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Hope and a Future

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

Sacrificial Love

"I can say that becoming a father is such a blessing. Best gift ever!" This is what Kyle, current Resident in the Men's program, shares. "The day Kenzie was born, I can't express the excitement I felt. I felt such love for her the second she was in my arms. It was the most blessed day of my life. When Kodie, my second daughter was born, I had the same exact feeling with an equally blessed day. They will always be the loves of my life."

Kyle came to Haven of Rest to receive help when he was unable to reunite with his children.

This was due to not having a stable residence, having a record of

felonies, and his battle with addiction. However, the Mission has helped him through these challenges and he has been able to see his children twice a week. Kyle regrets the bad choices he's made and is working on making things right. This has led him to make some of the toughest decisions in his life. The girls were with a good set of foster parents who took in both of them so they would not be separated. For over a year, Kyle had witnessed their love for his girls. They loved them unconditionally as a mom and dad, even though the children still knew Kyle as their father. This encouraged Kyle's decision.

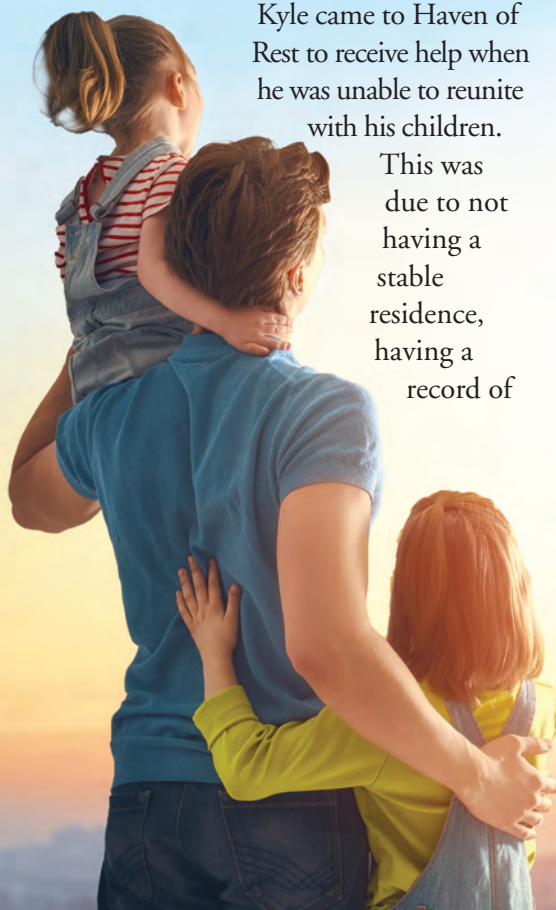
Kyle shares, "After praying for months and running it by other people who played a big part in my life, I made it known to everyone sitting in a meeting, that I would not have it any other way than to allow the foster parents, Brooke and John, to adopt them." This decision was made with the help of mentors at the Mission and people at his church, including family member, sponsor, and the mother of Kyle's children. He continues, "It was the hardest, most painful decision I ever made in my life. I will never forget that day. I know everyone in the meeting was relieved and the mother of my girls agreed completely. I knew in my heart,

I did the best thing for my beautiful baby girls."

Days are tough for Kyle, but he shares how deep down, God helped him make that choice. He says he can rest at night knowing he made a most unselfish decision as a father. Kyle also expresses how he knew he could not have gone through this tough experience had he not come to Haven of Rest in 2018. He allowed them to be involved in his life and listened to staff and members from his church.

Kyle remains grateful and hopeful. He shares, "I know God sees the love in my heart for my beautiful daughters. I truly believe He will give me the chance one day to face and repair the relationship with them when the time is right. I don't have to fall and end up a statistic due to the battle of my addiction. I just have to trust in Him completely. Don't stop trusting the Lord, no matter what you're facing in life."

If you know someone who is struggling with an addiction, job loss, or other circumstances that has led them to poverty and brokenness, please refer them to Haven of Rest Ministries and call 330-535-1563 or email hrm@havenofrest.org. More information is on our website www.havenofrest.org.



Women's Auxiliary

We are excited to announce the Women's Auxiliary of Haven of Rest Ministries is resuming their monthly meetings! Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month in the main Mission building. Women of all ages are welcome and there is no membership required. Doors open at 10:00 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. The current project is for 2 security doors with buzzers for entrance at the lobby ramp door and for the entrance to the Men's Day Room. At 1:00 p.m., a special program is presented that is always enjoyable and interesting. No reservations are needed. If you have questions, please email Rose Rose at roserose@havenofrest.org.



MEN'S CURRENT NEEDS LIST

Thank you for continuing to donate material gifts to the Donation Center at the Client Services Center located at 207 East Market St. in Akron. The following are needed for the Men's Division.

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Men's disposable razors and shaving cream
- Spray deodorant
- Body wash and bar soap
- Shampoo and conditioner (2 in 1 combo)
- Body lotion
- Shower shoes
- Ear plugs
- New, white full-sized bath towels
- Twin-sized bed sheets
- Bus passes
- Lysol Spray
- Batteries - AA, AAA, C, D, 3V
- Men's Shower Shoes
- Men's Pants - sizes 28" - 34" waist
- Toys for Boys (i.e. action figures, sports, car tracks, etc.)
- Boys' slippers and underwear
- New Game System (Call Morgan at 330-434-1149 for details)
- Disposable Plates/8 oz. cups/ plastic knives, forks, and spoons
- Pre-sweetened cereal/instant Oatmeal
- Canned Fruits/Vegetables

Drive-thru hours are
Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Closed Sunday



SAVE THE DATE! AKRON REGIONAL DINNER TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

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

To register and for more details, visit www.havenofrest.org under "Events."
Or call the Mission at 330-535-1563 or email Lynne Taylor at ltaylor@havenofrest.org.

CDC Guidelines will be practiced during this special event.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone and spending this special evening together!