

The Haven Shelter & Services Announces New Appointments to Board of Directors

Warsaw, Virginia (February 18, 2016) – The Haven Shelter & Services (The Haven) announces the appointment of new leadership and additional officers to its Board of Directors. The latest appointments are Chairperson, Frank L. Tetrick, III of White Stone; Vice Chairperson, Richard A. Farmar, III of B.H. Baird; Treasurer, Mavora M. Donoghue, Esq. of Tappahannock; Secretary, Rev. Dr. Candine Johnson of St. John's Tappahannock; Elsie Delva-Smith of Montross; Deputy Charles Bowles of Richmond County Sherriff's Office; Susan Stephenson of Tappahannock; Pamela Russell, PC of Heathsville; Tammy Brock of Pearl Clothing; and Scotty McMullen, Esq. of Haynesville.

The Haven Shelter & Services, Inc. is committed to preventing and eliminating all types of domestic violence and sexual assault within our service area, which includes Westmoreland, Richmond, Essex, Lancaster and Northumberland Counties. The primary focus of The Haven's mission is to provide advocacy and shelter for individuals who experience intimate partner and sexual violence as well as to provide support services to individuals and their families. To greater further its mission, The Haven seeks to enhance public awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault through community outreach and education and to bring about systems change.

"When terms end, it is always hard to say goodbye to great board members like Joni Lawler, whose six years of dedicated service on this hard-working Board is very much appreciated," Executive Director, Ellen Yackel said of Lawler. "As I look at the composition of our Board right now I am very excited to see what this diverse group of individuals will be bringing to the table. Survivors of sexual and intimate partner violence are lucky to have this group of caring men and women on their side."

The Haven would like to thank outgoing Chairperson Joni Lawler for her leadership and continued support of the organization. Lawler is an active member of the community and after several years of volunteering for The Haven, joined the Board in July of 2009. She served four years as the Chairperson.

"Joni's leadership as Board Chair and her years of dedication to The Haven have been essential to the organizations growth and progress," said, current Board Chair, Frank Tetrick. "We certainly miss her energy and creative thoughts on the Board, as well as her strong commitment to preventing and ending domestic violence and sexual assault."

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About the The Haven Shelter & Services:

The Haven Shelter & Services was founded in 1986 as a single-family shelter for victims of domestic and family violence. Within the last 30 years, with the guidance of the Board of Directors, three Executive Directors, and a well-trained and dedicated staff, The Haven has not only expanded its services, but also its operation. Presently, it provides free services and housing to those who have experienced sexual assault, intimate partner and family violence, and homelessness and serves as the areas sexual assault crisis center. Clients are offered free, vital services such as advocacy, housing (both shelter and rapid re-housing) allocations, and community-based support groups. Such services within this sector include; legal advocacy, community, individual and family services, residential care, job training, and community and housing development. Prevention programs are also offered to middle and high school students within the service area. To learn more visit www.havenshelter.org or call (804) 333-1099.