

""Success seems to be connected with action.
Successful people keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit."

-Conrad Hilton-

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Georgia's House is in need of volunteers to serve all available shifts. Georgia's is operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, we must have volunteers /staff on site at all times.

Shifts are normally five hours, but there are the overnight shifts that are longer but less stressful as the ladies are normally asleep and the house is quiet.

To be a volunteer, one must have a listening ear, open mind and heart and willing to accept our clients for who they are. If interested, call Mary Chapman, our volunteer coordinator, at 360-479-9020 or drop by the office for an application.

### Weaver Foundation-Georgia Mattson Memorial Shelter

## Georgia's House

4846 Auto Center Way Bremerton, WA 98312 www.gmweaverfoundation.org

"Helping individuals to become self-sustaining without the worries of shelter for themselves or their families"

#### Success...

Leann Weaver (Director)

Success is defined as the achievement of something desired, planned, or attempted.

Georgia's House is new to the community, but we have experienced many successes through the goals and achievements of our clients.

In our last newsletter, we mentioned the success of a mother who was able to get custody of her two children during her time here at Georgia's. We are happy to update everyone on the family who has settled into permanent housing with the kids; all are doing well.

The mother with the teenage daughter who found employment while at Georgia's is now settled in a house without subsidy and is coping well with her new lifestyle.

Since our last newsletter we have had the opportunity to watch other clients achieve goals which allowed them to move on from this time of crisis.

A young lady with medical problems was with us for a short while. She is now in transitional housing and reunited with her mother and daughter!

We had an older woman who was recently widowed and lost her housing due to the failing economy and lack of income. She is now a full-time student working on a nursing degree, and our Volunteers were able to assist her with her move into subsidized housing.

We worked with a young lady who is physically disabled but has not received the classification from Social Security as yet, but with the help of partner organizations, we were able to move her into transitional housing. She is now able to focus on physical therapy rather than worrying about her time running out at the shelter.

We were delivered of a beautiful, healthy baby girl on July 17; she and her mother are now in permanent housing. So you see there is room for continued success!!

This is what we strive for at Georgia's House; success for families and individuals that not only change(s) their lives but the lives of the volunteers who get the opportunity to work with them. The success of the client becomes our success!!!

There are other human service organizations that are willing to join forces and work with us to make things happen when there are clients who see no light at the end of the tunnel. Acknowledging that if we work together, providing a lighted candle to guide our clients and knowing they have the tools and resources needed for success, we will all experience the elation felt when the client receives the keys to a new home.

#### Messages from Former Residents...

Jenny 9/9—I had a wonderful time at Georgia's House, people made me feel at home and safe. Thank you to all the staff for making me feel at home. Me and my son will come and visit...To my house mates thanks for understanding and making me and my son feel the love. We were like family; eating together at dinner made me feel at home and loved. See you all soon.

Sandra 9/16 Leann and Georgia's House has been a God send! I don't know what would have happened if they had not been here. Because of them I have been able to put my life back together after the loss of my husband and home; have been able to start college and find now housing.

Larisa 9/19—Georgia's House was an absolute God send. If not for this shelter I would have been on the streets. Thank you from the bottom of my heart—to Leanna and the staff ...I love you guys!!!

Heather 9/22 Georgia's House was the best thing to happen to me. The staff was amazing, the only thing that I may have disliked a little was the curfew at 10pm, but the curfew is understandable. Georgia's House pushed me forward into the direction I needed to go. I am so grateful for this place, every time I was sick they would make sure I was take good care of; fluids, food etc. The time I spent here was very good for me in all ways with their support. Mainly the few staff members who really had concern for caring for one another. Anything I needed help with they were right on it. There are two people who really stuck out like a sore thumb, as in showing nothing but loving care, in every way possible they would bend over backwards for me. I am truly grateful to have been blessed with such good people. Leann Weaver! & Dee! I hope some time I could somehow be there for them in any way they needed. Georgia House to me with those staff will always have a special place in my heart!!

Kellie 9/30— Con: This place is nuts! Some people here are like hens clucking in the coop. I noticed if there's one chicken with an imperfection all the other swoop in and peck at it together until the wounded chicken is down and out, but that's probably because we're all stressed and living in places that aren't home. There's so many rules "cuz there's so many fools.

Pro: Leann and her helpers are all caring and kind people and they are enduring a lot just like us! They miss time with family to deal with insanity! They do it because they have good hearts and kind eyes to each of our situation. I will always be grateful to the Weaver Foundation and it's helpers. Thanks "MOMMA"! I promise to do what I can to "pay it forward" and set up more networking and try a fundraising campaign for the cause!





# "Giving a Helping Hand"



**November 12, 2011** 

Benefit Dinner, Dance

Silent Auction

November 12, 2011

Time: Registration and Coffee—6:30 PM, Dinner 7:00 PM

Location: Silverdale United Methodist Church 9982 Silverdale Way, Silverdale 98383

**RSVP** 

Weaver Foundation—Georgia's House—360-479-9020 leann@gmweaverfoundation.org Tickets sold in Advance \$30.00

#### Shelter Needs:

This same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Philippian 4:19

Shelves or small wall cabinets

Kitchen chair cushions

**Towel Racks** 

Write on Board

Crib sheets and pads

Winter is headed our way, and in preparation we would love to have handy a supply of sweaters, jackets, socks and hats for adults and children to keep out the cold. We have yarn if someone is willing to knit or teach our ladies how to do it them-selves!!

Consumables...

Laundry soap & fabric softener

Paper plates, plastic spoons, forks

Bottle water, soft drinks, juice boxes

Coffee, creamer, sugar

Salt & pepper

Toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash

Shampoo & conditioner

Newspaper & magazine subscriptions

Feminine pads & tampons

Trash bags—all sizes

Dish Liquid

Diapers (all sizes)

Printer ink cartridges (HP 901)

Letter size copy paper

**Desperately Needed:** 

**Storage Shed** 

Volunteers (Night Shifts)

All donations can be dropped off at the shelter or you can call the office 360-479-9020 and we will make arrangements to pick up items.

Thank you from the Residents for your continued support!!!

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