

# HEALING HOUSE VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER



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HOPE FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN

## Healing House hosts Play Day in the Park

Healing House, in conjunction with several community organizations, hosted a "Play Day in the Park" for families effected by hurricane Katrina. The event took place on Labor Day in Girard Park and was organized in response to the need for children and families displaced by the storm to 'get out' and enjoy a day of games, Bar B Q, and music. A special "Thank you" to all of our volunteers who were able to come out and help. There were an estimated 1,000 evacuees at the event. The success of the day would not have been without the continued commitment and dedication of so many volunteers and board members! Thank you Thank you Thank you!!!!

### Progress continues...

Healing House now offers:  
A "Young Adults" group for individuals ages 18-25  
A "Youngsters" group for children ages 4-7

Please contact Alison for more information, and if you know of anyone who might benefit from this additional service.

## Volunteer's Corner

- **SPECIAL THANK YOU'S : Sarah Brabant, Lisa Farmer, Danna Halpin, Missy Shuman, and Keith Breaux for assisting with volunteer training in August. Also, ALL the volunteers and board members who helped with the Play Day in the Park!**
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: There are a couple of 'odd jobs' that we are seeking volunteers for... "Book-keeper" (should have accounting knowledge and be willing to keep the HH books); and "Yard-keeper" (should have a green-thumb, and be willing to keep the front yard looking its best). Also, a ceiling fan has been donated to us, and we need someone to install it on the front porch...If you or anyone you know would be interested in fulfilling these duties, please call the Healing House or email [alison@healing-house.org](mailto:alison@healing-house.org)**
- **We would not be where we are without the continued commitment of our wonderful volunteers! THANKS!**

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### Upcoming Fund Raising Events:

**Martini's & Masquerade - October 14th**

**Realtor's Assn Gumbo Cook-off - October 20th**

**Bayou State Corvette Raffle @ Bennigan's - October 22nd**

**Art & Soul - October 21st**

If you are interested in helping out with any of these events, or would like further information, please contact Heather (337)234-0443 or [heather@healing-house.org](mailto:heather@healing-house.org)

## Healing House wants to Help

We are in the process of exploring the option of beginning an Evacuee Group here at the Healing House. The group would be geared primarily towards individuals now in the area, who have been affected by either of the hurricanes that have devastated our area. As you all know, the emotional distress caused by these storms is overwhelming, and we think the Healing House can help. If you have any ideas, or would like to help out in any way, please contact Alison ASAP!

## Let the Healing Continue...

Healing House currently offers six groups, and is continuing its mission to provide a safe place for grieving children in Acadiana to express themselves. There are 60 children currently enrolled in groups and at least 2-5 families bi-monthly interested in beginning a grief support group. We were able to secure 8 new volunteers during our August

Volunteer training and plan on adding more to our volunteer base as needed throughout the year. There are currently 43 dedicated volunteers at the Healing House!

PLEASE remember , if you ever have any questions or concerns about groups and/or particular situations within your group, let Alison know. (337)234-0443 or [alison@healing-house.org](mailto:alison@healing-house.org).

## Program Committee

A Program Committee will begin meeting every other month, or as needed, to help assess current programs and evaluate the possibility of beginning new ones! This meeting is intended for all the Group Coordinators and any one else who would like to attend. We hope to get some suggestions for additional group ideas, identified needs, and new program possibilities! We will meet **October 6th @ 5:15pm** to assess current services and needs. Other meeting dates are tentatively scheduled for :

**December 15th; February 16th; April 13th 2006**

Meetings will be held @ Healing House at **5:15pm**.

If you are interested in serving on this Committee, or for more information, please contact Alison.