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Hope and a Future

**HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!**

Thank you for
being a blessing
and
we honor you
this month!

Refuge for Moms

Mothers everywhere experience expected as well as unexpected challenges. Some of these mothers come to Haven of Rest's Harvest Home, and with the help of staff and volunteers, work through and overcome these challenges. Mothers find greater worth and confidence as they find their hope in Christ. They grow and learn to provide for their children in ways they never did before.

Tiara is one of the ladies who benefited from the Mission. She escaped a bad relationship with her boyfriend and took refuge at Harvest Home with her one-year old daughter. Since residing here, she received moral and physical support as well as help and guidance while providing for her baby. Tiara said, "They helped me develop a schedule and develop a good routine in order to be there for my daughter."

She also utilized classes and expressed enjoyment for the Bible Studies and Devotions as she says, "God revealed to me things I needed to hear at each meeting. It was like every question that I had would get answered." In the Learning Center, she learned resume building and interview skills.

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FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends:

As we are experiencing this unprecedented coronavirus pandemic in our nation, it has brought not only our nation to a standstill but many other countries as well.

Prayer is a powerful gift that God has given us and we have the freedom to use it anytime. The Psalmist in 145:18 says, *"The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth."* Many of our friends have been praying for us at the Mission during these difficult times and I can assure you that we have felt your prayers as we continue to minister to the many guests staying at the Haven of Rest.

In the midst of all that is going on in our world today, this month we celebrate Mother's Day. Many of us who have had the privilege of a mother praying for us, will never forget the power of those prayers. Abraham Lincoln said this about his mother, *"I remember my mother's prayers and they have followed me. They have clung to me all my life."* Let us continue together to lift our eyes to the Lord in prayer for He is our Great Deliverer. †

Blessings In Christ,

Rev. Jeff Kaiser
CEO

Akron Regional Dinner (Depends Upon Social Distancing Mandate)

Tuesday, JULY 14, 2020
AKRON DINNER at 6:30 p.m.
Guy's Party Center,
500 E. Waterloo Rd.
Akron, OH 44319

Please join us this year for our Akron Regional Dinner at Guy's Party Center on Waterloo Rd. Even though the nation and the world are going through a tumultuous time, we know our God is greater. We can celebrate His ongoing faithfulness, provision, and transforming power. Our theme for this year is *Hope and A Future*

because the Lord can change the lives of those we serve at the Mission from being hopeless to hopeful with the opportunity of a future in Christ.

As always, there is no cost, but reservations are required. Guests must be 18 years of age or older. Register online at www.havenofrest.org under Events or email Lynne Taylor at ltaylor@havenofrest.org for further information. At the close of the event, everyone will have an opportunity to support Haven of Rest with a special gift. Thank you for being a blessing to all of us at Haven of Rest! †



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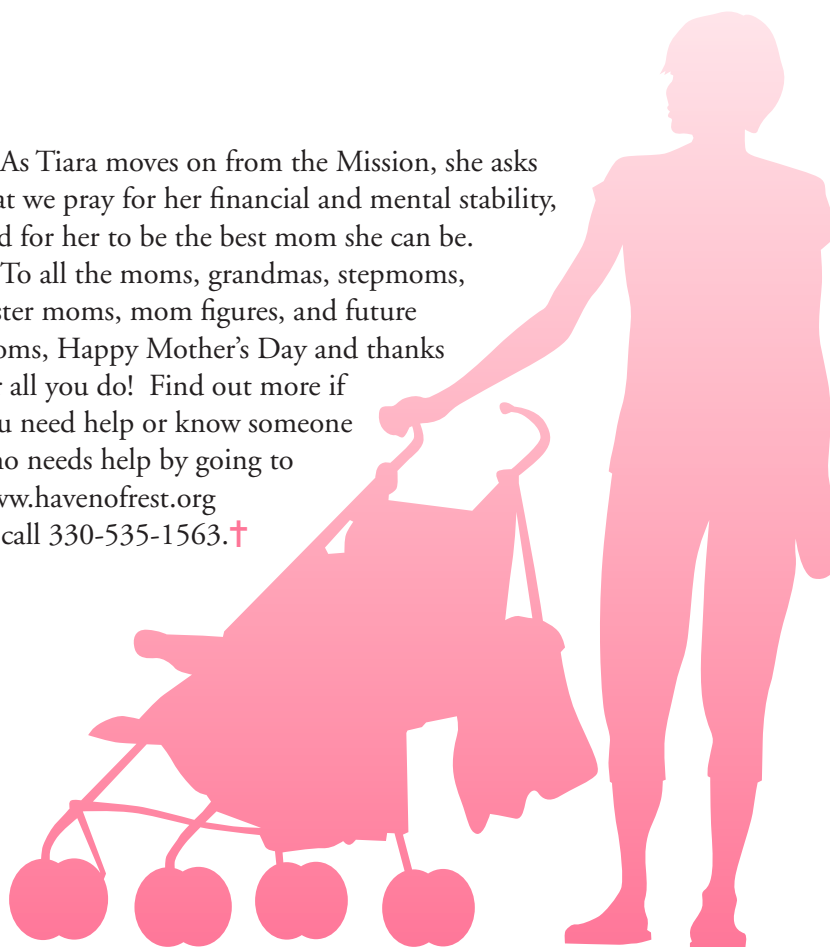
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Tiara enjoyed 'Mr. Jack' (Education Coordinator) who was welcoming and inviting as he helped her job search and LJ (Career Development Coordinator) was helpful as Tiara looked for possible housing. She expressed much elated thanks for Hannah, (former Assistant to the Women's Division Director), Miss Rachel, (Case Manager), and Miss Elaine, (Supervisor).

Tiara shared about her two moms she had growing up, both of whom she loves and cares for. Her real mom had a mental breakdown after witnessing a murder when Tiara was 12. Even though Tiara was not with her at the time, her mom felt she was in danger and sent Tiara to a foster home where she found a good foster Mom. After she turned 18, Tiara moved often and tried to escape through unhealthy relationships. Today, she finds her refuge in the arms of Christ. She is not without the support of family as she has multiple siblings. In starting up her own family as a new mom, she says, "I have to get stable enough. I want my daughter to have it better than I did."

As Tiara moves on from the Mission, she asks that we pray for her financial and mental stability, and for her to be the best mom she can be.

To all the moms, grandmas, stepmoms, foster moms, mom figures, and future moms, Happy Mother's Day and thanks for all you do! Find out more if you need help or know someone who needs help by going to www.havenofrest.org or call 330-535-1563.†



(Photo taken before COVID-19)

HOPE TOTE HIGHLIGHTS

On Easter Sunday, with social distancing mandates in place, an estimate of 500 meals were provided during breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Guests also received an Easter basket and card along with their meal. Hope Totes were handed out to everyone who wanted a tote. Social distancing was put into place.

Although giving was down due to COVID-19, friends, family, neighbors, churches, businesses, and others helped donate items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, brushes/combs, shaving cream, hand lotion, and deodorant.

During the pandemic crisis in the nation, guests were able to feel that ray of hope during Resurrection Sunday. Haven of Rest is grateful to be serving and are thankful for all the prayers for added protection received during this time.

We continue to take donations at our Donation Drive-thru, 207 East Market St. Call us at 330-535-1563 with any questions.

Akron RubberDucks

(Depends upon Social Distancing Mandate)

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>

June 7th \$6.00
Sun @ 2:05pm
Akron RubberDucks vs. Harrisburg Senators

July 3rd FIREWORKS \$8.00
Fri @ 7:05pm
Akron RubberDucks vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies

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



WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary meeting is cancelled for May 5th. We will certainly miss seeing all of you and look forward to the time we can resume our meetings. Our work toward the project goal for new LED lighting outside the three mission buildings continues. If you would like to send a gift toward the project, please mark it for 'Auxiliary Project'. Thank you for all you do to help our project go forward.

Our Women's Auxiliary normally takes place the first Tuesday of each month in the main mission building. Women of all ages are welcome and there is no membership required. Doors open at 10 a.m. for bargain shopping, and a light luncheon is served at noon. A free will offering is collected after lunch for the current auxiliary project and to help defray meal costs. At 1 p.m., a special program is presented that is always much enjoyed. No reservations are needed. If you have questions, please email Rose Rose at rrose@havenofrest.org. †

