Children's shelter needs funds

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The need for an abused and neglected child shelter is one of the top priorities of Washington County Child Protective Services. The problem, however, is that funds are lacking.

The agency has been working to raise funds for a new building for the past year. The current facility is inadequate and unable to meet the needs of the children in its care.

The mission of the shelter is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for children who have been neglected or abused. The shelter currently houses up to 36 children at a time, but space is limited and the facilities are outdated.

The agency is seeking donations to help build a new facility that will provide adequate space and resources for the children in its care. Contributions can be made in any amount, and every dollar counts.

To donate, please visit the agency's website or contact them directly for more information. Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a significant impact on the lives of children in our community.

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Parker House for abused children

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Parker House will get $26,832 to operate from July 1 through June 30 in accordance with the state's budget for 1989-90. The budget may be increased by $7,500 if funds can be raised from private donations.

The shelter, which serves children under 15 years old, was established by Child Protective Services. It provides a safe haven for children who have been neglected or abused.

The shelter operates on a sliding scale fee structure, and fees are based on the family's ability to pay. Donations are tax deductible, and every contribution counts.

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YWCO, VOA Auxiliary plan upcoming benefits

The YWCA Auxiliary and the VOA Auxiliary are planning several events to support their respective organizations.

The YWCA Auxiliary is planning a dinner and auction in September to raise funds for their programs. The event will feature live and silent auctions, as well as a delicious meal.

The VOA Auxiliary is planning a benefit concert in October to support their mission. The concert will feature local musicians and will be held in a beautiful outdoor setting.

Both events are open to the public, and all proceeds will go towards supporting their respective organizations. Donations are tax deductible, and every contribution counts.

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Marjorie Holden with needlepoint bag

Melva Burgess, left, and Mary Jane Smith

**VOA benefit**
- The Volunteers of America Auxiliary will stage an autumn festival, arts and crafts bazaar and coffee, a benefit for the Children's Emergency Shelter, on Oct. 4 at the home of Polly Blanche, 2004 Carroll Dr.
- Hours of the event are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Chances will be sold on a petty point clutch bag, valued at $400.
- Event will honor 200 auxiliary patronesses.

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Music.

Decorations will be in anticipation of the holidays. Lunch will be served both days from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Chairman for the event is Frances Halligan. She will be assisted by Eileen Stigall, bake sale; Betty Berry and Ann Lynn Colvin, decorations; Janie LeBlanc, luncheon; Jean Kirby, wine buffet; Louise Kinney, hostesses; Cindy Hill and Frances Halligan, merchants; Peg Austin, tickets and poster; Kathleen Jefferson, special events, and Gaye Hamilton, van shuttle.

Tickets — good either day and including lunch — are $6 in advance; $7 at the door. For advance tickets to daytime and evening events, send a check and a self-addressed stamped envelope to YWCO Christmas Showcase, 201 St. Charles St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802. For further information, call the YWCO at 383-7761.

The Volunteer Association Auxiliary's festival is the first such event for that group. Chairman is Mary Jane Smith, assisted by Betty Gene Streicher. Other committee chairman are Marilyn Root, food; Strother, invitations; Dolly Clei and Margaret Kingrea, publicity; Rachael Johnson, Melva Burgess and Sybil Barn, projects; Dorothy Felton, house party; Mary Berger, flowers and decorations; and Edith Middleton, paper goods.

Tickets will be sold on a petty point clutch bag designed and donated by Jody Lepley and the Needlepoint Shoppe and stitched by Mary Jane Smith. It is valued at $40.

Since Parker House is a Volunteers of America agency, the auxiliary has always worked with it. It has donated such things as furniture, draperies, clothes and school supplies as well as financial support.

The coffee will also honor some 200 auxiliary patronesses. Attendance is by invitation only.

Artists whose works will be for sale, include Sandy Lohr, R.E. Stain, stained glass; Claudia Hudson, etched bevels; Tom Cross, wood carvings; Peggy David, primitive ducks and angels; Christine Palter, appliqued children's clothes; Julie Mohr, quilting; Terri Speed, jewelry; Trudy Sanders, Three Bear Houses; Vickie Savits, smocked clothes; Una Primeaux, dolls and baby afghan; Rose Marie Wood, individualized paintings; Trisha Harrison, Christmas wreaths; Janet Baugh, porcelain dolls, Camille Riggs, Margaret Blanche, pottery; and Vicky Richardson, teddy bears.

**YWCO benefit**
- The YWCO Christmas Showcase, a benefit for the Children's Emergency Shelter, will be held Oct. 9-10 at St. Charles House, 201 St. Charles St.
- Hours are Oct. 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.; Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Tickets — good either day including lunch — are $6 in advance; $7 at the door.
- On Oct. 9 from 6-8 p.m. there will be a wine buffet/fashion show. Tickets are $5 per person.

Creative jewelry, silver will be displayed for shoppers.

**Pelican by Tom Cross, one of craftsmen to be at coffee**