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2026 HAPPY HAVEN BANQUET RECAP

What a *WONDERFUL* 61st Anniversary Celebration Banquet we enjoyed for Happy Haven on September 10, at the Leslie Town Center. Nearly 400 supporters came together & enjoyed BBQ, quilt auction, musical performance, & hearing our girls speak on "What Happy Haven Means to Me." Thank you for joining us there & for your contributions!

We thank our supporters for all their regular donations and for the special donations they made that night. We thank everyone for your kind comments about such an enjoyable evening. It is your confidence in us and continued support that makes Happy Haven possible. "Helping young ladies to grow in Christ & to reach their full potential!"



Matt Richardson & DeShawn Mattison

Other ways you can help us:

- We have a full-time opening (live-in) for **house mom** or **house parents**.
- We have part-time openings for **relief house mom** on weekends (*keep a few girls at our relief house or at your own home for a weekend*).
- We also have openings for additional **young ladies as residents**. If you know a family who could benefit from our supportive services, have them contact us at 931-526-2052.

If you, or any Christians you know, may have an interest in helping in our childcare ministry and ask them to contact us at 931-526-2052. Applications can be printed off at: <https://www.happyhaven.org/documents/EmploymentApplication.pdf>

YOU can help us to grow at Happy Haven!

Houston Bynum, Administrator

INTRODUCING OUR NEW CASE MANAGER

Shandi Goodlie joined our staff in August. Shandi is a native of Cookeville, has a B.S. in Sociology from Tennessee Technological University, and worships with the Sycamore church of Christ.

Happy Haven currently has opening for young ladies. Please contact Shandi at 931-526-2052 or happyhaven@frontiernet.net for more information on how we could help you with your child.



HAPPY HAVEN WELCOMES OUR NEW HOUSEPARENTS!

We are delighted to announce that **Brian & Karissa Lehman** and their daughter, Hazel, have joined our Happy Haven family. They are formerly from Elizabethton, TN, worship with the Double Springs church of Christ in Cookeville, and are the new houseparents at the Richmond Chapel-Nevins House.



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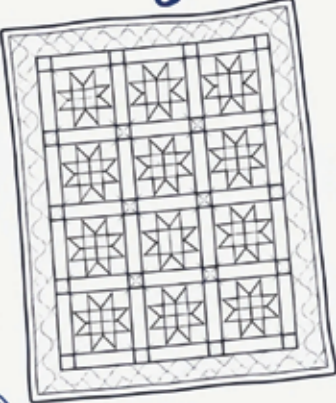
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More gorgeous quilts





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Bottled water	Shampoos/Conditioners
Juices	Dishwasher powder
Coffee (Maxwell House-dark roast)	Dish soap-Liquid
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Oatmeal packets	Liquid Hand Soap
Cereals	Trash Bags w/drawstrings: kitchen & trash
Gluten-free food staples	Ziploc bags

What's Happening at Happy Haven

Fall has been a busy and encouraging season at Happy Haven. The girls enjoyed church activities, a fall festival, football games, and time outdoors in the cooler weather. They are also looking forward to an upcoming trip to East Tennessee and more seasonal activities together.

We are proud of the progress each girl is making. Natalie is preparing for graduation, exploring college and employment opportunities, and developing important skills for adulthood. Layla is doing well in school, making new friends at church, and recently celebrated her birthday and baptism. Bailey continues attending Tennessee Tech while living in the Happy Haven apartment and growing in independence through school, work, budgeting, and caring for her home.

Weekly case-management sessions, counseling, tutoring, home visits, and life-skills activities continue to provide the girls with structure, encouragement, and opportunities for personal growth. It is a blessing to see them learning, building relationships, and working toward their individual goals.

Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and continued support. Your kindness helps provide a safe and loving home where each girl can grow and prepare for a hopeful future.

Shandi Goodloe
Case Manager