

# HALO Happenings

## A Note from the Executive Director

**Hello** to all the volunteers, supporters and friends of HALO. As I am writing this note I realize, much to my amazement, that it has been six months since my first day at HALO. For this newsletter I want to really emphasize the importance of our volunteers. The things that you do for us are really only a small part of your value to HALO and especially to our participants.

Two of our core values at HALO are RESPECT and INTEGRITY. We emphasize that the major way of showing respect and integrity to our participants is to “love them anyway”. This means that we see the value and beauty in them even at a time in their lives when they don’t see it in themselves. This means we treat them with love even when they are currently in a mood that makes them hard to like. When you are a regular volunteer at HALO you are doing that, maybe even without realizing it. When a new person comes to HALO they are often angry and/or embarrassed, having to admit that they are unable to care for themselves and their family. Probably the first time or two they see a volunteer they believe you are just here out of pity, and no one likes pity! But, when they see you again and again it begins to sink in that “this person must see something valuable in us, to be committed to giving their time”. Thank you for helping us “love them anyway”, building up in our participants the strength they will need to transform their lives and work their way back to a self-sustaining life.

I have had the chance to provide many tours of HALO in these first six months, and am always happy to do more. Please feel free to contact me, and if I am not available ask for Brenda. You can reach me at: [KCookman@haloinc.org](mailto:KCookman@haloinc.org) or call (262) 633-3235 x143 to make an appointment when we can sit down and have some uninterrupted time.

Sincerely and with Blessings,  
Kevin Cookman, Executive Director



The HALO Board of Directors wants to give a great big **THANK YOU** to the following volunteers who have **stepped up to the plate** to help raise funds for HALO by working a concession stand at a Brewer game this season. We have a mom and a daughter, husbands and wives, co-workers, friends and college students who have, or will have soon, invested 3 hours in training alone...not to mention the days that will be spent at the ballpark. We salute you, admire you & appreciate all you have given to support the mission of HALO and the participants whose lives you help change!!

We are counting on a successful season and plan to continue for years to come! **PLAY BALL !!**

**Melissa & Patrick B., Donn & Shawn B., April C. & Krystle E., Laura D., Ron E., Dave & Janice F., Jennie & Ryan F., Doug G., John G., Jan & Tom G., Sheryl G., Stephanie K. & Stephanie H., John & Paula R., Sally S., Kurt & Michelle S., James & Jeff S., Drake & Sharon V. and Dan W. and our Board Members too!**



## Celebrate America's Heroes on May 31 & July 4th!!

Please send your gift to HALO to help prevent chronic homelessness in Racine County. Your **TAX DEDUCTABLE** donation can be sent to 2000 DeKoven Ave. Racine, 53403 or online at [www.haloinc.org](http://www.haloinc.org). **THANK YOU.**

So, here is a partial list that can be referred to if you are asked by friends, family, co-workers or others as to what might be available at HALO for them. We also can accommodate students needing hours for school and/or club activities.

**MEAL MAKERS** for Groups or Families. Prepare a meal for our residents, once a year, once a month or once a week. You can help to prepare a Holiday Meal too!

**RECEPTIONIST/INTAKE DESKS** for Individuals. Learn about Caller Contacts and how to do intakes. Help is most needed from 3pm – 9pm, Monday through Friday. This position requires training so we ask that you commit to 6-10 hours of volunteer time a month after training.

**ADOPT A ROOM** for Groups or Individuals. Paint and decorate a room once or several times during a year. Donate a used dresser, full length mirror, pictures or baskets of personal items for the participants who reside in that room. A great project for youth, work and church groups.

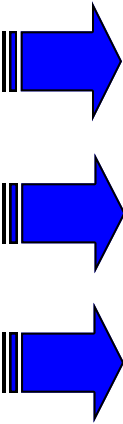
**STORY HOUR** for Families or Individuals. Spend an hour reading or crafting with our kids. We have the books, you provide the love.

**TUTORING CHILDREN OR ADULTS** for Individuals or teams. Spend an hour or so working on homework, reading a story, playing educational games or just interacting with our students. Being a consistent adult in a child's life is very rewarding.

**ADVOCATE / MENTOR** for Individuals. Share knowledge and skill development, transport to appointments, facilitate a meeting or seminar, encourage activities, and be a good listener.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** for Groups or Families. Let your imagination or expertise be your guide. Take the kids to the circus or to a movie. Teach them your favorite craft or have a cookie bake.

**DRIVER FOR WORK RELATED APPOINTMENTS** for Individuals. This can be set up on a regular basis or for an on-call situation. Call 262.633-3235 X142 for details.



**THANK YOU TO EACH OF THE TUTORS WHO CONSISTENTLY VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND TALENT TO INSURE THAT THE CHILDREN OF HALO RECEIVED THE BEST AFTER SCHOOL CARE!**

LISA A.	JOHN B.	CHRISTINA C.
SARAH D.	CRISTINA F.	ALISON H.
KAREN H.	EILEEN K.	PAM K.
JOHN M.	LAUREN & ANDREW S.	MARYSUE L.
ANGELA T.	MRS. ARDIE T.	RACHEAL S.
		CHRISTINE V.T.

**YOU ARE APPRECIATED! HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER.**

**WATCH FOR DETAILS ON OUR 3RD ANNUAL HALO PICNIC!  
SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2010 TIME TBD**

**F.L.A.M.E.** (Families Learning Art & Music Education) is a homeschool choir comprised of 38 high school students from Madison, WI. They spend all semester working on music, skits and choreography. They perform contemporary Christian music. On April 23, they came to HALO and played to a standing room only crowd. We were very happy they chose us again this year to share their talents and fellowship.

**WHAT'S NEW IN THE FAMILY PROGRAM?**

**Summer Camp of course!!**

***This summer, HALO will hold a summer camp for school age children in HALO programming. Children will have the opportunity to explore a variety of theme based learning ops. Each week the children will be traveling the city of Racine and learning its history. We will offer field trips to different places in the city. We are looking for volunteers to come in and share their talents with the children. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Kober 262-633-3235 ext 104.***



Miss Midge from Barnes & Noble brought a friend, A. Mouse (Site Support Staff Angela Gonzales in disguise) and read to the children...and a few Moms, too!!

**CHILDREN'S BASIC NEEDS**

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| Underwear all sizes (2t-16)    | Diapers—All sizes            |
| Baby wipes                     | Pull ups                     |
| Socks all sizes (infant-large) | Sippy cups                   |
| Kleenex                        | Thermometers                 |
| Bibs                           | New white t-shirts-all sizes |

**AND FROM THP AND PHP...**

THP wishes to congratulate one of our participants who successfully exited our program and was financially fit to take over the lease to the apartment the family had been living in for the past two years. In addition to taking over the lease, this participant is a full time student at GTC and pursuing an Associate Degree in Human Services and will be graduating soon. CONGRATS to YOU!! THP welcomes three new families and 2 new singles into our program. THP will soon begin our 3rd session of Financial Peace University and we are excited for this session to begin this summer. Thank you to all the donors that have and continues to donate items for our THP apartments.

PHP wishes to congratulate one of our twelve participants who begin orientation this week at a new job. CONGRATS to you! Both programs are always in need of gently used/clean items which are listed below.

- \* \* Vacuums    Cleaning Supplies    Beds w/mattresses    Sofas & chairs    \* \*
- \* \* End tables and kitchen tables w/chairs    Silverware & dish sets    Pillows    Pots & Pans    \* \*

**EARN MONEY FOR HALO.....BY SHOPPING AT PICK'N SAVE or SENTRY or BOTH!**

For the **PICK'N SAVE** We Care program, register at the desk by filling out a form that will give \$\$ to HALO each time you use your savings card! It's that easy! When you register, use #331710, HALO's non-profit #. For the **SENTRY** Funds for Friends program, whenever you shop just ask the cashier to put a sticker on your receipt. Send/bring your receipts to HALO and I will send them in each quarter. That's all you do!

**CUT & CARRY THIS WITH YOU! EVERY PENNY, EVERY DOLLAR HELPS HALO!!**



Special Recognition to the following Volunteers: St. Paul's Catholic Church North Cape Lutheran Church Devine C@kes

HALO Board of Directors 09-10 Sherre Chapin Dale Nees Laura Clampett Neal Nottleson Deb Ganaway LaToya Robbins Dan Hiatt Paul Schiele Art Howell Debbie Seeger Julie Hueller Chris Terry Nancy Hutchings Jean Verber Cathy Knuteson Nannette Wellstein Thank you for volunteering!!



Come & enjoy the talented performers at 716 College from June 10-August 12 every Thursday at noon. HALO has once again been chosen as one of the recipients of the summer-long freewill offering. ~ ~ support your community ~ enjoy music ~ ~

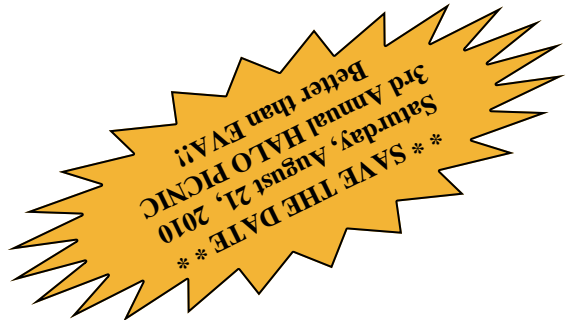


Mission: The Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization is committed to preventing chronic homelessness in Racine County by meeting shelter needs, coordinating supportive services and providing community leadership.

Vision Statement

The vision for the Homeless Assistance Leader Organization (HALO) is that all homeless individuals and families in Racine County will be provided emergency food, clothing, shelter, transitional and permanent housing, supportive services through a collaborative structure that effectively coordinates services, shares information, increases funding and eliminates duplication and gaps in services.

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