Lexmark Care Days!

Annually, United Way of the Bluegrass and Lexmark International, Inc., host “Care Days”. This year, Chrysalis House was the grateful recipient of one team’s service. On October 10, 2008, 10 volunteers from Lexmark volunteered at Chrysalis House Community Center. The volunteers worked on the grounds and trimmed shrubs, pulled weeds, cleared brush, collected trash, and purchased flowers to plant. The volunteers also organized the Community Center storage room. Chrysalis House thanks Lexmark and United Way for their continued support and assistance!

Chrysalis House-Maxwell Street Open House

On September 23, 2008, Chrysalis House invited community members and supporters to celebrate the renovation of the Maxwell Street facility.

Over 200 people attended the event which included a short presentation, a tour of the facility, and refreshments. The late Barbara Rouse was remembered and honored for her dedication and support of Chrysalis House.

To conclude the event, a former Chrysalis House client who resided at the Maxwell Street gave her testimonial of how Chrysalis House changed her life. Chrysalis House thanks all the donors who made this renovation possible.
LFUCG Division of Police holds meeting at Chrysalis Community Center

Lexington Division of Police Chief Ronnie Bastin and his bureau chiefs conducted their weekly command staff meeting at the Chrysalis Community Center on August 27, 2008.

Over 15 bureau chiefs attended the meeting. Executive Director Lisa Minton and Dr. Carmella Yates, clinical director, presented on Chrysalis House, gave a tour of the facilities, and answered questions concerning the program.

Keeneland Foundation Grant Awarded

Chrysalis House was extremely grateful to be awarded funding from the Keeneland Foundation to purchase computer equipment and educational software for our children’s program.

With the funds granted by the Keeneland Foundation Chrysalis House was able to purchase 8 new PCs and educational software for the Children’s Program. This will allow for homework assistance, remedial tutoring, and creative learning opportunities.

Studies have shown that high-quality educational software reinforces and expands what students are learning in school. For many of our students who are having some difficulty, educational software and computers are able to repeatedly cover concepts and lessons. For our students who grasp concepts quickly, educational software gives them the opportunity to advance at their own pace and really master the concept. It is very interactive and engaging for many of our children and provides immediate feedback on how they are doing.

Chrysalis House is deeply thankful for the support of the Keeneland Foundation. With these funds Chrysalis House will be able to continue to provide the highest level of care to the high-risk youth we serve.

Currently, Chrysalis House is enrolling students in Tubby’s Clubhouse. While at Tubby’s Clubhouse, they will learn the mechanics of a computer and eventually receive their very own!
We delight in the beauty of a butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty – Maya Angelou

Chrysalis House Executive Director

Lisa Minton, MPA, has spent the past 19 years working to improve the lives of people in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. During her tenure with the Administrative Office of the Courts, Lisa recognized the impact of substance abuse on the criminal justice system and the opportunity for the courts to be part of the solution to this problem. She was the statewide manager of Kentucky’s Drug Courts program from its inception in July 1996. After developing the Fayette Drug Court, she very successfully worked with community partners to take the model across the state to over half the counties in the Commonwealth.

Recognized for her commitment to the specialized treatment needs of women and their children, Lisa was offered the opportunity to become the executive director of Chrysalis House, Inc. in January 2003. Since becoming the director, Lisa has implemented research-based treatment modalities, emphasized vocational education and training, and focused on parenting and services to the entire family unit.

Lisa is a member of the Fayette Circuit Family Court Advisory Council and was awarded the 2001 Kentucky Department of Substance Abuse Straus Award for Advocacy/Volunteer Service in Substance Abuse Treatment. Lisa has co-authored six peer-reviewed journal articles and served as a SAMHSA grant reviewer and presenter.
Holiday Wish list
As our women transition into independent living, the following items are greatly needed:
- Bath towels
- Washcloths
- Gently used furniture
- Dish sets
- Dish rags
- Pots and pans
- Utensils
- Brooms
- Mops
- Cleaning supplies
- Sheet sets
- Sleeping bags
- Blankets
- Pillows

Seasons Greetings from Chrysalis House Board and Staff

When you are making your gift list this year, please add the women and children of Chrysalis House. By donating to Chrysalis House this holiday season you are giving women in recovery a chance to emerge from their cocoon and soar as beautiful butterflies. If you have any questions please contact Mary Allison Belshoff, assistant director, at 859-977-2508.