

Frontline at the Mission



Volunteers Monica & Daniel with Brunswick Hills Apostolic Church



Joe Kominsky, Guest Services

Thank you to all of our Frontline workers at the Mission as well as those working behind-the-scenes. We want to thank the few volunteers too, who braved their way to the Mission during the ‘Great Lockdown’ arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you to all our donors, who are also our heroes, for supporting the work of Haven of Rest to help the programs and services continue. As an essential organization, we stayed open throughout the pandemic and have seen everyone rise to the challenge to take on various new tasks.

One of these tasks was to implement changes according to the Governor’s mandate. At the Mission, social distancing was implemented and chairs and tables were spread out as well as strategically placed plexiglass installments. Masks, gloves, and sanitizers have been freely supplied. Frequent cleaning throughout the day and having guests sign in and out are ongoing strategies being used to maintain everyone’s health and safety. Additional responsibilities have been added as changes took place.

Even though the number of workers and volunteers has been scaled down due to the stay-at-home mandate and people retiring, work has been shared and roles expanded. Kathleen Turner, Director of Women’s Division, is thankful for the Mission’s service to the public. She shares,



Luis McLat talking with guests Jerome and Coleon’s

“The staff has been doing an amazing job during this unpredictable season. There have been many challenges, but the Harvest Home staff has been flexible, steadfast, and has risen to meet the challenges.” She also adds how they received many calls by donors who asked what they needed. “We have had donations brought to the Harvest Home, which include masks, cleaning products, and hand sanitizer. People are letting us know that they are praying for us. These acts of kindness and support are such a blessing!”

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Dear Friends:

As we enter into the seventh month of 2020, we reflect on the last six months, which seems like a blur, with so much unrest and change in our nation and world.

A quote I came across recently said this, "Intense love does not measure, it just gives." The characteristics of love are written about in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, which says, "*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*" We can only do this through Christ.

As an example of this type of love, we recently celebrated four men graduating from our long-term residential discipleship program. Each one of them shared their testimony of life before Christ in which addiction, loneliness, abuse, depression, and hopelessness consumed their lives. But as they continued to share, they talked about how Christ changed their hearts and lives and they now have purpose, hope, and new direction.

What a display of Christ's love for each of these men. Love is powerful and can change the most hardened hearts. Love will always win at the end because God is love. If you have the opportunity, 1 John 4:7-9 is a nice read.

Friends, thank you for being a blessing to this ministry. †

Blessings In Christ,

Rev. Jeff Kaiser
CEO

Women's Auxiliary meetings are currently postponed

The Women's Auxiliary officers are looking forward to a time when meetings can resume with safety measures in place. They are discussing these safety concerns as well as the logistics, and will announce when the monthly meetings can resume. To stay current on Women's Auxiliary announcements and receive the monthly Auxiliary newsletter, please contact Rose at 330-535-1563 or rrose@havenofrest.org and ask to be put on the mailing list.

We certainly miss seeing all of our friends and thank you for your continued support. If you would like to send a gift toward the project goal for new LED lighting outside the three Mission buildings, please be sure to mark it "Women's Auxiliary Project."

Thank you for your generous support in helping this important project move forward. †



*A higher standard.
A higher purpose.*



Enter here. Start anew.



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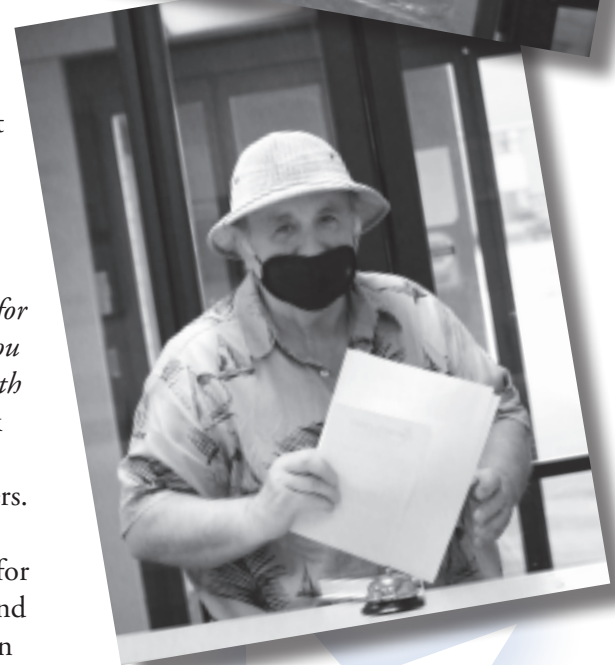
During the pandemic, several collaborating agencies and organizations closed or reduced services making it difficult for guests to obtain the referrals, healthcare, education, housing, and other resources they needed. Guests have had difficulties seeking employment and have been unable to go to a doctor. Jim Cole, Director of Men's Division is thankful we were able to remain open. He shares, "We have been able to continue serving our guests during this time when options were narrowed. Community resources, government aid, and other means were limited or ended. As things went virtual, we became a link to normalcy. Our case workers continued to help guests and took on many additional roles to fill in the gaps."

Most importantly, the sharing of the Gospel has increased. Jim says, "It was, and is, a tremendous opportunity to let the Gospel shine. Some guests were fearful. Our staff, assured by the hope we have in Christ, were able to share the Gospel clearly, and many guests were open to the Word

and receiving Christ, even more so than usual."

Service leaders who used to volunteer and come to the Harvest Home to do evening devotions are missed as well. Guests are given devotional handouts that they read, answer questions to, and discuss. Kathleen shares, "We have continued to serve and meet the needs of our guests while demonstrating the love of Jesus Christ. We are encouraged by Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." We look forward to the added help and ministry from returning volunteers.

Please keep us in prayer as volunteers safely return to serve, for ongoing healing for our guests, and for continued increase in salvation stories at the Mission. †



Above, top: Bernice, faithful donor for over 20 years

Above, bottom: Dave, faithful donor for over 10 years

HOPE TO HOLD ONTO!

Thank you to all the neighbors, family, friends, churches, co-workers, schools, organizations, and others who individually and collectively gave to the 2020 Hope Tote Campaign! Thousands of items were collected for families and individuals in need.

During Easter, we were able to distribute Hope Totes to those in need who came to Haven of Rest. Between Easter and June 30th, David John, Special Events Coordinator, was able to distribute over 400 additional Hope Totes to help those receiving services at: Open M, Akron Bible Church Hope Cafe, Summit Lake Community Center, Shoreline Church, Safe Landing, Miller Community House, Love Center Food Pantry, and People to People Ministries with a dozen more to go!

Items collected and delivered were: toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, brushes or combs, shaving cream, hand lotion, and deodorant. Personal care items are always needed and appreciated any time. For more information, please contact David John at Haven of Rest at 330-535-1563.

Chick-fil-A Canned Food Drive!

Join us on **THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020** from
11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Bring 2 cans of fruit or vegetables to a participating
Chick-fil-A restaurant and receive a coupon for
a chicken sandwich!

Limit of 1 coupon per person please!

THREE PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS:

Dressler Road 5411 Dressler Rd. NW N. Canton, OH 44720
Montrose 47 Flight Memorial Dr. (Off Rt. 18) Fairlawn, OH 44333
Chapel Hill 420 Howe Ave. Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

Because of COVID-19, we will only be holding our canned food drive at the locations mentioned above. We will not be holding the drive at the Macedonia or Belden Village locations, but hope to include them again for next year. Because of COVID-19, we will only have 2 volunteers working at each location. They will be wearing a mask and a pair of gloves while they are volunteering in the tent areas at the 3 locations.

**TO USE THE COUPON THAT DAY, Donors are kindly
asked by the restaurant manager to GO THROUGH THE
DRIVE THRU.**
(No carry out on day of event please.)

SAVE THE DATE!



Akron RubberDucks

For each ticket sold, Haven of Rest receives \$3.00. For more information or to order tickets, please contact Katrina Henry at 330-535-1563 or online at <https://groupmatics.events/group/Havenofrest2020>

July 31st FIREWORKS \$8.00
Fri @ 7:05pm
Akron RubberDucks vs. Trenton Thunder

August 13th \$6.00
Thu @ 6:35pm
Akron RubberDucks vs. Portland Sea Dogs

August 22nd FIREWORKS \$8.00
Sat @ 7:05pm
Akron RubberDucks vs. Reading Fightin' Phils

PLEASE NOTE:

IF YOU ALREADY PURCHASED TICKETS, HOLD ON TO THEM
BECAUSE THEY ARE STILL VALID AND CAN BE USED AT A LATER
DATE OR NEXT SEASON.

