

# SHARE & CARE

## Calling All Vacation Bible Schools!



Please consider sponsoring a canned food drive for Haven of Rest Ministries. As giving to the Mission decreases during the summer months, your help in our Annual Canned Food Drive is much appreciated. Canned food collected helps feed hungry men, women, and children hundreds of meals every day. Thank you in advance for making a difference! For more information or to have someone come and speak to your group, contact Development Officer-Community Relations Charlotte Hunt at 330-535-1563 or email her at [charlottehunt@havenofrest.org](mailto:charlottehunt@havenofrest.org).

### Haven of Rest Nights at Canal Park



\$3.00 of every ticket purchased will be donated to Haven of Rest

To order TICKETS, mail to: Haven of Rest, Attn: Katrina Henry  
P.O. Box 547, Akron, Ohio 44309 or fax to (330) 535-8917.  
Katrina's phone: (330) 535-1563 E-mail: [khenry@havenofrest.org](mailto:khenry@havenofrest.org)

HAVEN OF REST NIGHTS	Ticket price includes donation	# of \$6 Tickets	# of \$8 Tickets	Total Enclosed
RubberDucks vs. Portland Sea Dogs**	Sun., 6/16/19 (2:05 P.M.) \$6			\$
RubberDucks vs. Bowie Baysox*	Fri., 7/12/19 (7:05 P.M.) \$8			\$
RubberDucks vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies*	Sat., 7/20/19 (7:05 P.M.) \$8			\$
RubberDucks vs. Trenton Thunder*	Thur., 8/15/19 (7:05 P.M.) \$8			\$
RubberDucks vs. Erie SeaWolves*	Fri., 8/30/19 (7:05 P.M.) \$8			\$
<b>*3 Fireworks games included *All fireworks games cost \$8</b>				
<b>** Day Game Orders MUST be received 2 weeks prior to above dates</b>				Total Amount Enclosed
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## THE VOICE

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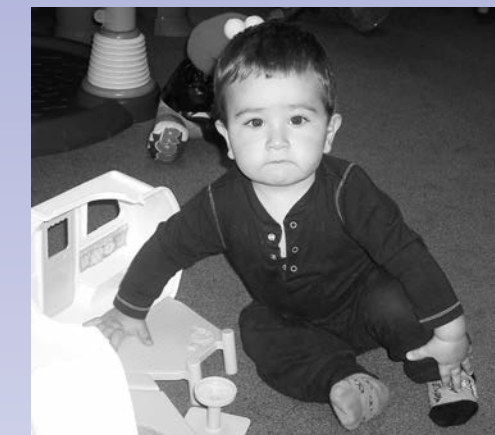
Changed Hearts.  
Changed Lives.  
*One Story At A Time*



Rev. C.C. Thomas  
& Marjorie Ruth Thomas



Rev. Curtis and Eileen Thomas



## CELEBRATING 76 YEARS 1943-2019

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 the Bible says "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Haven of Rest has been helping men and women who are homeless and hurting begin a new life for more than 76 years. This year's theme "Changed Hearts. Changed Lives. One Story at a Time." expresses the impact the ministry has had on countless lives.

Recently the Mission has seen drug abuse trends change from crack cocaine and heroin to opiates and methamphetamines. This leads to homelessness,

children without parents, overdose and death, unemployment, legal problems, and much more. The Mission is still trusting God to supply wisdom, love, and compassion in helping each person who comes through our doors begin the process of change.

We are grateful for all the churches, organizations, businesses, and individuals who, through compassion for hurting and homeless people choose to support the ministry of Haven of Rest. We especially ask for and appreciate prayers for a new beginning for those in our community who are without a home and without hope.



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A higher standard.  
A higher purpose.



Rev. Jeff Kaiser

## From the **Executive Director**

Dear Friends:

This month is the Anniversary of Haven of Rest Ministries. God has been faithful to this organization for 76 years and there is much to be thankful for here at the Mission. I am thankful for so many things:

- Thankful we are staying the course set in place by Rev. C.C. Thomas and Marjorie Ruth Thomas 76 years ago as a Christ-centered organization.
- Thankful for the continued leadership over the years through Rev. Curtis and Eileen Thomas and Rev. Ben Walker who never faltered or compromised our Christian foundation.
- Thankful God is growing the Mission with staff who have a heart to serve the Lord.
- Thankful to see our guests' lives being changed daily at Haven of Rest.
- Thankful to the Lord for increasing the number of volunteers who want to serve at the Mission in a variety of capacities.
- Thankful for the faithful donors who continue to believe in the work God is doing at the Mission.
- Thankful for all of the prayer partners praying for us as we minister to the thousands who come through our doors every year.
- Thankful for God directing and leading this organization and expanding the vision as we start on the Men's Long-Term Residential Discipleship Program renovation.
- Thankful for the godly leaders on our Board.

As Board of Trustees President Mike Kura shared at the spring dinner in March, we are all part of this tapestry that God is putting together and it is creating this beautiful picture as we serve the men, women and children. Thank you all for being an important part of this tapestry at Haven of Rest.†

Blessings,

Rev. Jeff Kaiser  
 Executive Director

## To our dedicated volunteers, THANK YOU

In honor of National Volunteer Month, we want to say a special thank you to all of the incredible volunteers who make this work possible. When you dedicate any amount of your time to serving neighbors who are struggling in this community, you show them that they are not alone—and you give them hope for a better tomorrow. Without your kindness and support, many of the neighbors who have found refuge at Haven of Rest would still be searching for that hope. We can't thank you enough for partnering with us to help the neighbors who need it the most.

# Christ's Redeeming Blood

As we reflect on the gift of redemptive life Christ gave us, this Easter season let us give thanks for the freedoms given to each of us. You will read about how Christ Jesus redeemed the life of David, a Resident of Haven of Rest Ministries, by helping him slay some modern day giants of his own.

Crack addict. Liar. Thief. This is what David called himself before arriving at Haven of Rest. As he smoked crack, lied his way through touchy situations, and stole to afford more drugs, he still considered himself a man. Even though David didn't commit to Christ as a young man, he came from a Christian background. Nevertheless, through all the grief he put his family through, they did not give up on him and prayed for him continuously.

David's trouble began in his Junior year of high school where he was a popular star football athlete. He found himself in an altercation with another student and decided to retaliate which resulted in his prosecution during his Senior year. After graduation, he was sentenced to two years in a penitentiary and lost his high school sweetheart, scholarships, and more.

Upon being released, David who was vulnerable from his losses, hooked up with a friend who introduced him to crack. He never tried drugs, but said he started using and selling to survive. This was the beginning of his serving multiple prison sentences. Although he married in 2001, he still found himself repeating the cycle and suffered the loss of his father's passing while behind bars.

Rock bottom came under a Cleveland bridge when he called out to God for help saying, "Lord, get me down to Akron's Haven of Rest and I promise you I will do my best and seek you." He heard about the Mission from another man who received help and healing. Keith Snodgrass, Men's Day Room Social Worker, worked with



David in the Client Services Center and recognized his potential. He quickly recommended David to Jason Hubbard, Residential Services Chaplain, to be a part of the Men's Residential program.

Upon completing the interview, David committed to the Men's long term Residential Program. David calls Chaplain Jason Hubbard, Residential Services Manager Jesse Schlabach, and Education Coordinator Jack Hugg the three J's. David said, "Without the three J's, I don't know if I could have made it. They wouldn't give up on me." With guidance, he joined Wesley Temple where he gave his life to the Lord. Reverend Charles Tyler at Wesley Temple also serves as his mentor.

Nine months later, David is benefitting from all the redeeming lessons Christ poured into him through Haven of Rest. He has contributed to the Mission by singing in the choir and volunteering. David plans to stay in the Akron area with his wife and continue attending Wesley Temple. Please pray for him as he seeks employment, looks for housing, and finds opportunities to serve the Lord.†

Enjoy this Easter as you celebrate the victory of the resurrection of Christ!  
 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."  
 Ephesians 1:7