



Amazing accomplishments are happening at Hope House of Scott County. In the last few months, Hope House has been advancing in all areas and to continue going forward we seriously need the ongoing support of our community. Because of your generosity, children are able to sleep peacefully at night, secure in our shelter. Our residents are able to enjoy a hot breakfast with their children in the morning, without worrying about a violent argument erupting. As most everyone knows, the Board has hired Elizabeth Robinson as the new interim Executive Director. Elizabeth and the magnificent staff of Hope House have all been working tirelessly to enhance and improve not only the programs, but also the shelter.

DCJS has granted Hope House of Scott Co a substantial amount of funds for renovations and funds for the next two years for programs and staff.

Financial Responsibility Improvements:

- 1. Use of QuickBooks with the board members and staff having 24/7 access
- 2. Improved procedures implemented for checks and balances
- 3. More frequent reports with greater detail
- Donations will be accepted through *PayPal* to Hope House of Scott County or a check may be sent to PO Box 1992 Gate City, VA 24251. Or go to our website <u>https://hopehousesc.org/</u>and click on our donation button at the top of the page.
- 5. Everyone likes to shop, so we have an available fundraiser with AmazonSmile. To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer and type in Hope House of Scott County. Easy? You betcha!

We are so excited and grateful that Hope House was also granted funds for some of our long overdue renovations, too. Because of these improvements, our residents will enjoy a more pleasing healing environment. Everyone is very enthusiastic and eager to pitch in on the fun. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who are going all out to get this work accomplished in a timely manner.

- 1. Remodel resident's kitchen with electrical brought up to code
- 2. Remodel resident's bathroom, floor, paint and vanity
- 3. Lawn Care
- 4. New Flooring
- 5. New Roof

Alice's Pet Program

Hope House is a domestic violence shelter with the ability to accommodate pets by providing offsite housing



(e.g., foster program, boarding facility). The possible consequences of leaving a pet with an abuser can prevent a person who is experiencing domestic violence from escaping.

Memorial/Honor Walk 1st Annual #JusticeforEva.

Please join Hope House as we hold our 1st Annual Awareness Walk to honor/remember victims and survivors of domestic violence and their support systems. The life of Eva Borders, lost to domestic violence will be honored as Josie, Eva's mother, leads this walk. This event is free to all ages and genders. Shirts will be on sale for \$15. Proceeds from the shirts will go toward this special event.

Sunday June 2 from 2pm-5pm Holston View UMC 174 Church St. Weber City Email Jessica Smith for more details HHSC.Jessica24@gmail.com

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HHSC Team

In the case of domestic violence awareness and prevention groups, advocates tend to have some type of connection to the topic. Often they are survivors or know someone who is a victim or a survivor. It is because of this history that they want to help others with a similar story.

- Elizabeth Robinson
 Interim Executive Director
- Jessica Smith
 SIPV Coordinator
- Rachel Townsend Community Educator
- Amy Parsons
 Shelter Service Coordinator
- Ina Pierson
 Weekend Monitor
- Maria McCarty
 Evening Monitor
- Jane Robinson Part Time Volunteer

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Outreach

Scott County TRIAD Senior's Prom "Shimmer and Shine" was held on Thursday, May 16. Rachel Townsend, Jessica Smith, Amy Parsons, Maria McCarty and Jane Robinson were there to represent Hope House.

The goal of TRAID is to reduce the fear of crime and victimization among seniors 55+ by increasing awareness of scams and frauds targeting them, strengthening communication between the law enforcement and senior communities, and educating seniors on local and state resources that are available in their community.

TRIAD is a confidential advocacy group through the Office of the Attorney General of Scott Co.

Domestic Violence

Amazingly, until the 1970s there were no domestic violence shelters in the United States. But the marvelous news is that today, there are over 2,500 shelters and service programs and Hope House of Scott Co. Virginia is one of those shelters. The number of available beds in the United States still falls short of the need, but it represents a dramatic increase in emergency assistance.

If you or someone you know has been in an abusive relationship and would like to talk give us a call. We offer support for victims of domestic violence and /or sexual assault free of charge and confidential.

24/7/365 Hotline Toll Free: 1-888-250-HEAL (4325) Local: 276-386-1373