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*Going Green for Haven*

On Saturday, April 25th, Haven held it's tenth annual spring benefit, *Going Green for Haven*. The event was wonderfully successful. Even in the midst of these difficult economic times, friends and family reached out and generously supported us!

As Executive Director of Haven, I am extremely proud of all the hard work my fabulous staff and dedicated board of directors put forth to make the benefit enjoyable and profitable. A very special thank you to Marcia Greening for her tireless efforts and creativity which made it a magnificent night.

Haven will continue to meet the challenges youth face through our 24 hour crisis line with access to emergency housing, free counseling for individuals and families, school outreach programs, workshops and a terrific group of students who actively participate on our youth board. Haven has served over 3,000 New Trier Township teens this past year!

Thank you again for your ongoing support and belief in Haven's mission. We will continue to assist adolescents navigate through the challenges they face to ensure their safe transition into a healthy young adulthood.

Even though school will be out soon, please remember that Haven is always here to help our youth and families. Have a safe and healthy summer!

Sincerely,  
Diane Block



# Outstanding Youth Award

The following is a speech given at this year's benefit by John Buck, Haven's 2009 Outstanding Youth Award recipient.



Hello, I am John Buck and I would like to start by saying thank you all for coming to the Spring Benefit. I'm going to assume you are all great people, because you came to support a great cause. I know from first hand experience that Haven changes people, because it has changed me. About a year ago I got into some trouble with the police. It was the day of my finals and my friends and I were celebrating the end of the year. After I stumbled around Kenilworth highly intoxicated for about an hour, I was pulled into the police station. I was assigned community service, and recommended to Haven Youth and Family Services. My parents have raised me with great morals, but there is only so much parents can do to control a teenager. Before I went to Haven, I was shy, reserved in big groups of people, and never expressed myself. I had trouble making positive relationships with adults (besides my parents), and

found myself avoiding public speaking. Now I express myself, I have met new people, gained confidence, but most importantly learned to open up to people. I remember the first time I called Haven to set up a time to come in for community service. I was one awkward phone call away from making a step towards the right direction. Thinking that Haven was going to be some fling to get my hours of community service done and then leave, I found myself mistaken. Haven means so much to me now. I met the friendliest people, who always listen to me when I need to talk. They give great advice, and have kept what I say confidential. Lauren, Heather, Bonnie, Dee-Dee, Amy, and Andy. It may seem like I am name dropping right now, but if you all took fifteen minutes with any of them, you would agree that they are some of the most wonderful people you have ever met. I like to think that our personalities are shaped by the people we grow up with, the people we play with, and the people we love. I am glad to say that Haven has become a part of my personality. I no longer drink or smoke, and although I still have signs of stage fright (obviously), I am confident, and can come up in front of however many people, and share with you. My story with Haven is unique, just like any other teen that goes to Haven for support. Haven gives kids a place to go if their friends are drinking or smoking, it gave me a place to go when my friends were drinking and smoking. It provides support for teens in trouble and is a place to meet new people. Haven has done this and more, but it's only as strong as the people who support it. Thank you.



Haven's Live Auction raised \$13,500 thanks to the generosity of many including:

Becker Animal Hospital

Carriage Hill Kennels

Chicago Cubs

The Greening Family

The O'Leary Family

Pat Foley and The Chicago Blackhawks

The Wilmette Bike Shop

Your Dog's Guru



**We're seeking new friends and contributors like you to help us continue providing the following services:**

- 24-hour crisis intervention to young people who are at risk for abuse, running away or family break-down.
- Outreach services that reach hundreds of area adolescents.
- Assistance and counseling to young people dealing with the everyday hurdles of adolescence.

Yes, I want to become a **Friend of Haven Youth Services!**  
 Enclosed is my contribution to help Haven help our children.

Patron	Benefactor	Sponsor	Contributor	Donor	Other
<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75	<input type="checkbox"/> \$_____

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I am enclosing my company's matching gift form so that my donation can be multiplied by my employer.

**Please make your checks payable to Haven.**

**Your contribution is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.**

**To donate online please visit our new website**

**[www.havenforyouth.org](http://www.havenforyouth.org)**

**Thank you for your support!**

## Haven's Year in Review

### YOUTH BOARD

The Haven Youth Board has had a busy year accomplishing their community service goals. Our Youth Board's mission is to *advocate positive involvement of high school youth within New Trier Township. Haven Youth Board provides an opportunity for members to do outreach within the community, build leadership roles, create positive relationships with other teens and promote Haven's mission to the community.*



#### This Year the Youth Board Teens:

- Adopted a Platoon to support our troops overseas
- Helped run the Haunted Hayride for the Winnetka Park District
- Brought toys and games to kids at Children's Memorial Hospital
- Baked goods for Dear Lisa, a New Trier club that promotes domestic violence awareness
- Organized the first annual Haven DJ Spin-Off Concert
- Partnered with New Trier's Social Service Club to visit and play sports with Special Olympics Athletes
- Participated in the TAFY discussion with Dr. Golebiewski at New Trier

Youth Board continuously fundraises for Haven in order to keep our services free. The Youth Board meets every Wednesday from 5pm-6pm at Haven. If you would like more information about the Youth Board, please contact Lauren at [lauren.haven@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.haven@gmail.com).

### BOYS GROUP

Haven's Boys Group for Juniors and Seniors has gotten off to a very successful start. The group meets at 6 pm on Mondays at Haven. The students are encouraged to explore various topics such as academic stress, family issues, peer relationships, future goals and much more. The group is still looking to grow. If you would like more information about the Boys Group, please contact Andy Robins at [andy@havenforyouth.org](mailto:andy@havenforyouth.org).



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Founded in 2007 by a group of concerned North Shore women, [MakeItBetter.net](http://MakeItBetter.net) combines the information and tools you need to make your life, your community, and the world, [Better](http://Better), one subscriber at a time.



Please help the Haven grow by requesting  
your free subscription today.

HAVEN CAR WASH

JUNE 7th 10am–2pm

*Chase Bank*

791 Elm St. Winnetka

*American Charter Bank*

1090 Willow Rd. Northbrook



OTHER WAYS TO HELP

Nannette Suss from Prism Photo has set up a fundraising program with us at Haven. Half of your session fee (tax deductible) will be donated to us. You can contact Nannette at 847-562-9175 or visit [www.prismphoto.cc](http://www.prismphoto.cc)

**Haven's Mission:**

Haven Youth and Family Services helps youth and their families in crisis. By offering specialized programs focused on prevention, intervention, and private counseling services, Haven collaborates with schools and other community agencies to counsel youth and to identify and prevent crises.