



Green Gables Haven

COMMUNITY SHELTER

Nibbles, Novelists and New Beginnings

Sponsor Packet

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 16, 2019!
The Legacy – 5:30 p.m.

Nurturing, supporting and sheltering

It is the Mission of Green Gables Haven to provide a temporary, secure, nurturing environment and support to enable victims of domestic violence in Barry County to make appropriate life altering changes.

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"Thanks to Green Gables Haven I had a place to call home. I feel so much better about myself and love being in control of my life again. I am now able to make the changes needed for a better future"



What Green Gables Haven Offers

- **Shelter for the abused person with their children for up to four weeks.**
- **Access to the shelter 24 hours a day.**
- **While in shelter, access to clothing, personal items (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, etc.,) food, and/or emergency transportation.**
- **Advocacy to assist in legal, medical, and social matters.**
- **Counseling, support groups, parenting groups, information, and referrals.**
- **Children's activities and groups.**
- **Mentoring programs**

What Is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence is commonly described as a pattern of learned behavior in which one person uses physical, sexual, and emotional abuse to control another person.

This behavior consists of multiple – sometimes daily – violence. The criminal behaviors include physical assault (hitting, pushing, shoving, etc.) sexual abuse (unwanted, forced sexual activity), and stalking.

Although emotional, psychological and financial abuses are not criminal behaviors, they are forms of domestic assault and may lead to criminal behaviors of abuse. In domestic violence situations, one person is dominating and controlling the other.

"Green Gables Haven saved my life. I love all of you. The support and love from the staff helped me to become the strong woman I am today. You provided me with everything I needed to make the most necessary changes in my life. Thanks to you, I am on my way to an apartment and I have never been happier"

"Thanks to Green Gables Haven, I now know that I am not alone"

**Anne-Lisa
Cox
Author**



Anna-Lisa Cox is an award-winning historian on the history of racism and race relations in nineteenth-century America. Currently a fellow at Harvard University's Hutchins Center for African and African American Research, she also was a recent Research Associate at the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture where her original research underpinned two major exhibits, including one on black pioneers. She has been the recipient of numerous awards for her research, including a Gilder Lehrman Foundation Fellowship and grants from the Spencer Foundation. She is also the author of the award-winning *A Stronger Kinship: One Town's Extraordinary Story of Hope and Faith*, and her newest book, *The Bone and Sinew of the Land: America's Forgotten Black Pioneers and the Struggle for Equality* was honored by the Smithsonian Magazine as one of the eight best history books of 2018.

**Rich Vuyst
Author/Radio/TV**



Rick Vuyst is a self-made "Entre-manure" willing to get his hands dirty and put himself out there like the fledgling spring blooms in a late spring frost. Rick is CEO of Flowerland stores in Grand Rapids Michigan, with 3 garden centers serving the West Michigan area. Rick is host of the Flowerland show on NewsRadio WOOD 1300 and 106.9 FM and nationally on iHeart radio, where he is known as "Phil Dirt", "heducating" and entertaining audiences for 25 years.

Rick has also been the "Mr. Green Thumb" for WZZM TV 13 the West Michigan ABC television affiliate for over 20 years. Rick is an author of the book 'I Just Wet My Plants' and new this spring 'Operation Ruminaton' and a blogger on his personal site thankyouverymulch.com. In addition to gardening Rick is a health enthusiast, avid runner and loves photography on the Lake Michigan shoreline and in the garden where he lives in West Michigan.

"As a result of being at Green Gables Haven, my self-confidence and my drive has come back. Getting back on my own two feet without depending on anyone financially or otherwise has been liberating. I can't thank Green Gables Haven enough for the support and belief in me."

Allyson Apsey Author



Allyson Apsey has been an educator for over twenty years; a school leader for fifteen of those years. She is passionate about students and staff and leads others through their strengths. She tries to be transparent, vulnerable, and supportive, and she doesn't ask questions unless she wants the answers.

Despite the fact that she never wanted to set foot in a school again after high school graduation, there is nowhere else she'd rather spend her days than in classrooms. In fact, she doesn't even have a chair at her desk because she is moving around the school all day long. The challenges and delights of being a principal fill her days with joy. Allyson enjoys nothing more than helping others be the very best they can be.

Allyson is so proud of her school district and the Zeeland, Michigan community, and she loves being the principal of Quincy Elementary. She cannot image a more dedicated, passionate and skilled group of teachers. They illicit wonder, excitement, and a love for learning in their students.

Recognizing the significant impact trauma has had on many of our students, staff, and families, Allyson completed a program to become a certified trauma practitioner in education. The supports students affected by trauma need are beneficial to all students because they are grounded in a foundational core of strong, positive relationships based on trust. Allyson is also certified in William Glasser's choice theory and reality therapy.

Allyson is honored to serve on the executive board of directors for MEMSPA (Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association) as the State and Federal Relations Co-Coordinator. Additionally, she is on the steering committee for MACUL (Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning) SIG-ADMIN. Allyson enjoys working with and learning from amazing educational leaders in both of these organizations.

Allyson writes on a blog called *Serendipity in Education* and has written three books. She is also the author of *The Path to Serendipity*, *Through the Lens of Serendipity*, and the picture book *The Princes of Serendip*, all published by Dave Burgess Consulting, Inc. Allyson also loves speaking to passionate groups of educators as we work to be happy and effective people for the benefit of everyone around us.

Allyson is married to Jim and she has two amazing sons with him, Laine and Tyson.

She is blessed.

Terri DeBoer

Emcee



Terri DeBoer is a familiar face, as a meteorologist at WOOD-TV since 1995. She is also a co-Host of eightWest, a show that spotlights great organizations and companies throughout West Michigan. Terri understands the need to support women and families, as she has been a working mom for almost her entire career. She is married to Bill and they celebrate their blessed family daughter, Jenn, son, Jacob and his wife, Taylor, daughter, Jacqueline and her husband Ben and the newest member of their family, grandson, Levi!

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"I have gotten my life back and am able to better provide for myself and my children. My life wouldn't be the same without Green Gables Haven. I am stronger because of everyone at GGH. I am forever grateful, you are an amazing staff. I love you and will miss you."

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