Supper, *Gone with the Wind* was overwhelmingly selected as the favorite movie of all time, prodding its selection as our debut movie of the festival. We like to believe that given the appropriate circumstances, Rhett might be willing to tweak the famous quote a bit to say "Frankly m'dear, I do give a darn about the Franklin County Women's Shelter."

Sunday, June 12

The festival will continue on June 12 with a matinee showing of the film *Glory* at 2:00 PM. After being wounded in the Battle of Antietam, Capt. Robert Shaw is promoted to colonel and appointed to lead the first all black regiment during the Civil War. The film draws rave reviews for historical accuracy and the dramatic recreation of the Massachusetts 54th Volunteer Infantry Regiment. The acting includes performances by the talented Denzel Washington, Matthew Broderick, and Morgan Freeman. Amazing battle scenes, brilliant actors and truly great storytelling are all at work in *Glory*.

Special Feature- A Living History

As an added feature to the Sunday viewing, members of the 12th United States Colored Heavy Artillery - a



living history group based at Camp Nelson, Kentucky - will demonstrate the loading and firing of a Civil War artillery piece. The demonstration will start at 1:30 in front of the Grand Theatre. The re-enactors will not show the actual firing which would be just a bit too noisy and destructive on a downtown Frankfort Street. The re-enactors will also be available after the film to answer questions of the experiences of Civil War soldiers - from the African-American perspective. Movie viewers are invited to participate in this unique, hands-on living history presentation.

Ticket Sales

Tickets for adults are \$10 for one show or \$18 for both shows. Tickets are \$5 for children under 10. For tickets or more information call the shelter (352-2843) or visit www.fewomen-shelter.com.

After June 1 tickets may be purchased at the Grand Theatre ticket office on 312 W. Main St. or at the theater the night of the shows.

2011 Film Festival Sponsors

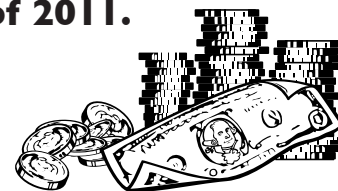
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Fundraising for a Purpose

FCWS is fortunate to have strong community support, particularly when other groups, businesses, and organizations successfully conduct fundraising events in which the proceeds, in all or in part, benefit FCWS. This allows our own fundraising committee to remain focused on their efforts and provides significant income for the Shelter.

Recently the Frankfort Performing Arts Ensemble worked incredibly hard to cast, produce and perform Eve Ensler's play, *The Vagina Monologues*. The proceeds from the performances benefited FCWS and the Council on Family Abuse. Many women in the community volunteered time and effort to produce the show. It not only provided funds for FCWS, but raised awareness of some of the issues and realities facing women.

The Women's Ministry Team of Providence Baptist Church recently hosted a children's consignment sale called Heavenly Hand Me Downs. Infant and children's gently used clothing, toys, and equipment were available for purchase. Twenty-five percent of the purchase price of each item was donated to FCWS. Successfully organizing a sale of this magnitude requires a lot of time, energy, and dedication.

In addition, special thanks to the following for their fundraising efforts on our behalf over the past months:

- Bridgeport Christian Church – One Stop Christmas Shop
- Capital City Christian Church – Chili Luncheon
- Commonwealth Credit Union – Employee Dress Down
- First Christian Church – Souper Bowl Sunday
- Frankfort Arts Foundation – Benefit for the Homeless
- Folk Club of Frankfort - Folk Club Tribute
- Kentucky Division of Waste Management – Big Brain Game
- La Casa de Los Vinos Locos - Counting of the Corks

We are grateful for the support of the community that allows us to continue our mission of helping women and children find stability and self-sufficiency.

Toyota A Dedicated Partner

FCWS has again received a grant from the Toyota Motor Manufacturing of Kentucky. They have been a loyal financial supporter of the shelter for many years and their support has been very important to us. They entrusted us with their support when we were a very new organization and their support was (and still is) critical. Their continued support shows how much they believe in what we do and believe in giving back to central Kentucky. Since Toyota is such a large and reputable company, our affiliation with them lends professionalism to what we do and helps other sponsors and companies feel confident in donating money to us.

In order to get the grant, Josie Kirker, our director, writes a proposal each year online. She provides a narrative that describes our organization, its services, target population, etc. The shelter staff also sets goals and objectives that are reported on at the end of the grant year.

In addition to the financial support, Toyota also provides support to communities in central Kentucky through physical labor. This year marks the 12th annual Toyota Volunteer Day/Week where they send team members out to non profits throughout central Kentucky to complete community service projects. Kim Sweazy, a Toyota employee, has been a volunteer at the shelter. In the past, due to her volunteer hours, Toyota has donated additional money to FCWS in recognition of her volunteer work.



News from the Shelter

Welcome

New Case Manager



Terrell Kowal recently joined FCWS as the new case manager. Terrell has an Associate Degree in Mental Health Technology from Virginia Western

Community College, and a Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology from Eastern Kentucky University. She is certified as a Housing Quality Standards specialist, is trained for HIV testing and counseling, and is a SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery provider. She has worked as a mental health associate, substance abuse counselor, and caseworker in community mental health and nonprofit settings. Terrell also served a 12-month tour with AmeriCorps as a housing counselor. Terrell has a passion for housing and homelessness issues and is excited to join the team at FCWS.

"I am so thrilled to join the FCWS team. The staff and volunteers, as well as Board members, have been so gracious and welcoming. I am very impressed with the shelter operations and grateful for the high level of community support that FCWS receives. I look forward to working with the women we serve and feel I will make a positive impact on their lives. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity."

New Board Members



Julie Clouse, a long time resident of Frankfort, has joined our board. She is a graduate of Western Hills High School and Eastern Kentucky University where

she gained a degree in accounting. As the mother of two teenaged children, she is busy with their activities including being treasurer for several Franklin Co High School organizations. Julie is a self-employed CPA who is married to Jim Clouse a partner in the Charles T. Mitchell Co. When she finds some free time she enjoys reading, travel, gardening and exercise.



Recently elected **Sheriff Pat Melton** has 16 years of law enforcement first as a deputy sheriff and later as a Versailles city police officer. He is a certified po-

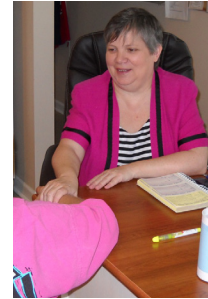
lice officer through the Department of Criminal Justice of Eastern Kentucky University. He also spent a number of years working for the Commonwealth on highway safety issues and special investigations, regarding government fraud and drug abuse. Pat is married to Donna and they have two children Patrick 13 and Mathew 10. The Meltons enjoy boating and attending sporting events together.

Farewells

FCWS has been blessed with wonderful staff and AmeriCorps members. The three that have left recently are prime examples of the caliber of people who have been a part of the shelter. Felicia Green, Christina Benson, and Debbie Bohrn have all left the shelter's employ in recent months. We greatly appreciate and value the work and dedication they gave to the women of FCWS while they were here. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

Congratulations

Jana Buxton Wins Award



One of the most familiar faces around FCWS, Jana Buxton, volunteer extraordinaire, recently won a 2010 Governor's Award for Volunteerism and Service. In spite of physical prob-

lems, she gives countless hours to the shelter, helping in the office, and taking numerous evening, overnight, and weekend shifts, often on a moment's notice. Jana is a trained counselor, knowledgeable in office procedures, and willingly takes on any task, no matter how disagreeable. An example of Jana's abilities follows.

Last year the shelter had an elderly resident whose health deteriorated due to medical complications. This resident required a lot from staff and volunteers and the other residents. It is rare for the FCWS to have someone with so many complications, but the woman was homeless and had nowhere else to go. The resident eventually had to go to the hospital, and while there Jana spent hours visiting with her and advocating for her care.

Sadly the resident passed away with a rare contagious disease. While staff was in shock and trying to determine the next steps, Jana showed up at the shelter with gloves and supplies and proceeded to implement and complete a toxic clean up to prevent the spread of any contaminants. Jana also played a critical role at that time during the grieving process. She was able to talk and share with the other residents, and helped considerably in their efforts to process their feelings

All who have worked with Jana consider her a valued friend and congratulate her on winning this prestigious award.

Calling All BBW's



The Brainy Bodacious Women (BBW) are a group of women committed to helping other women. They proudly support the Franklin County Women's Shelter by hosting fundraisers, volunteering at the Shelter, and providing necessary financial support to keep the organization in operation. We are currently recruiting women to officially join the fabulous Brainy Bodacious Women's group.

If you would like to be a Brainy Bodacious Woman or if you have friends who would like to join, contact us by phone 352-2843 or email brainybodaciouswomen@gmail.com. In order to register we need your name, mailing address, phone number and email address if you have one. After you join, your name will be listed as one of the hosts for the Supper and we will ask you to spread the word about the Supper. No heavy lifting is required. It is a fun way to help a good cause. The 2010 Supper was hosted by 1,000 BBW. We would love to have 1,500 host the 2011 Supper.

A Supper to Remember

BBW are graciously hosting the 3rd Annual Sumptuous Southern Supper at the First United Methodist Church on **Monday, August 22**. A feature item on the menu will be O'Charley's sweet dinner rolls. The Grill Master will be

Sheriff Pat Melton, who will be cooking delicious barbecued chicken breast and veggie burgers. The meal will include all the fixings including luscious desserts. Mark your calendars now and look for more information in July.

Be Brainy, Be Bodacious, & Be Proud

We have decided that just calling yourself a Brainy Bodacious Woman isn't always enough, we want you to be able to shout it from the mountain tops. Therefore we have created an ever-expanding line of Brainy Bodacious Women merchandise. We have short-sleeved and long-sleeved shirts in a variety of colors (red, aqua, royal blue, pink, chocolate brown, orange sherbet, and purple) from small to xx-large and aprons, (red, navy blue, black, royal blue). To place an order for this fun stuff, email us at brainybodaciouswomen@gmail.com or call us at 352-2843. All merchandise is \$15. Proceeds benefit the Franklin County Women's Shelter.

Volunteers Always Needed

FCWS is on the look out for new volunteers. We need evening and weekend shift volunteers, week day office volunteers, and hotline volunteers.

There are two upcoming trainings: Mon. May 23 at 6 PM for Hotline Volunteers and Thurs. May 26 at 6 PM for General Volunteers. Contact Doris Thurber at 352-2843 to get involved or visit www.fcwomenshelter.com for more info.

Since beginning the hotline in 2005, FCWS has answered over 1,800 calls from community members in need. 74 women were assisted through our emergency shelter program in 2010. 31 women resided in the transitional living center program.

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