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Lydia Place News



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Why I Volunteer at Lydia Place

By Roxanna Hayes

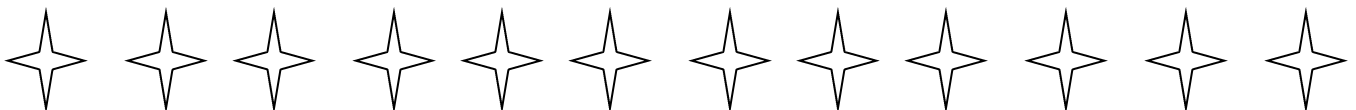


I scheduled myself to volunteer at Lydia Place on my only day off, and when that day came, I had to drag my tired self out of bed and arrived at Lydia Place an hour late. I was thinking, 'why do I do this to myself?' When I arrived I walked into the Lydia Place kitchen and saw 2 big beautiful bouquets of flowers on the tables. I asked one of the clients in the busy kitchen where the flowers came from. I thought she said from Lee-Ann cleaning something but that didn't make sense so I asked again and was told Lee-Ann celebrated her 1 year of being clean!! I went into the living room where Lee-Ann had been when I arrived, and congratulated her! She said yes, yesterday she had celebrated her 1 year of being clean and sober. She was happy and proud as she told me her story. I became interested and mesmerized by what she was telling me. She explained the process she has gone through to identify and work through the aspects in her life that had overpowered her in the past and caused her to drink and drug. She recognizes that she still has a lot of work to do to stay clean and knows she can do it!!

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Lydia Place Mission Statement

Lydia Place provides a multi-faceted program that supports women and their children in transition from homelessness to independence.

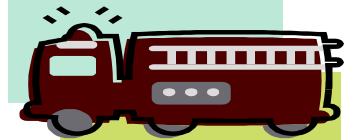
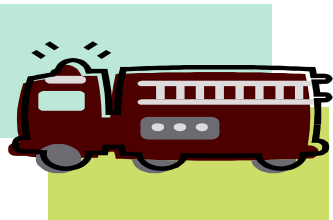


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I sat on the arm of the couch as she proudly told me about how she never dreamed of accomplishing the things she has so far and plans to do. She said she was raised around drugs and thought that would be her life, and nothing more. She said she felt she could touch the stars. She had lost her daughter to CPS and now has her back. She added she could not expect her daughter to accomplish anything if mom was using drugs. She has plans to get her GED. She has many plans and dreams she never thought she would have if she hadn't made the choice to move to Lydia Place and continue to stay clean. I was so moved by her explanation of her year of sobriety, I ran downstairs, like a kid wanting to share my good news, of Lee-Ann's year of being clean. I am awed and inspired by clients like Lee-Ann who struggle, sometimes every hour to reach their goal of clean happiness that they can share with themselves, and more importantly, their children. That is why, despite feeling lazy and tired I get up and go to volunteer at Lydia Place.

****Roxanna Hayes is a 10-year Client Support volunteer veteran. Between her demanding work as a flight attendant, she makes an extra effort to come to Lydia Place to give listening ears to the women, play with the children, bake cookies or do whatever is needed to support our clients.*** If you are interested in becoming a Lydia Place volunteer, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Noriko Lao at 734-4410 or norikolao@cs.com.****

**“Lydia Place
Rocks!”**



**Lydia Place kids
visit the Fire Department
-2008-**

The Lydia Place Spring Fundraising Dinner, held at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on May 31, 2008 was a big success! Thank you again to our generous sponsors:

BP Cherry Point

Whatcom Educational Credit Union

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Banner Bank

Horizon Bank

Conoco Phillips

Rice Insurance

Wilder Construction

Community Food Co-op

Bellingham Cold Storage

The Muljat Group– Frank Muljat & Christine Park



The Mother of All Garage Sales

August 15–16, 2008



Hundreds of Donors! Thousands of Items!

(Proceeds from this sale help support the moms and kids of Lydia Place— 671-7663/www.lydiaplace.org)

Donation Drop-Off

Dates at the Sportsplex:

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| Sat. Aug. 9 | 9am—4pm |
| Sun. Aug. 10 | noon—4pm |
| Mon. Aug. 11 | 2pm—8pm |
| Tue. Aug. 12 | 2pm—8pm |



NEW

**Check out Daniel Roth's
Lemonade Stand**

Pre—Sale

Friday, Aug. 15 8am - 9am
**\$10 entry fee—This is for the truly
eager garage-salers! Get an hour to shop
before the general public.**

Sorry, We Cannot Accept:

- Large Appliances
- Sharp objects (knives, axes, etc.)
- Paint (& related items)
- Tires
- Computers, Monitors, Keyboards
- Mattresses
- Bed frames
- Opened Personal Items
(toothpaste, shampoo,
perfume, etc.)
- Locked suitcases (without keys)



Special Thanks to:

The Sportsplex 3-D Corporation
Clearwire Food Pavilion Northwest Recycling
Sanitary Services RDS Cascade Radio Group

SALE DATES at the Sportsplex:

Fri. Aug. 15 8am - 7pm

Sat. Aug. 16 8am - 3pm

Location: the Sportsplex

1225 Civic Field Way

(off Lakeway Drive next to

Lydia Place
PO Box 28487
Bellingham, WA
98228

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By Teresa Josephson,
Lydia Place Executive Director

We are experiencing growing pains at Lydia place! The program is expanding and we need more room. We have hired two full time case managers to work with the clients we will be serving through our partnership with the new Whatcom County Homeless Service Center, so we are moving some of the Lydia Place staff to new offices located in the newly renovated Laube Hotel located at 1224 North State Street.

Wise Buys also needs a new home, so they too will move to the Laube Hotel and will have additional square footage for merchandise and the mezzanine will house four new offices. It looks like they will all be moving into their new space the first part of September. Until then, Wise Buys will continue to accept donations and operate out of their present location at 401 West Holly Street right up until the move. We are all excited about the new location – check the Lydia Place web site – www.lydiaplace.org for updates.
