

# Friends For Hope

October 2009



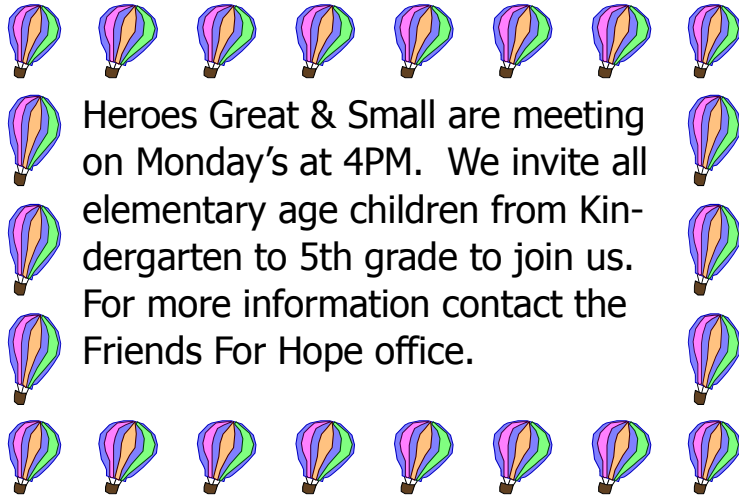
## Domestic Violence Awareness Month.....

October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A time when we should all consider a way that we can help to end the epidemic of domestic violence in our community and nation. Statistics are staggering. In the United States, nearly one-third of American women report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.

The Texas Council on Family Violence reports 136 Texas women were killed by an intimate partner in 2008. This represents an increase of 30% over the number of women killed in 2007. Of the 136 women killed, the youngest was 14. She was shot by her then- 15 year old boyfriend. The oldest victim was 74 and was shot by her common-law husband. As part of these crimes, 11 children also were murdered and 96 children lost one or both parents. There were an estimated 193,505 family violence incidents in the state of Texas in 2008.

On Tuesday, October 27, Friends For Hope will be having our annual candlelight vigil. This is the night that we take time to honor all of the victims that lost their lives in the past year to domestic violence. It will take place at the Reagan County Courthouse around 8:30 pm.. Friends For Hope is committed to working to end domestic violence. We have many programs that can be done in the schools to show what a proper relationship is. Teen dating violence is often triggered by violence that has been seen at home. We urge everyone to take a stand and help us to end domestic violence in our community. Domestic violence is everyone's business. Please contact our office for more information on how we can take a stand together to end domestic violence in Reagan County.





Heroes Great & Small are meeting on Monday's at 4PM. We invite all elementary age children from Kindergarten to 5th grade to join us. For more information contact the Friends For Hope office.

### Counseling Services

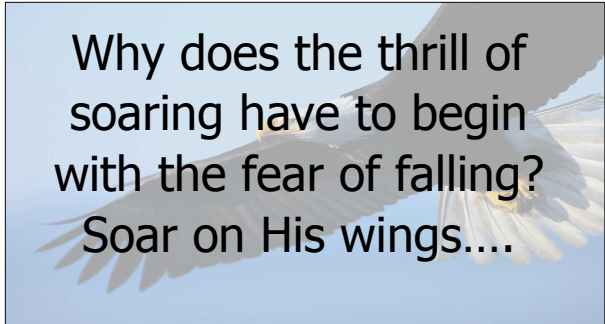
Leslie Davidson, faith-based counselor is counseling, and she is available for anyone, of any age, that feels they need someone to talk to. There is no fee for counseling with Mrs. Davidson. Please call the Friends For Hope office to schedule a time to visit with her.

*Our Mission.... Friends For Hope provides safety, security, and restoration of hope for people in crisis.*

### Upcoming Events

- We are taking orders for home-made pies and cakes for the Thanksgiving Holidays. They will be pre-delivered. More information to come.
- Christmas is just around the corner and we will be selling our beautiful poinsettias again this year.
- Our angel tree ministry is just around the corner as well, be thinking of ways that you could play a small part in this ministry.

We are so blessed to have the continued support of the community. Thank you so much for all that you do. For more information on any project please contact the Friends For Hope Office.



### *September Memorials*

#### Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials and Honorariums can be made to Friends For Hope at any time throughout the year.

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given By:</u>
Nikki Beavers Holland	Dale & Vicky Fisher
Buck Isom	Dale & Vicky Fisher
Shirley Miller	John & LaRee Agee
Shirley Miller	Mary Bobb
John Daugherty	Dale & Vicky Fisher
Margaret Wilburn	Dale & Vicky Fisher

## Movie Night

Friends For Hope will be sponsoring a Family Movie Night on October 17, 2009 at the High School Boys baseball field. The movie will start at dark so come out and enjoy. The movie will be *Race to Witch Mountain* starring The Rock. Tickets will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 7-12. Kids 6 and under are free. There will be a concession stand to get your favorite movie snacks. This is a fund raiser to help raise money for Friends For Hope Inc.

## ESL Classes

We currently have ESL classes on Tuesday at 7PM. This class is available for anyone wishing to better their English speaking skills. For more information please contact the Friends For Hope Office.

## The Hope Chest

We have many new items arriving weekly. The new items are perfect for Bunko prizes, birthdays, anniversaries, or just to say I am thinking about you. It is never too early to get ahead on the Christmas rush. Purses, wallets, and jewelry at a very good price.

As always we are accepting donations for The Hope Chest. It would be a great help if you left your items on the hanger and they were clean. This helps us get merchandise out on the floor a little quicker.

We are looking for volunteers to help out in the thrift store. If you could donate 1 or 2 hours it would be a great help. Thanks so much for your continued to support.



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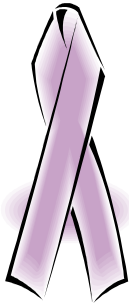
The Staff at Friends For Hope is here to assist  
you in any way possible.

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Volunteer: Leslie Davidson, Christian Counselor

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*If you are the friend of someone experiencing domestic violence....*

1. LISTEN & BELIEVE what your friend says, even if the abuser seems nice or is also your best friend.

2. EDUCATE YOUR-SELF. Not recognizing or ignoring the abuse further isolates victims. Contact Friends For Hope for more information on education.

3. UNDERSTAND that leaving an abusive relationship is difficult. Allow your friend to make decisions at their own pace.