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Hope and a Future

CELEBRATING THANKSGIVING AT THE MISSION

Haven of Rest is working hard to make Thanksgiving a warm and festive time for guests who will be coming to the Mission for dinner. While families and friends are getting together to celebrate, the Mission is seeking to provide a welcome, 'home away from home', atmosphere for those who have nowhere to go or anyone to celebrate with. The Dining room team works to provide a comfortable, loving place to serve a delicious, traditional dinner with all the fixings.

We have a devoted 'Turkey Team' who is periodically roasting and slicing the turkeys and then freezing them in preparation for the big day. Side dishes will include stuffing, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls and butter, and a variety of pies. Jo Nell Muth, Foodservice Manager, expresses her many thanks for all the generous donations of food which will also provide for the Thanksgiving meal. She says, "The Mission has been truly blessed during the pandemic. I am so thankful for each and every company, church, or individual who has been so generous at this time."

After the traditional dinner, personal care bags are given out to each of our guests. Jo Nell asks for prayer over the Foodservice staff and for continued strength. She also asks for God to send people to help the kitchen staff.

At the Mission, I am thankful for...

"...all they do and being able to hear the Word." **Kenneth, Resident**

"...seeing the public give selflessly of themselves to the Mission." **Steve O, Volunteer**

"...a place to stay while I sort myself out." **Brandon, Resident**

"...the food, finding some good people, beds, and a roof." **Darwin, Resident**

"...a place where I can speak openly about my faith and have people who pray for me." **MK, Resident**

"...donations, volunteers, morning prayers." **Mark, Volunteer**

"...freedom to share the Gospel." **Kirk Lavigne, Foodservice Staff**

"...all of the good people." **Donavan Harris, Foodservice Intern**

"...all the volunteers who come in and help us." **Joe McDaniel, Clothing Coordinator**

"...being able to serve my Lord." **Mark, Resident**

"...for the daily prayer time in our department." **Jo Nell Muth, Foodservice Manager**

"...being a haven for people who are in desperate situations and for the friends of the ministry who partner with us to give them a hope and a future."

Yvonne Brake, Director of Development

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FROM THE CEO



Dear Friends:

As we enter into the month of Thanksgiving, many families will gather together in their homes to celebrate this special holiday. At the Mission, we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with individuals and families who have nowhere to go or anyone to spend it with.

As I look at the word “Thanksgiving,” I thought I would share some characteristics of Christ using this word to encourage. T is for trustworthy. H is for Holy. A is for accessible. N is for noble. K is for kindness. S is for servant. G is for gracious. I is for incorruptible. V is for victorious. I is for innocent. N is for needed. G is for gentle.

Everyone has struggled with uncertainty this year, but one thing we are sure of is that Jesus Christ came into the world to save the lost. As we continue to share this hope daily with our guests, we are blessed and thankful to see lives being transformed for His glory even in uncertain times. In John 14:27 it says, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”

Thank you for being such a big part of this ministry. May the Lord be your strength and refuge during this month of Thanksgiving. †

Blessings,

Rev. Jeff Kaiser
CEO



Congratulations to LJ Dalton, Career Development Coordinator, who recently earned her DTM – Distinguished Toastmaster Award. During the course of the past ten years, LJ prepared and presented a required 42 speeches, 4 educational presentations, 1 Success Leadership/Communication workshop, served 1 year as Club Officer and 1 year as District Officer, served as a Club Sponsor to begin a new club, and completed a High-Performance Leadership Project. * LJ Dalton has served at the Mission since 1997, when she was hired to create and manage the Career Development Division. She was Coordinator for the Vocational Education Network for AGRM, and hosted annual Education and Career Training Conferences starting in 2008. LJ has also presented several workshops at the National and Regional Conferences for AGRM. * LJ is a certified Summit County Master Gardener Volunteer – part of the Ohio State University Extension in Summit County. With help from her team of SCMG Volunteers, the Resident Men learn to plant, maintain, and harvest the gardens in the “Outdoor Classroom” next to the Client Services Center. Since 1998, she also served as assistant to the Coordinator for the Style Show for the Women’s Auxiliary before stepping into the position of Coordinator in 2017. †



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At the Mission, I am thankful for...

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"...hope. This place is a reflection of God's light. It helps people in despair. I'm truly glad to be a part of such a place." **Daniel Dean, Volunteer**

"...the opportunity to help women who are hurting heal and change their life." **Isobel Faltisco, Harvest Home Case Manager**

"...the opportunity to serve with my roommates here on the weekend." **Nathan Flight, Foodservice Staff**

"...working for a faith-based organization with Christian people and opportunities to share my faith." **Angela Stewart, Harvest Home Secretary**

"...the good talks and fellowship with Keith, Randy, Lee, Dwight, and Luis. It's very appreciated and needed because I don't have many positive and supportive people in my life right now. I look forward to Luis' class. They feel more like family than my own family. Oh, and mmmmm those donuts!" **Grimm, Resident**

"...I am thankful for all the people I see who are so blessed to receive our services." **Shirley Hill, Clothing Distribution**

"...the privilege that the Haven of Rest has given to me to be able to minister/serve the women of the community and share with them truth from the Word of God!" **Libby Johnson, Women's Day Room**

KIDS HELPING KIDS: 2020 Christmas Projects

Join us in making this year special for families in need, and help spread smiles as we work around the Coronavirus. Children can get involved by buying and donating new toys which will brighten the holiday and spread the love of Jesus this Christmas.

WAYS TO HELP

1. Participate in "KIDS HELPING KIDS"

Provide new toys for children who are underprivileged and in need. These gifts will be given out at the Happy Birthday Jesus Party to help families who are struggling to provide Christmas for their children.

2. ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Purchase and wrap gifts for families who will come to Haven of Rest for help during Christmas time. A family's wish list is provided by the Mission per your request.

3. HELP FILL CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Fill gift bags that are given to people in need who are coming to the Mission for Christmas dinner.

4. PROVIDE CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR HAVEN OF REST AND HARVEST HOME RESIDENTS

Give Christmas gifts to the men and women who are living at the

Ministry, away from family and friends over Christmas. They have little or no income to provide a gift for their families.

Thank you for participating in this endeavor and making the light of Christ shine during this important time of year. For further information or creative ideas, please contact David John, Special Events Coordinator, at 330-535-1563 or email him at djohn@havenofrest.org



Women's Auxiliary

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 21**

**HAVEN OF REST
DINING ROOM**

10 AM – 2 PM



Lots of items to choose from, including:

Christmas Décor & Items

Boxed Jewelry Sets

Brand New Vera Bradley Bags

Dolls

Vintage Glassware

Collectable Norman Rockwell Plates

And so much more!

Masks must be worn and social distancing observed

*Thank you to all of our volunteers who make this
Thanksgiving dinner and so many meals throughout
the year. We could not do it without you!*



John Gasser, Volunteer since 2014



Blaine Mayer, Volunteer since 2011



Brady L. Pursley, Volunteer since 2008