

# Family Justice Center Newsletter

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## **Heart Luncheon Exceeds Goal**



Left to right: Revonda Twesme, Johnnie Rice, Marcy Oberholzer, Lelia Wissert, Angie Hamilton, Elizabeth Moore

First United Methodist Church, Florence hosted their "We Have a Heart" luncheon for One Place on February 9. The event was a big success raising \$3,679 for One Place. Tickets for the event were \$10. A team of volunteers from the church prepared the food, decorated the tables and underwrote the cost of the luncheon in order to donate 100% of the money raised to One Place.

2015 Shoals Woman of the Year Angie Hamilton was the speaker for the luncheon and Alyssa Ashley sang for the event.

The First United Methodist Church luncheon team has graciously offered to assist other church groups in planning a similar event to benefit One Place of the Shoals. "We were really surprised by how easy it was to plan the event." stated Lelia Wissert, chairman. "We would be happy to answer any questions other groups may have about hosting a similar event."

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Shoals Crisis Center

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SPECIAL THANKS TO HENDRIX ROAD BAPTISHT CHURCH FOR HOSTING ONE VOICE FOR ONE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 27. IT WAS A GREAT NIGHT OF BLUEGRASS AND SOUTHERN GOSPEL MUSIC

### Office Volunteers

**Taylor Anders** Linda Cameron Michelle Castanedo Morgan Dodd Barbara Harrison Paige Hatch Deborah Kelly Ali Kelly Jawana Kindred Autumn Moore Tiffany Morrison Sandra Powell Keturah Pruitt Mary Anne Rippey Coleman Thompson Myra Toner Amy Wallace Ioan Wallace Joy Wallace

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## **Board Selects New Executive Director**



Photo by: Angela Bailey, Signature Studios

The Board of Directors of One Place of the Shoals recently announced the appointment of Elizabeth Moore as Executive Director. She replaces interim director, Angie Hamilton who has been the driving force behind the development and success of One Place of the Shoals.

Moore was a logical choice by the board. She has been working with nonprofit organizations for 30 years. She has been volunteering at One Place and has most recently served as the Victim Service Coordinator.

Lauderdale County District Attorney Chris Connolly, president of One Place board of directors said Elizabeth Moore was a "perfect fit" for the position.

Excerpts from the Times Daily on March 29 by Tom Smith

Making a Difference in Fiscal Year 2015
From opening our doors in November 2014 until October 31, 2015
1,900 intakes at One Place
791 police reports
259 Protection from Abuse Petitions filed
2,044 welfare checks on victims

# Jeans For Justice Day held on February 18

One Place of the Shoals participated in Jeans for Justice Day on February 18 in support of Shoals Crisis Center. Staff and volunteers made a donation to buy the right to wear jeans to work.

The day originated in 1998 with the Italian supreme court overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight jeans.

Jeans for Justice is a way to recognize rape survivors and victims.

Shoals Crisis Center has a 24-hour crisis line for victims at 256-767-1100.



Left to Right: Jeff Wright, Mary Anne Rippey, Michelle Castaneda, Myra Toner, Elizabeth Moore