



Council on  
Domestic Abuse

# CODA News

Winter 2017

## Shelter Expansion

For years, our emergency shelter could house a maximum of 24 people. Almost every week we found ourselves having to turn people away because the shelter was full.

Thanks to funding from the Terre Haute Department of Redevelopment, however, we recently expanded our capacity. We now have 45 beds, 3 of which are double beds for families.

Many local organizations, including the United Way of the Wabash Valley, helped make this expansion possible. We purchased new beds with a \$13,000 grant from the Wabash Valley Community Foundation, furniture with \$20,000 from the Mary Kay Foundation, and new bedding and blankets with funding from WIN Energy.

Another part of this exciting project is that we were able to add a few touches like changing tables and bright paint colors to make the space more home-like and less institutional.

We are truly grateful to everyone who was involved with each step in the process of making this expansion a reality. Thanks to all of you, we can now serve many more people in our five-county area who are fleeing unsafe situations.

To illustrate the difference this makes, we can look at the number of "bed nights" that we provide (one "bed night" equals one bed occupied by one person for one night). For 2016, CODA had 6,138 bed nights for the entire year. In January 2017 alone, we had 1,163 bed nights. We are on pace to serve more than twice the people in our shelter than we served last year.

Of course, housing an increased number of clients also means feeding an increased number of clients. Prior to the expansion, we served approximately 500 meals per month at our shelter. That number is now 1100 meals per month. We are also spending more on cleaning products, diapers, and all other supplies that are required when sheltering this many people.

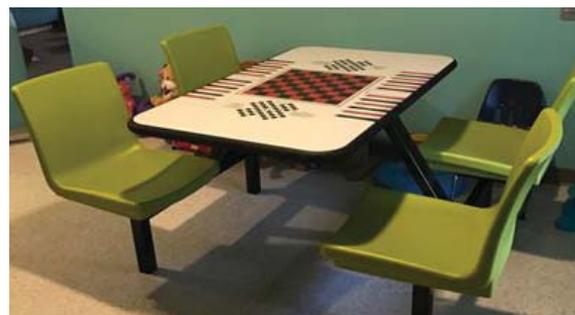
Grant funding covers some, but not all, of these increased expenses. As always, we look to our friends in the community to help. Thank you for your continuing support to help us meet these critical needs.



*Our new beds are bedbug-proof, built to last, and easy to clean. For each bed there is a lockable dresser so that residents may keep their belongings safe and secure.*



*The new living-room furniture is more durable and easier to clean than our previous chairs and couches.*



*The communal spaces are designed to help residents relax, play, and learn together.*

24-Hour  
Crisis  
Line

800-  
566-  
2632

**To learn more about domestic violence and CODA's services,  
visit [www.codaterrehaute.org](http://www.codaterrehaute.org).**

## Donating to CODA is a Family Affair

Many of you in the Wabash Valley may be familiar with the Pabst family because of their business, Pabst Painting, but we'd like to recognize them for more than just their successful company. Back in 2008, the Pabsts came up with an idea to hold an annual auction with the proceeds going to a local charity of their choosing. As Nathan Pabst explained to us, more than 40 family members come together each year to auction off vacations and other exciting items. This year, CODA is honored to be the lucky recipient of the Pabst family's generosity. Thank you so much to all of the Pabsts for supporting our work!

*If you're doing something creative with your family, friends, or coworkers to support CODA, we'd love to hear about it! Drop us a note at [codadirector@codaterrehaute.org](mailto:codadirector@codaterrehaute.org).*



## Seeking Masquerade Sponsors

Plans are in the works for this year's **Monte Carlo Masquerade**, to be held on **October 14** at the Providence Center at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

We are currently seeking sponsors at the following levels:

- Royal Flush \$5,000
- Straight Flush \$3,000
- Four of a Kind \$1,500
- Full House \$350

Interested in supporting CODA by making this fun event possible? Please give us a call at 812-234-3441, or visit [www.codaterrehaute.org/monte-carlo-masquerade-sponsorships.html](http://www.codaterrehaute.org/monte-carlo-masquerade-sponsorships.html)

## Calendar of Events

**March 6th**  
1:00-3:00 pm

### Exploring Relationships with CODA

*Vigo County Public Library, Terre Haute*

As part of the 2017 Big Read, our staff will give a presentation on safe, stable relationships.

**April 5th**

### Eat Pizza, Raise Some Dough

*Azzip Pizza, Terre Haute*

Print out the flyer from [codaterrehaute.org](http://codaterrehaute.org) and bring it Azzip. They'll donate 20% of your bill to CODA!

**April 6th**  
6:00 pm

### Before It Begins

*Vigo County Public Library, Terre Haute*

This program for high school students and their parents will provide students with the tools they need to stay safe on college campuses. Light snacks and t-shirts will be provided.

## Thank You, Donors!

Thank you so much to all of you who supported CODA during this past quarter. Whatever prompted your donation -- Giving Tuesday, our end-of-the-year appeal, a regular monthly donation, etc., we are thankful that you contributed to CODA. **Special thanks to 100+ Women Who Care Vigo County, who just selected CODA to receive their first grant of 2017. More info in our next issue!**

If you have a Facebook account, we have good news for you: donating to CODA is now easier than ever! Just click the handy **Donate** button right there on our page. No extra clicks required. Tell your friends!



## Coins for CODA

This spring, be on the lookout for brightly-colored piggy banks around town! Decorated by our youngest shelter residents, these piggy banks will be on display at a variety of local businesses to allow customers to donate their spare change to CODA. If you are a business owner who would like to host one of these adorable piggies for a few months, please call 812-234-3441. We'll drop it off, stop by periodically to empty it, and pick it up at the end of May.



## Volunteers Needed

Our Board of Directors is looking for help with a variety of tasks such as public relations, desktop publishing, and fundraising. We're not asking you to commit to joining the board; we're just hoping for a few hours of your time. Interested? Please call at 812-234-3441.