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Hope and a Future



Grateful for Growth!



New goals and lists for success and growth are made by many people in the New Year. For Shavonda, the New Year is beginning just right. She is one of many women in the community helped by Haven of Rest Ministries' Harvest Home. Harvest Home shelter for women and children enables women to not only receive vital services, but also rebuild their lives.

At Harvest Home, Shavonda found shelter with her six children, but she

received more than she imagined. Shavonda said, "We received very good care. They are nice and generous people who check on how you are doing all day long. They are very dedicated and genuine." She adds while grinning, "There's also good food in the dining room." In addition, she expresses her thankfulness for the programs and services provided to her.

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Dear Friends:

Happy New Year as we enter into 2020. As I look back on 2019, I am thankful to the Lord for how he provided for this ministry. In Hebrews 13:8 it says, *“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever.”*

Much was accomplished in 2019 and I am very thankful for how God has directed us. The Men’s Renovation Project was completed on the first and second floors of the Mission building. New flooring was installed in the Clothing Distribution Center (thanks to our Women’s Auxiliary who made this possible). The purchase of property next to the Client Services Center was made through our Endowment Foundation.

Because of your generosity, we have seen and led men, women and children to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Our personnel and volunteers were able to provide over 365,000 meals as well as 63,000 nights of lodging. Over a thousand new faces came to the Mission seeking help for the very first time. Due to the generosity of our community, thousands of individuals received clothing from our Distribution Center. There have been many opportunities for us to pray and counsel our guests. Over 7,000 volunteers have given of their time, talents, and treasures to support the needs at the Mission. Haven of Rest is open 24 hours a day and 365 days a year.

Thank you for the multitude of prayer warriors who pray for our organization daily. This does not go unnoticed as we experience God’s grace and protection throughout the year. As we work together in 2020, I am reminded of Galatians 6:9, *“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”* †

Rev. Jeff Kaiser
CEO

MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

Haven of Rest is excited to provide you with an opportunity to double your gift to the Mission! Many local businesses and friends who believe in the mission of Haven of Rest have joined forces to give a matching gift of \$50,000 and have challenged other friends of the Ministry to turn that gift into a combined

\$100,000! Praise the Lord for their generous spirit! Your gift can now go twice as far to provide food, shelter, clothing, and comprehensive care to men, women and children in need. Please use the attached form when making your gift. Thank you for your support.



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*



MATCHING GIFT FORM

Enclosed is my/our
Matching Gift of \$_____ to be doubled.

Haven of Rest Ministries

175 E. Market St.
PO Box 547
Akron, OH 44309-0547

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

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Shavonda was able to take advantage of Harvest Home's Future Story, a "social enterprise" job training program. Through Future Story, Shavonda connected with Stark State where she took courses and received her STNA (State Tested Nursing Assistant) certificate. Funding was made possible by a generous donor, and Harvest Home was able to fund the classes, buy her school uniform and shoes and even offered to pay for her lunch. Shavonda says, "I thought they were just helping with housing, but then they helped me to be stable as well. Today, I have a big enough space for me and my kids – 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms."

Not only was Shavonda given a boost to a better future, but her children received much care while living at Harvest Home. "I met a lot of good instructors who taught a workshop for my children with hands-on activities and safety classes," expressed Shavonda. She also says she benefited from classes on healthy food and money management. "As a result of being here, I want to do better and have a better life for me and my children. I am so grateful for growth," says Shavonda through smiles.

This growth includes being able to work a job which will pay well.



Shavonda says she will not have to work 2 full-time jobs while she pays for childcare. She plans on finding a job with benefits for the long term. As for her children, she shares, "I hope to get my children to volunteer in community centers and hospitals." She hopes to make them productive teenagers and build their resumes to find work early on.

Shavonda not only grew professionally, but spiritually. She says God gave her strength in a dark time. Because of her positive experiences here, she is now taking her kids to church more often and is enjoying Bible studies.

Shavonda asks that we pray for her and her family to stay safe and for her journey in becoming a better woman, mother, and provider. She also would like to thank Haven of Rest Ministries for putting her in a better position to be a better role model for her children.

If you know anyone who can benefit from the services provided by Harvest Home, please call Kathleen Turner, Director of Women's Division at 330.434.1149. More information can be found on www.havenofrest.org. †

MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE FOR HUNGRY AND HOMELESS PEOPLE ALL YEAR LONG!

Throughout the year, donations ebb and flow, but the needs of our neighbors who are hungry and homeless remain constant. Automatic monthly donations through *Faithful Friends* are the most convenient and impactful way to transform lives for the long term. Your gifts will provide an ongoing source of:

- Complete meals
- Shelter and clothing
- Life-changing programs
- Christian counseling and more

You can even set up recurring automated payments that link to your checking account or credit card. To become a monthly giver today, please visit www.havenofrest.org or call Chris Morgan at 330.535.1563.

SAVE THE DATE!

2020 HAVEN OF REST DINNERS AND LUNCHEONS

THEME:
HOPE AND A FUTURE.

(Choose which location and time you would like to attend.)

Tuesday, MARCH 10, 2020

HARTVILLE KITCHEN DINNER at 6:30 p.m.

1015 Edison St. NW
Hartville, OH 44632

Thursday, MARCH 12, 2020

HARTVILLE KITCHEN LUNCHEON at 11:30 a.m.

1015 Edison St. NW
Hartville, OH 44632

Tuesday, JULY 14, 2020

AKRON DINNER at 6:30 p.m.

Guy's Party Center
500 E. Waterloo Rd.
Akron, OH 44319

Thursday, OCTOBER 8, 2020

HUDSON LUNCHEON at 11:30 a.m.

Location to be determined

Tuesday, OCTOBER 13, 2020

WALNUT CREEK DINNER at 6:30 p.m.

Carlisle Inn
4949 State Route 515
Walnut Creek, OH



Please note the changes we have made to our Dinner and Luncheon schedule. In response to some of your concerns about driving at night, we are changing one of our Hartville Kitchen events from a dinner to a luncheon.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Lynne Taylor at 330.535.1563 or register online at www.havenofrest.org under Events. (Attendance is free. Guests must be 18 years of age or older.) We look forward to seeing you there!

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans for peace and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY!

Another year of success! Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Christmas party that took place on Saturday, December 7. Children with their families enjoyed treats and entertainment while learning the true meaning of Christmas. After the program all children between the ages of **newborn and twelve** received a **stocking full of candy** and a **wrapped Christmas present!**